

MINUTES OF WAPAKONETA CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR SESSION
BOARD OFFICE
Tuesday, August 24, 2021
7:00 PM

The meeting of the Board of Education of the Wapakoneta City School District was called to order by President Joshua Little.

ROLL CALL

Upon the roll being called, the following were present:

BOARD MEMBERS:

Brian Cossel
Joshua Little
Ron Mertz
Gregg Ruppert
Willie Sammetinger

Also in attendance were Aaron Rex, Superintendent; Angie Sparks, Treasurer, and various community members.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Joshua Little.

EDUCATIONAL REPORTS

Educational reports were reviewed by Mr. Aaron Rex, Superintendent. Copies of the reports can be found attached to the minutes.

Mr. Rex stated that the band performed very well at Friday night's game considering they had one less week of practice, since the season started a week earlier. The band is under the direction of Mr. Wimmers and the new band director. He thought they did a great job.

Mr. Rex also stated that he had one teacher email him the other day thanking him for offering all the professional development sessions over the summer so that she can become a better teacher. He indicated that there were 16 days in a row this summer where professional development was offered. Attendees did receive a stipend for it.

Mr. Joshua Little asked how the online ticketing is going. He wondered if it was really going well because he is hearing different things. There is a lot of confusion, especially with away games.

Mr. Rex stated that he expected a lot more chaos Friday night at the game because he didn't think people would buy the tickets online. They thought they were going to have a really long line of people trying to purchase tickets at the gate, like 500 or 600 people, but there weren't that

many people at all that needed to buy a ticket at the gate. We haven't heard much about the other events because there are not as many people attending them. We will probably hear more about it when basketball season arrives. We have a lot of older individuals that attend the games that maybe don't have a smart phone or don't want to put their credit card information in. He mentioned that we had online ticketing last year, but it was mainly used only by the parents, since the crowd was limited to parents only. We have a lot more people trying to purchase them online now, so of course, there will be more confusion and complaints. The only way to fix it is to go back to paper tickets. You will never solve the problem with people buying them online. He indicated that we all know that when we buy something with a credit card, we are paying some sort of fee. He understands that just because this is the way it is moving around Ohio, we don't have to, but this is the future. If people attend the game at Ottawa on Friday, they will have to purchase the ticket online. He also mentioned that the District is trying to make it easier for people to purchase tickets by placing links to the away game ticket sales on our website so you can buy tickets from them. He stated that if a person is not a computer-person, they can come into the office and we'll assist them in purchasing and printing the ticket. We are trying to make it easy as we can, but as long as we have to buy them online and use a credit card, there will be some people that don't like it.

Mr. Brian Cossel asked how hard it would be to go back to paper tickets, or if that was just something that we didn't want to do. Aaron stated that he was honestly not real sure how hard it would be to go back to paper tickets. He indicated that would be more of a question for Brad and Kami. Aaron stated that he didn't think the issue would be with getting tickets, it is more with the exchange of cash. He asked Angie Sparks, Treasurer, when it comes to auditing ticket sales, what does it make a difference to you? Angie indicated that there are ticket reconciliation sheets that the athletic department has to prepare. They have to keep an eye on their ticket sellers and takers to make sure that they are counting cash correctly, giving the correct change, and all of that. She stated that she believes the online process is easier on the accounting end because there isn't as much reconciliation needed. She receives all of the reports and posts everything to the financial system. She also indicated that personally, now that the Hometown Ticket app is working, purchasing tickets is a breeze. She was able to easily purchase a ticket to the volleyball game at Findlay on Monday through the app. It was simple, but she is used to this kind of stuff. She recommends downloading the app in order to buy tickets, instead of going to the District website.

Mr. Josh Little asked if this was just the WBL using it or all Districts state-wide. Mr. Rex stated that it is not just the WBL. There are districts all across the state using Hometown Ticketing. There are some WBL teams that are not selling tickets at the gate. He indicated that he wanted to accommodate the public and have some tickets available for purchase at the gate.

Mr. Ron Mertz indicated that as long as there is a fee attached to it, then that is where the main complaint is. Mr. Rex stated that the fee is around a dollar. Ms. Sparks indicated that her fee was less at Findlay and that she has suggested to Mr. Brad Rex that he and the other athletic directors go speak with Hometown Ticketing to get fees reduced, now that all of these schools are using it. Mr. Aaron Rex stated that the fees could be less in some places because the schools are picking up a portion of the fee being charged by Hometown Ticketing.

Mr. Gregg Ruppert asked if everyone was using the same ticketing company. Mr. Ron Mertz indicated that he doesn't believe people are upset because they have to use the computer or their credit card to make the purchase; it's the fact that there is a fee associated with it. That's what people are upset about.

Mr. Rex asked Mr. Mertz if he didn't think it was the fact that people were having to use the computer to buy them.

Mr. Mertz said no. He thinks they are upset that they have another fee to pay. Mr. Rex said it is because there are some people saying they "don't have a computer or smart phone and they want to buy it with cash." They don't want to buy it online. Mr. Mertz said, regardless, we will still have those. He said the main complaint with the ones that are going ahead and buying them online is the fee. Mr. Rex asked if they were season ticket holders and Mr. Mertz said no. Mr. Rex said that the season ticket holders are paying a one-time fee. Once they purchase their season tickets, they don't have to deal with it anymore. Mr. Little stated that they took cash tonight at the games he went to.

There was a little more discussion regarding the fees because some schools' fees are less than others. Mr. Rex stated that he is not sure what all other schools are doing in regards to fees. Mr. Mertz also stated that some of the complaints are coming from people outside Wapak. He received one from an individual from Marion Local. Mr. Mertz told the person to contact Kami at the High School and she would assist him. Mr. Rex stated that the other issue is that once people buy their tickets, they sometimes can't find it in their emails.

Mr. Little stated that his point is that Mr. Brad Rex needs to be real purposeful in his communication, especially for non-major sports at all levels, especially as we travel across. It is just hard. It is a culture-change and will take time. Hopefully schools are willing to do what we did and take cash tonight to get people in. Mr. Rex stated that we did that because we didn't want to turn people away. He also indicated that Ottawa and St. Marys were on board. He thought Shawnee was too, but they only did online. Mr. Willie Sammetinger stated that LCC did not sell cash tickets. People had to get them online.

Mr. Sammetinger inquired how extensive the Terrazo repairs were going to be. Mr. Rex stated that Mike has walked the buildings and identified where the cracks are. He is going to have Mike send the Board some more information and pictures.

Mr. Sammetinger also commented that he was there at the flagpole with Mike Watt and the contractor when they were looking at the repairs needed to it and to the concrete at the high school. He indicated that the District is going to pay good money for this. He is upset that the concrete work was not done when the contractor said it would be done. He indicated that the work needs to be done when the contractor says it will be done. They had all summer to do it. Now we have kids, traffic, and buses to work around. Mr. Rex talked about the areas marked with "X's" around the school. Mr. Ruppert asked if there is any policy stating what could happen if the work was not done on time. Mr. Rex didn't believe there was. Mr. Rex also stated that the contract wouldn't state it. We are dealing with a local contractor and generally the work is done when they say it will be.

ROUTINE BUSINESS

55-21 Member Ron Mertz moved, Member Willie Sammetinger seconded to approve the following items:

Approve minutes from the meeting held July 27, 2021.

Approve monthly financial reports.

FY 22 Temporary Appropriation Modifications

Approve the following FY 22 Temporary Appropriation Modifications:

Band (Fund 300-9200) - \$10,300

ARP ESSER (Fund 507-9322) - \$1,022,885.89

Depository Agreement

WHEREAS, RC 135.01 and 135.21, constituting "The Uniform Depository Act": governing the deposit of all monies of this Board, and WHEREAS, the present depository designations of this Board expire as of August 27, 2021; and WHEREAS, estimates of the probable amounts of public monies to be deposited in eligible public depositories should be made by this Board preceding the designation of public depositories; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the Wapakoneta City School District that it will, at the regular meeting of August 24, 2021, designate the following public depositories and award the active and interim public monies to and among such designated depositories for the period of August 27, 2021, through August 26, 2026.

J.P. Morgan Chase
First National Bank in New Bremen
Minster Bank Fifth
Third Bank
Star Ohio (Huntington National Bank)
Multi-Bank Securities
Huntington National Bank
LPL Financial

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that it is estimated that the aggregate maximum amount of its deposits of public monies will not exceed \$10,000,000.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that it is estimated that the aggregate maximum amount of its interim deposits of public monies at any time will be \$20,000,000; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that it is estimated that the aggregate maximum of its inactive deposits of public monies at any time will be \$20,000,000; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that it is estimated that the aggregate maximum of its active deposits of public monies to be so deposited in and among the eligible public depositories at the beginning of the period will be \$10,000,000 and also that the probable maximum amount of active deposits of public monies subject to deposit therein at any time will be \$20,000,000; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that such banks and institutions as shall be eligible to become public depositories for this Board shall make application in writing to this Board for such active, interim, and inactive public deposits as they desire to receive and have on deposit at any time, and that: a. Each application shall be accompanied by a financial statement meeting the requirements of RC 135.06. b. The only security to be furnished by public depositories for the repayment of public monies under the control of this Board shall be the securities listed in RC 135.18 and 135.181.

Then and Now Purchase Order

As required by the Ohio Revised Code 5705.41(D), the Board needs to approve the following then and now purchase orders since a portion of the service dates are prior to the purchase order date:

PO #	Check #	Vendor	Amount	Description	Invoice Date	PO Date
2200524	76572	EMS LINQ, INC.	\$11,363.40	OneView-Hosting/Support	7/31/21	8/1/21
2200458	76633	The Ohio Historical Society	\$3,300	21-22 Subscription Fee for Ohio as America Online Textbook	7/29/21	8/1/21

Accept donations from the following:

\$100 - from David and Connie Krites - for the FFA
 Four Apple iPad Pro 12.9, 3rd Generation - from YMCA - for speech therapists
 \$3,000 - from Wapakoneta Service Club - for speech and hearing department

Amendment to High School Fee Schedule

Approve the following additions to the schedule of high school fees for the 2021-22 school year:

Vocabulary Binder - \$2.67
 Beginning Guitar (The Guitar Method Music Book) - \$6.99

Amendment to 2021-22 Student Handbooks

Approve an amendment to #7 of the Major Misconduct provision of the Middle School and High School student handbooks for the 2021-22 school year. (see attached)

Bus Routes/Walking Areas

Approve the bus routes and walking areas for the 2021-22 school year, subject to adjustments by the transportation supervisor (full routing information is available from the transportation supervisor).

Grant Participation

The Board encourages public participation in the following federal and state grant programs:

Title I (Schoolwide)

Title II-A (Improving Teacher Quality)

Title III (Limited English Proficient [LEP])

Title IV (A Student Support and Academic Enrichment)

Special Education, Part B-IDEA

Early Childhood Special Education-IDEA [ECSE]

Expanding Opportunities for Each Child Non-Competitive Grant

SchoolNet Grants

ESSER (COVID-19 Relief)

Making Middle Grades Work

Public School Preschool Grant

Competitive Grants

Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **5** Nay: **0**. The motion **carried 5 – 0**.

PERSONNEL MATTERS

56-21 Member Willie Sammetinger moved, Member Gregg Ruppert seconded to approve the following items:

Accept the following resignations:

NICOLE LUTZ - effective 8/15/21

BETH SCHROEDER - Cafeteria Worker Only - effective 8/15/21

Approve the following employee leaves:

BILLIE JO BOUGHAN - 8/18/21 through approximately 9/9/21

SARA CARTY - 8/19/21 through approximately 9/24/21

Employment of New Bus Drivers:

Employ the following bus drivers on a one-year limited contract for the 2021-22 school year:

- TED COPELAND - Step 1 - \$20.38 per hour - 4.0 hours per day - beginning 8/24/21
- HEATHER DICKE - Step 1 - \$20.38 per hour - 4.0 hours per day - beginning 8/30/21
- CHRISTINE SCHROER - Step 1 - \$20.38 per hour - 4.0 hours per day - beginning 8/24/21

Employment of Tutor:

Employ the following as a tutor for the 2021-22 school year, on an as-needed basis, at the rate of \$20 per hour: MORGAN WHITMORE

Employ the following substitutes for the 2021-22 school year, pending satisfactory completion of criminal records checks:

MELISSA ODIRA – Teacher
FELICIA BACON – Paraeducator
JENNIFER ERB – Paraeducator
SABRINA GRUBB – Paraeducator
KATHY WILLIAMS – Paraeducator
SHELLIE ADKINS – Cafeteria
DEBRA LOWTHER – Cafeteria
ANTHONY SHANER – Cafeteria
GAYLE SCHNEIDER – Bus Driver

Athletic Event Workers

Employ the following athletic event workers beginning with the 2021-22 school year and continuing until terminated by either the worker or Wapakoneta City Schools:
MASON BECHER

Employ the following on supplemental contracts:

RUSTY ALLEN - Fall Weight Room Coordinator (1/2) - Step 4 - \$942.86
JASON BRANDT - Fall Weight Room Coordinator (1/2) - Step 1 - \$491.93
RUSTY ALLEN - Fall Weight Room Ratio (1/2) - Step 4 - \$942.86
JASON BRANDT - Fall Weight Room Ratio (1/2) - Step 1 - \$491.93
JIM KAECK - Head Boys Bowling Coach - Step 4 - \$3,607.47
STEVE ROSTORFER - Head Girls Bowling Coach - Step 4 - \$3,607.47
KIM SELVEY - Junior Class Advisor - Step 1 - \$1,803.74
AMY FOLLIN - Art Club Advisor (1/2) - Step 1 - \$799.38
BETSY SELOVER - Art Club Advisor (1/2) - Step 4 - \$1,250.32
ABBY PHIPPS - Show Choir Assistant - Step 1 - \$1,803.74

VOLUNTEERS: Kasandra Hill - Girls Tennis Volunteer

Mr. Rex stated that he spoke with Brad today. As you know, we added the additional weight room at the high school, which looks really nice and we have a lot of people utilizing it. He spoke with Brad regarding the weight room and the program that the District signed up for where the kids can log on and have a program created for them. He is going to have Brad print off a report so the board members can see the number of kids using it. So far there are around 60 kids signed up. You can see the kids and what activities they are doing. He expects the number of kids to go up, now that the fall sports are started. With two people, they will be able to split up and monitor both weight rooms.

Mr. Brian Cossel stated that he saw weight room coordinator and weight room ratio on the agenda, so he wondered what Rusty and Jason would be doing. Mr. Rex stated that they will be splitting the contracts, but they will be doing different activities that the coaches want them to be doing with the kids or what the program suggests the kids should be doing, if not specified by coaches. They were provided with the job description that was approved for the weight room, so they will be following it.

Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **5** Nay: **0**. The motion **carried 5 – 0**.

ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL ITEMS

57-21 Member Brian Cossel moved, Member Joshua Little seconded to approve the following item:

RESCIND RESOLUTION OF INTENT TO TERMINATE THE EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT OF KLAYTON HILLEARY, ACCEPT RESIGNATION, AND APPROVE EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT WITH KLAYTON HILLEARY

WHEREAS, the Wapakoneta City School District Board of Education (“Board”) employed Klayton Hilleary (“Mr. Hilleary”) under a continuing teaching contract, and adopted a resolution on March 23, 2021 to initiate termination procedures against Mr. Hilleary pursuant to R.C. 3319.16 and WHEREAS, pursuant to that resolution, Mr. Hilleary requested a hearing with a referee under R.C. 3319.16 and filed a grievance that is scheduled to proceed to arbitration; and WHEREAS, the Board and Mr. Hilleary have reached an agreement to resolve all outstanding matters concerning Mr. Hilleary’s employment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board, after careful consideration and evaluation of the information before it, as follows:

SECTION I: The Board hereby rescinds its Resolution of Intent to Terminate the Employment Contract of Klayton Hilleary adopted on March 23, 2021. Further, the Board simultaneously accepts Mr. Hilleary’s letter of resignation effective August 31, 2021 for personal reasons. Finally, the Board approves the Employment Agreement reached between the Board and Mr. Hilleary which resolves all outstanding claims between the parties. The terms of the Agreement are more fully set forth in Exhibit A, attached to this Resolution. The Superintendent and Treasurer are further directed to do all things necessary and consistent with this Resolution.

SECTION II: The Board of Education hereby finds and determines that all formal actions relative to the adoption of this resolution were taken in an open meeting of this Board of Education, and that all deliberation of this Board of Education and of its committees, if any, which resulted in formal action, were taken in meetings open to the public, in full compliance with applicable legal requirements, including Ohio Revised Code section 121.22.

SECTION III: This resolution shall be in full force and effect from and immediately after its adoption and shall supersede any prior resolution or act of this Board of Education, which may be inconsistent or duplicative with the provisions of this resolution. (see attached for employment agreement)

Mr. Rex stated that this will end all proceedings pertaining to Mr. Hilleary. He has submitted a letter of resignation for personal reasons so there is no need to continue with the termination of his contract. We move on. There was a great start to the year with the band and we'll continue to have an excellent band program. This will end any and all future and types of discussions or proceedings regarding Mr. Hilleary.

Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **5** Nay: **0**. The motion **carried 5-0**.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 28, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. at the High School.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

58-21 Member Ron Mertz moved, Member Willie Sammetinger seconded to adjourn to Executive Session at 7:29 p.m. for the following purpose: appointment or employment of public employee, official, licensee, or regulated individual, unless the public employee, official, licensee, or regulated individual requests a public hearing; with no action to be taken.

Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **5** Nay: **0**. The motion **carried 5 – 0**.

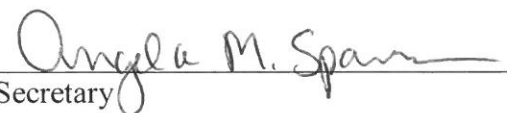
ADJOURNMENT

44-21 Member Ron Mertz moved, Member Willie Sammetinger seconded to exit executive session and adjourn the meeting at 7:56 p.m.

Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **5** Nay: **0**. The motion **carried 5 – 0**.



President



Secretary