

**MINUTES OF WAPAKONETA CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR SESSION
WAPAKONETA MIDDLE SCHOOL
Tuesday, April 22, 2025
7:00 PM**

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

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; Marty Eaton, WCA Co-Presidents, administrators, various members of the public, and the Wapakoneta Daily News.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Brian Cossel.

STUDENT RECOGNITION

Student Recognition - Recognize the following students from Wapakoneta Middle School:
AUBREE CARPENTER - 5th Grade - nominated by Mrs. Harrod
KINLEY SHAPPELL - 5th Grade - nominated by Mrs. Newman, Mr. Apple, Mrs. Otto
BRYNN HERBST - 6th Grade - nominated by Mrs. Amstutz, Mrs. Johnston, Miss Snider
BRIELLE HOWER - 7th Grade - nominated by Mrs. Conkle, Mr. Kitzmiller, Mrs. Zofkie

The nomination forms are attached to the minutes.

REPORTS TO THE BOARD

Abbi Conkle and members of the Wapakoneta Middle School Student Council presented a check to Joshua Little, CEO of the Wapakoneta YMCA, with a check for the YMCA of the Philippines.

EDUCATIONAL REPORTS

Educational reports were presented by administrators and are attached to the minutes.

ROUTINE BUSINESS

17-25 Member Willie Sammetinger moved, Member Gregg Ruppert seconded to approve the following items:

Approve minutes from the meeting held March 25, 2025

Approve monthly financial reports.

FY '25 Permanent Appropriation Modifications:

Approve the following permanent appropriation modifications:

Food Service Fund (Fund 006-0000) - \$8,490.32

WACF Grant – PBIS (Fund 019-9318) - \$4,000

Severance Fund (Fund 035-0000) - \$70,208.58

FFA (Fund 200-9214) - \$12,171.35

Middle School Art Club (Fund 200-9310) - \$346.90

Athletic Account – Baseball (Fund 300-9111) - \$2,250

Athletic Account – Boys' Soccer (Fund 300-9113) - \$750

Athletic Account – Boys' Tennis (Fund 300-9126) - \$250

Athletic Account – Softball (Fund 300-9134) - \$2,216.25

Athletic Account – Cheerleading (Fund 300-9153) - \$30,685

Band (Fund 300-9200) - \$3,267

School Choirs (Fund 300-9202) - \$2,687.60

Robotics Club (Fund 300-9204) - \$2,500

Wapakoneta Middle School Music Fund (Fund 300-9211) - \$6,038

Title I (Fund 572-9225) - \$5,523.50

Stronger Connections Grant (Fund 584-9324) – (\$1,351.88)

Title IV-A (Fund 584-9225) - \$791.72

Improving Teacher Quality – Title II-A (Fund 590-9225) - \$1,861.93

Accept donations from the following:

\$40 - from Finkelmeier Insurance - for Lov Liz play production

\$500 - from Minster Bank - for football camp

\$250 - from GA Wintzer & Sons - for football camp

\$450 - from Elevation Chiropractic - for football camp

\$2,250 - from Wapak VFW Post #8445 - for No Senior Left Behind

\$250 - from Buckeye Anesthesia Service & Consultant - for boys' tennis

Approve updates to the following Board Policies:

#0131.1 - Technical Corrections

#0131.4 - Formulation of Bylaws

#0171 - Review of Policy (DELETE)

#1422.01 - Drug-Free Workplace

#1613 - Student Supervision and Welfare

#2271 - College Credit Plus Program

#2340 - Field and Other District-Sponsored Trips

#2430.02 - Participation of Community/Stem School Students in Extra-Curricular Activities
#2431 - Interscholastic Athletics
#2460 - Special Education
#3213 - Student Supervision and Welfare
#4213 - Student Supervision and Welfare
#5113 - Inter-District Open Enrollment
#5120 - Assignment Within District
#5131 - Student Transfers
#5136.01 - Electronic Equipment
#5223 - Released Time for Religious Instruction During the School Day
#5330 - Use of Medications
#5350 Student Health, Well-Being, and Suicide Prevention
#5460 - Graduation Requirements
#5610 - Removal, Suspension, Expulsion, and Permanent Exclusion of Students
#5751 - Parental Status of Students
#5780.01 - Parents' Bill of Rights
#5830 - Student Fund Raising
#6151 - Insufficient Funds Checks
#6460 - Vendor Relations
#7421 - Restrooms, Locker Rooms, Shower Rooms, and Changing Rooms
#7440.01 - Video Surveillance and Electronic Monitoring
#8142 - Criminal History Record Check for Contracted School Services
#8452 - Automated External Defibrillators ("AED") and Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation
#8500 - Food Services

Acceptance of E-Rate Funding Bid

Approve an agreement to contract with Laketec Communications for E-Rate Category 2 funding materials, including cybersecurity, access points, hardware, lockable network closets, and managed internal broadband services, in the amount of \$86,524.20, and to decline all other bids.

Acceptance of 2025 Graduates

Approve the recommended list of graduating seniors for 2025, as presented by the principal, contingent upon completion of all requirements. (list included in minutes)

2025-26 Athletic Ticket Prices

Approve the Athletic Ticket Prices for the 2025-26 school year. (copy attached)

Use of Facilities for Field Experience

Allow students from The Ohio State University at Lima to use Wapakoneta City Schools as a site for their field and clinical experience for the 2025-26 and 2026-27 school years. (copy attached)

Utility Easement

Grant a non-exclusive utility easement to the City of Wapakoneta, giving them the right to construct, install, thereafter use and operate, maintain, repair, replace, remove, or improve said utility in, over, through, and across school district property, with the right of ingress and egress for entering and exiting school district property solely for the above-mentioned purposes, in exchange for the sum of \$3,500. (copy attached)

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

PERSONNEL MATTERS

18-25 Member Joshua Little moved, Member Gregg Ruppert seconded to approve the following items:

Accept the following resignations:

MARCIE ALBERTS - effective at end of 2024-25 school year

CARY FELL WENNING - effective at end of 2024-25 school year

COURTNEY FIELDS - effective at end of 2024-25 school year

LAINA WRIGHT - effective 5/2/25

Approve the following employee leave:

KEVIN WENDEL - disability leave effective 5/1/25

Employment of New Assistant Principal

Employ KAITLYNN GERLACH as Assistant Principal at Wapakoneta Elementary School (grades PK-4) on a one-year contract for the 2025-26 school year - Masters + 18 - Step 0 - \$85,607.

Employment of New Teachers

Employ the following new teachers on a one-year limited contract for the 2025-26 school year:

- SHANNON AUFDERHAAR - Intervention Specialist - Middle School - Bach + 150 - Step 8 - \$64,638
- PARKER ENOCH - Physical Education Teacher - Middle School - Bachelor's Degree - Step 2 - \$49,110
- DELANI HARTER - Intervention Specialist - Wapakoneta Elementary - Bachelor's Degree - Step 0 - \$45,138
- ALYSHA KROEGER - Intervention Specialist - Middle School - Master's Degree - Step 10 - \$74,026
- MEGAN LEIDY - Licensed Professional Counselor - Cridersville Elementary - Master's + 30 - Step 0 - \$51,669
- SUMMER McCLOSKEY - Intervention Specialist - Wapakoneta Elementary - Bachelor's Degree - Step 1 - \$47,124
- KIMBERLY NEWFER - Intervention Specialist - Middle School - Master's Degree - Step 10 - \$74,026

- MEGAN QUINTON - Intervention Specialist - Cridersville Elementary/Wapakoneta Elementary/Middle School/High School - Master's Degree - Step 9 - \$71,589
- ABAGAE WOOD - Guidance Counselor - High School - Master's Degree - Step 6 - \$64,277
- JUSTIN WOODFORD - Intervention Specialist - Wapakoneta Elementary - Bachelor's Degree - Step 3 - \$51,096

Employment of New Paraeducators

Employ the following paraeducators on a one-limited contract beginning with the 2025-26 school year:

- DANA ANDERSON - Cridersville Elementary/Wapakoneta Elementary - Step 10 - \$20.27 per hour - 5.92 hours per day
- LACEY BAKER - Middle School - Step 1 - \$17.86 per hour - 5.92 hours per day
- LAURA BASHAM - Wapakoneta Elementary - Step 1 - \$17.86 per hour - 5.92 hours per day
- EMILY BOWERS - Wapakoneta Elementary - Step 1 - \$17.86 per hour - 7 hours per day
- STACEY CLAUSING - Wapakoneta Elementary - Step 3 - \$18.40 per hour - 7 hours per day
- KIMBERLIE CUMMINGS - Cridersville Elementary - Step 1 - \$17.86 per hour - 5.92 hours per day
- MELANIE DAVIDSON - High School - Step 10 - \$20.27 per hour - 7.55 hours per day
- AMY DOWNING - Middle School - Step 10 - \$20.27 per hour - 7 hours per day
- PENELOPE ETZKORN - Wapakoneta Elementary - Step 3 - \$18.40 per hour - 7 hours per day
- LeKESHIA HUME - Wapakoneta Elementary - Step 2 - \$18.13 per hour - 5.92 hours per day
- JACQUELINE MARTIN - Cridersville Elementary - Step 1 - \$17.85 per hour - 5.92 hours per day
- LISA MEABON - High School - Step 10 - \$20.27 per hour - 7 hours per day
- DEREK MORMAN - Cridersville Elementary - Step 3 - \$18.40 per hour - 7 hours per day
- NATASHA MOSHER - Wapakoneta Elementary - Step 2 - \$18.13 per hour - 7 hours per day
- ANDREW MYERS - High School - Step 3 - \$18.40 - 7 hours per day
- BRITTNEY MYERS - Cridersville Elementary - Step 2 - \$18.13 per hour - 7 hours per day
- MICHELLE PORTER - Cridersville Elementary - Step 6 - \$19.20 per hour - 5.92 hours per day
- KAYLYNN RENNER - High School - Step 1 - \$17.86 per hour - 5.92 hours per day
- JACQUELINE SCHNEER - Middle School - Step 4 - \$18.66 per hour - 7 hours per day
- SARA SHAFFER - Middle School - Step 4 - \$18.66 per hour - 5.92 hours per day

- VICTORIA SHARP - Cridersville Elementary/Wapakoneta Elementary/Middle School/High School - Step 4 - \$18.66 per hour - 7 hours per day
- ALISHA SPERRY - Wapakoneta Elementary - Step 2 - \$18.13 per hour - 7 hours per day
- AMY TRAUCHT - Cridersville Elementary - Step 2 - \$18.13 per hour - 7 hours per day
- ANN VOGEL - High School - Step 10 - \$20.27 per hour - 7 hours per day

Employment of Cafeteria Staff

Employ the following cafeteria staff in a new position:

CHELSIE COMER - Cafeteria Assistant Manager at Wapakoneta Elementary - Step 3 - \$15.83 per hour - 7.5 hours per day - beginning 4/28/25

Discharge of Employee

Approve the discharge of JON DEARBAUGH, Bus Driver, during his probationary period, effective 4/3/25.

Employment of Tutor

Employ the following as a tutor for the 2024-25 school year, on an as-needed basis, at the rate of \$22.50 per hour: BELLE BLAKE

Employ the following substitutes for the 2024-25 school year, pending satisfactory completion of criminal records checks:

SAMANTHA HAVENS - Cafeteria - Step 2 - \$13.11 per hour

Employ the following substitutes for the 2025-26 school year:

BUS DRIVERS:

Stuart Combs	Gayle Schneider
Brandy Decker	Mark Schneider
Michael Kennedy	Cheryl Steinke
Craig Kohler	Michele Stinebaugh
Beth Miller	Claire Tambe
Brenda Plescher	John Zwez

CAFETERIA:

Julianne Barnett	Samantha Havens	Alma Ruiz Esparza
Cynthia Bowersock	Lillian Hughes	Licon
Leisha Comer	Miranda Kennedy	Jennifer Saam
Aleah Dailey	Doris McEvoy	Abby Stauffer
Kimberly Dunnigan	Melisa Reynolds	Michele Stinebaugh
Suzanne Fuerst		Socorro Zwiebel

PARAEDUCATORS:

Ella Aufderhaar	Michelle Bates	Nancy Buettner
Candice Augsburger	William Brading	Crystal Drexler
Felicia Bacon	Jaideyn Brannan	Renae Eckert
Chloei Barnett	Cassandra Bryan	Emily Erb

Jennifer Erb
Gina Fox
Diane Gren
Alyshia Hensley
Martha Hilliard
Candy Jackson
Sheryl Kinser
Alexa Kuhns
Cynthia Meyers
Brooke Minnig
Jenna Orahood

Meisha Osorio
Cecilia Owen
Kaleigh Palmer
Alyssa Pitney
Melanie Reichelderfer
Taylor Resor
Abbeygale Roberts
Terri Rohrbacher
Katlyn Ruck
Paula Sawmiller
Kaley Schnarre

Melanie Schnippel
Avery Shoffner
Makenna Smith
Hanna Sparks
Adyson Stahler
Deborah Stroh
Callie Sutton
Kya Sutton
Trinity Tomsett
Jaylen Williams
Vicki Winkler

SECRETARIES:

Michelle Bates
Crystal Drexler
Diane Gren
Candy Jackson

Kim Maus
Jenna Orahood
Meisha Osorio
Melanie Reichelderfer

Katlyn Ruck
Melanie Schnippel
Annette Zwiebel

NURSES:

Taylor Brown
Nicole Furr
Nicole Mahoney
Allison Spradlin

TEACHERS:

Sarah (Sally) Angel
Ella Aufderhaar
Candice Augsburg
Felicia Bacon
Chloei Barnett
Michelle Bates
Cathy Beard
Denise Black
Emma Boyer
William Brading
Jaideyn Brannan
Jill Briem
Melissa Brown
Margaret Buehler
Dianne Carter
Gannon Casebolt
Rylie Clune
Connor Coffey
Maria Dodrill
Gregory Douglass
Crystal Drexler

Gabrelle Dulebohn
Renae Eckert
Emily Erb
Gina Fox
James (Kevin) Fraley
Makayla Frame
Sandra Gesler
Kimberly Gray
Daniel Harpster
Bayli Hennon
Alyshia Hensley
Kimberly Holloway
Terry Huffman
Candace Jackson
Elizabeth Kantner
Kenneth Kinser
Sheryl Kinser
Alexa Kuhns
Katherine Lisi
Debby Lynch
Lillian Lynch

Joan McGue
Cynthia Meyers
Brooke Minnig
Erin Moyer
Jace Mullen
Kenneth Nuss
Jenna Orahood
Meisha Osorio
Cecilia Owen
Kaleigh Palmer
Suzanne Patterson
Alyssa Pitney
Taylor Resor
Lori Ringwald
Abbeygale Roberts
Kaitlyn Ruck
Ryan Sadler
Paula Sawmiller
Kaley Schnarre
(Edna) Jeanie Schnell
Melanie Schnippel

Avery Shoffner	Cynthia Staples	Joslyn Taylor
Mark Short	Janet Steinke	Trinity Tomsett
Lisa Slonecker	Joshua Steinke	Joseph Truesdale
Makenna Smith	Kale Sudhoff	Anne Turner
Madison Snider	Callie Sutton	Kevin Werst
Hanna Sparks	Kya Sutton	Jaylen Williams
Adyson Stahler		

Resignation from Supplemental Contract

Accept the following resignation from a supplemental contract: RYAN QUATMAN - Head Boys Soccer Coach

Employ the following on supplemental contracts for the 2025-26 school year:

HAILEY DIANA - Volleyball Assistant - Step 1 - \$4,062.42
 TOM HUNTER - Middle School Football - Step 4 - \$3,972.14
 CLIFF HEMMERT - Middle School Football - Step 1 (1/2) - \$1,534.69
 TYLER HOUSER - Middle School Football - Step 1 (1/2) - \$1,534.69
 TREY ELCHERT - Head Boys Basketball Coach - Step 4 - \$8,801.91
 SUSAN HARROD - Head Swim Coach - Step 4 - \$6,590.15
 GREG MAUK - Head Girls Basketball Coach - Step 4 - \$8,801.91
 MAKENZIE WILSON - Girls Basketball Varsity Assistant - Step 2 - \$5,732.53
 STEVE ROSTORFER - Head Girls Bowling Coach - Step 4 - \$3,972.14
 JASON ROSTORFER - Head Wrestling Coach - Step 4 - \$8,801.91

Approve the following volunteer:

ROB WIESENMAIER - MS Football Volunteer

Employment of Summer School Workers

Employ the following summer school workers for the summer of 2025:

NOAH RIOCH - Supervisor - \$125 per day
 JODIE ANDREWS - Secretary/Substitute - \$120 per day
 CHERI BRANDT - Instructional Staff - \$120 per day
 REGAN BRIGGS - Instructional Staff - \$120 per day
 MACKENZIE BINKLEY-COPELAND - Instructional Staff - \$120 per day
 LAURA GABEL - Instructional Staff - \$120 per day
 RILEY IIAMES - Instructional Staff - \$120 per day
 COURTNEY NOWICKI - Instructional Staff - \$120 per day
 MINDY WEBB - Take Flight - \$120 per day

Revisions to Substitute Salary Schedule

Approve revisions to the substitute salary schedule, effective 6/1/25. (copy attached)

Revision of Administrative Salary Schedule

Approve a revision to the Administrative Salary Schedule to include Director of Curriculum and Instruction, effective 8/1/25.

Aaron Rex, Superintendent, welcomed all new employees that were in attendance at the board meeting.

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

MISCELLANEOUS

19-25 Member Joshua Little moved, Member Gregg Ruppert seconded to approve the following item:

School Nurse Salary Schedule

Approve the School Nurse salary schedule for the 2025-26 and 2026-27 school years.

Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **4** Nay: **0** Abstain: **1**. The motion **carried 4-0-1** with Ron Mertz abstaining.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The last day of school for preschool students is May 20. The last day of school for the remaining students is May 23.

Graduation is Saturday, May 24, at 10:30 a.m. at Wapakoneta High School.

The next regular meeting will be held Tuesday, May 27, at 7:00 p.m. at Wapakoneta High School.

HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

Scott Case spoke regarding updates and some requests for the Disc Golf course that was installed behind the high school.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

20-25 Member Willie Sammetinger moved and Gregg Ruppert seconded to adjourn to Executive Session at 7:47 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; and preparing for, conducting, or reviewing negotiations with public employees; 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

21-25 Member Gregg Ruppert moved, Member Willie Sammetinger seconded to exit executive session with no action taken and adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

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

President

Secretary