

**MINUTES OF WAPAKONETA CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**REGULAR SESSION**  
**BOARD OFFICE**  
**Wednesday, December 30, 2020**  
**5:30 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 community members.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Joshua Little, Board President.

**REPORTS TO THE BOARD**

Mr. Aaron Rex, Superintendent, updated the Board on the new quarantine rules announced by Governor DeWine. He indicated that this will be good for the students of the District because they will be able to remain in school. They will continue to monitor buses and lunch since students sit close to each other and masks are off while eating.

Mr. Rex also informed the Board that the land adjacent to the softball field and across the road is for sale. He presented the Board with two potential purchase options. Option "A" would be the land just west of the softball field on Redskin Trail and Option "B" is across the street. He indicated that the corner lots on Redskin Trail and 501 would not be included in the purchase because they are expected to be sold separately at a higher cost due to their location. He informed the Board so that they could think about it. They would probably have to make a decision within the next week.

Mr. Josh Little asked if Mr. Rex knew what others had planned for the land. Mr. Rex indicated that Mr. Jarvis could not disclose anything.

Mr. Mertz indicated that the only option he would be interested in is Option "A" since it already connected to current school property and there wouldn't be the concern of having to cross the street to reach the other property.

Mr. Little asked if there was more property for sale as well. Mr. Mertz stated that there are 96+ acres for sale. Mr. Rex stated that there are multiple people interested in the land and the seller is willing to divide.

Mr. Ruppert asked if it would be beneficial to purchase all of the land and then sell off portions of it later in order to recoup some of our money. Mr. Rex stated that he would speak with the District's attorney because he was not sure of all of the legal issues that could be involved with that.

Mr. Rex told the Board members again to think about it and get back with him. He didn't want this opportunity to pass by without even discussing it. He also informed them that they have two more years left on the Metzger land purchase.

### **PERSONNEL MATTERS**

**85-20** Member Willie Sammetinger moved, Member Gregg Ruppert seconded to approve the following item:

#### **Employment of Maintenance Supervisor**

Approve the employment of TODD GERSTNER as Maintenance Supervisor on a limited contract for the remainder of the 2020-21 school year, Step 0 of the Other Administrator salary schedule.

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

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The board's organizational meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 12, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. at Wapakoneta Elementary School. The regular meeting will immediately follow.

There will be a finance committee meeting immediately following the meeting tonight.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

**86-20** Member Willie Sammetinger moved, Member Gregg Ruppert seconded to adjourn the meeting at 5:49 p.m.

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

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President

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Secretary