

**MINUTES OF WAPAKONETA CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR SESSION
Tuesday, February 23, 2021
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; administrators and community members.

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

STUDENT RECOGNITION

Mr. Aaron Rex, Superintendent, announced that he was pleased to have everyone here at the board meeting tonight so we could recognize everyone in person.

Mr. Doug Selvey, Assistant High School Principal, indicated that it was a lot of fun making some phone calls on Thursday to see if everyone could make it tonight. As Assistant Principal you get to deal with a lot of discipline phone calls so it was nice to be able to make phone calls to recognize students. He told the parents that they should be very proud of their son or daughter or grandson or granddaughter for all of their accomplishments. There were a lot of individuals nominated for this. It was cool going through the selection process. It provided a good showing of what our high school has to offer. He asked everyone to give the parents a hand.

Mr. Scott Minnig, High School Principal, said thank you to all of the family members. He informed them that they have wonderful kids. There are a thousand kids in the building, so to be recognized is a great honor. He also thanked the teachers, guidance counselors, and paras for being there. He couldn't thank them enough for being in attendance and supporting our students.

Recognize the following students from Wapakoneta High School:

EMMA HUNLEY - 8th Grade - nominated by Jen Zwiebel

BRIAN PUCKETT - 8th Grade - nominated by Laura Hadding, Kerri Smith, and Heidi LaMarr

ELI DEKOK - 9th Grade - nominated by DeLynn Epperly
 HARRISON GREEN - 9th Grade - nominated by Tracy Goulet and Laura Hadding
 VANESSA YOUNG - 10th Grade - nominated by Zach Jung
 CAMERON REICHENBACH - 11th Grade - nominated by Michelle Gearing

Mr. Joshua Little, Board President, stated that it is always a pleasure recognizing our students. He thanked the parents for trusting us here at Wapakoneta City Schools with their children.

RETIREE RECOGNITION

Recognize the following retiree: JOHN ZWEZ - Bus Driver since 2005; Retire/rehire 10/31/20

Mr. Aaron Rex said a few remarks regarding Mr. Zwez and congratulated him on his retirement.

Mr. Little presented Mr. Zwez with a gift from the Board of Education and thanked him for his years of service.

EDUCATIONAL REPORTS

Educational reports are presented by administrators and can be found attached to the minutes.

REPORTS FROM THE BOARD

Mr. Ron Mertz, Apollo Board member, indicated that the Apollo board okayed a one and a quarter mile walk that will go through the woods and back around. All the classes will participate in the construction of it. They are putting \$60,000 into the walk. It will be ten feet wide and empty out into the Johnny Appleseed Park District. He also indicated that the Journeyman and Apprenticeship programs for industry are going so strong that they are talking about having an architect look at it and putting up another building. There are 100 students enrolled in the three classes they currently have, and more people are looking at it all the time.

ROUTINE BUSINESS

9-21 Member Ron Mertz moved, Member Brian Cossel seconded to approve the following items:

Approve minutes from the organizational and regular meetings held January 12, 2021.

Approve monthly financial reports.

Then and Now Purchase Order

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

PO #	Check #	Vendor	Amount	Description	Invoice Date	PO Date
101209	75098	Transfinder Corp.	\$5,550	Annual Fees	12/14/20	1/1/21

FY '21 Permanent Appropriation Modifications

Approve the Following FY '21 Permanent Appropriation Modifications:

- WMS: MMGW Mini Grant (019-9121) - \$2,000
- Early Childhood Expansion Grant (439-9221) - \$68,000
- Ohio School Safety Training Grant (499-9221) - \$15,489.51
- FFA (200-9214) - \$40,971.47
- Band (300-9200) - \$2,079.50
- Special Education, Part B-IDEA (516-9221) - \$1,996.65
- Title 1 (572-9221) - \$8,086.05
- IDEA Preschool Grant for the Handicapped (587-9221) – (\$20.73)
- Improving Teacher Quality, Title II-A (590-9221) - \$1,140.26
- Title IV-A Grant (599-9221) - \$5,561.85

Approval of New Funds

Approve the following new funds for FY '21:

- WMS: MMGW Mini Grant (019-9121) - \$2,000
- Ohio School Safety Training Grant (499-9221) - \$15,489.51

Accept donations from the following

- \$5,000 - GEENEX SOLAR, LLC - For technology needs of the District or solar power educational tools for the District
- \$1,000 - AMBROSE CHOCOLATE COMPANY, LLC - To purchase supplies or impact students at the Middle School
- \$500 - FITZPATRICK MEDIA GROUP – Athletics
- \$330 - CRIDERSVILLE CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE - To purchase supplies for the on-campus food pantry at Cridersville Elementary School

Mr. Little thanked all the donors.

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

PERSONNEL MATTERS

10-21 Member Willie Sammetinger moved, Member Gregg Ruppert seconded to approve the following items:

Accept the following resignation:

DANIEL LANDIS - effective 8/31/21

Accept the following retirements:

JILL BRIEM - end of the 2020-21 school year

LAURA HADDING - 12/1/21

CANDY JACKSON - 7/1/21

JANN KLOPFENSTEIN - 6/1/21

GAYLE SCHNEIDER - 5/31/21

CHRIS TURNER - 2/12/21

Approve the following employee leaves:

- HEATHER BERGMAN - amend prior approved leave (to begin 2/3/21)
- MEGAN BUETNER - amend prior approved leave (to begin 2/17/21 through end of school year)
- TAMMY BUSH - 1/25/21 through approximately 3/12/21
- SHANE HELMSTETTER - 2 weeks beginning approximately 2/24/21
- LEAH SCHOTT - 1/25/21 through approximately 3/4/21
- PAULA WADSWORTH - 1/25/21 through approximately 2/10/21
- JADE ZARTMAN - 3/25/21 through approximately 4/5/21

Employment of Staff

Employ the following teacher/social worker at the Middle School for the second semester of the 2020-21 school year:

SUSAN HARROD - SEL Teacher/Social Worker at Middle School - Masters Degree - Step 11 - \$67,916

Employment of Paraeducator

Employ KRISTIN RUNSER as a High School Study Hall Paraeducator beginning 2/17/21 - \$13.25 per hour - 6.25 hours per day

Employ the following substitutes for the 2020-21 school year, pending satisfactory completion of criminal records checks:

BAILIE BARRINGTON – Teacher
SARA HOYT – Teacher
CAL MILLER - Teacher (beginning 2/16/21)
HANNAH SCHWIETERMAN – Teacher
MAKENZIE SPEAKMAN – Teacher
DAWN HEMLEBEN – Secretary
ALEXA FISHER - Paraeducator

Employ the following on supplemental contracts for the 2020-21 School Year:

SUMMER GRINER - HS Track Assistant - Step 1 - \$3,608.28
JOHN JOHNS - HS Track Ratio - Step 1 - \$1,764.05
KEVIN ALLWINE - MS Track - Step 1 - \$2,726.26
NICK WOLKE - MS Track Ratio - Step 1 - \$1,764.05
DOUG WHITMORE - Baseball Assistant - Step 4 (85%) - \$3,987.15
DAKODA BROWN - Baseball Assistant - Step 2 (15%) - \$589.35
MARSHALL GERLACH - Baseball Assistant - Step 4 (75%) - \$3,518.07
DAKODA BROWN - Baseball Assistant - Step 2 (25%) - \$982.25
MIKE BOGAN - Baseball Assistant - Step 4 (70%) - \$3,283.53
DAKODA BROWN - Baseball Assistant - Step 2 (30%) - \$1,178.70
JEFFREY SCHLEETER - Middle School Baseball - Step 3 - \$3,247.45
JOE DELLINGER - Middle School Baseball - Step 2 - \$3,046.99
DIANE SAMMONS - Softball Assistant - Step 4 - \$4,690.76
DAN FISHER - Middle School Softball - Step 4 - \$3,528.10
JAMIE WALLEY - Middle School Softball - Step 1 - \$2,726.26

Approve the following VOLUNTEERS:

CARLY BROWN - Softball Assistant Volunteer

MADISON WATT - Boys Tennis Volunteer

Employ the following on supplemental contracts for the 2021-2022 School Year:

TRAVIS MOYER - Head Football - Step 4 - \$7,993.83

MEGAN BROWN - Head Volleyball - Step 2 - \$5,206.24

MIKE FOOR - Head Girls Soccer - Step 4 - \$5,985.12

SCOTT BRINKMAN - Head Boys Soccer - Step 4 - \$5,985.12

MARSHALL GERLACH - Head Boys Golf - Step 3 - \$4,386.36

DAVE ACHESON - Head Girls Golf - Step 4 - \$4,796.30

TOMA HAINLINE - Head Girls Tennis - Step 4 - \$4,796.30

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

ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL ITEMS

11-21 Member Willie Sammetinger moved, Member Joshua Little seconded to approve the following item:

Employ the following on supplemental contracts for the 2020-21 school year:

NICK TRUESDALE - Weight Room-Spring - Step 4 - \$1,844.23

TODD ERB - Weight Room Ratio-Spring - Step 4 (1/2) - \$922.12

BRENT COPELAND - Weight Room Ratio-Spring - Step 3 (1/2) - \$781.79

Mr. Ron Mertz stated that he struggled with this all week. He called different board members to ask their opinions because we were going to come up with a different way of doing this and we haven't yet. At this time he will support it because contractual-wise it is the right thing to do, but with that being said we need to address this and do something with it before the vote comes up with the fall sports.

Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **4** Nay: **1**. The motion **carried 4-1**, with Gregg Ruppert voting no.

MISCELLANEOUS

12-21 Member Willie Sammetinger moved, Member Ron Mertz seconded to approve the following item:

Approve use of EPC for Advertisement of Bus Bids

WHEREAS, the Wapakoneta City Board of Education wishes to advertise and receive bids for the purchase of school buses. THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Wapakoneta City Board of Education wishes to participate and authorize the Southwestern Ohio Educational Purchasing Council to advertise and receive bids on said Board's behalf as per the specifications submitted for the cooperative purchase of school buses.

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

13-21 Member Brian Cossel moved, Member Willie Sammetinger seconded to approve the following item:

Appointment to Board Committees

BE IT RESOLVED that the following members of the Wapakoneta City Board of Education be appointed to serve on the designated boards and committees for 2021, per Board Policy 0155. Representatives to the Compensation Committee:

Gregg Ruppert and Ron Mertz

Mr. Rex indicated that this was a committee we were going to approve in January, but it was left off of the agenda.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 23, 2021, at Wapakoneta Elementary School at 7:00 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

14-21 Member Willie Sammetinger moved, Member Gregg Ruppert seconded to adjourn to Executive Session at 6:11 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

15-21 Member Gregg Ruppert moved, Member Willie Sammetinger seconded to exit executive session and adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

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

President

Secretary