

**MINUTES OF WAPAKONETA CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION
ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
GARDENIA OFFICE
Tuesday, January 11, 2022
7:00 PM**

The meeting of the Board of Education of the Wapakoneta City School District was called to order by President Pro-Tem Ron Mertz.

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 Ron Mertz, President Pro-Tem.

SWEARING IN OF NEW BOARD MEMBERS

Angela Sparks, Treasurer, swore in the following board members by administering the following oath of office:

I, Gregg Ruppert, do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Ohio; and I will faithfully and impartially discharge my duties as member in and for the said Wapakoneta City School District, Auglaize County, Ohio, to the best of my ability, and in accordance with the law now in effect and hereafter to be enacted, during my continuance in said office and until my successor is chosen and qualified. Sworn and subscribed before me, this 11th day of January, 2022.

I, Brian Cossel, do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Ohio; and I will faithfully and impartially discharge my duties as member in and for the said Wapakoneta City School District, Auglaize County, Ohio, to the best of my ability, and in accordance with the law now in effect and hereafter to be enacted, during my continuance in said office and until my successor is chosen and qualified. Sworn and subscribed before me, this 11th day of January, 2022.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Nomination/Election of President/Vice President

President Pro-Tem Ron Mertz, as temporary chairman, called for nominations for President and Vice President, placed the names of Gregg Ruppert and Brian Cossel, respectively, in nomination. There being no further nominations, Willie Sammetinger moved that the nominations be closed and that the treasurer be instructed to cast a unanimous vote for Gregg Ruppert as President and Brian Cossel as Vice President.

SWEARING IN OF OFFICERS

Angela Sparks, Treasurer, swore in the following Board of Education officers by administering the following oath of office:

I, Gregg Ruppert, do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Ohio; and I will faithfully and impartially discharge my duties as President in and for the said Wapakoneta City School District, Auglaize County, Ohio, to the best of my ability, and in accordance with the law now in effect and hereafter to be enacted, during my continuance in said office and until my successor is chosen and qualified. Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 11th day of January, 2022.

I, Brian Cossel, do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Ohio; and I will faithfully and impartially discharge my duties as Vice President in and for the said Wapakoneta City School District, Auglaize County, Ohio, to the best of my ability, and in accordance with the law now in effect and hereafter to be enacted, during my continuance in said office and until my successor is chosen and qualified. Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 11th day of January, 2022.

READING OF THE CODE OF ETHICS

Reading of the Code of Ethics for Board Members (Policy 0123)

ROUTINE BUSINESS

1-22 Member Ron Mertz moved, Member Willie Sammetinger seconded to approve the following items:

Establish Service Fund

WHEREAS, Section 3315.15 of the Ohio Revised Code authorizes the establishment of a "Service Fund" not to exceed 75 cents per student enrolled, or \$7,500.00, whichever is greater, to be used in paying expenses of the Board of Education or its official representatives, when said expenses are actually incurred in the performance of their duties inside or outside the school district.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Wapakoneta City School District does hereby appropriate for the purpose of said "Service Fund" the amount of \$7,500.00.

Authorize Treasurer to Invest Funds

WHEREAS, the Wapakoneta City Board of Education, during the calendar year 2022, will receive funds periodically for current expenses and other expenditures of the said school district; and WHEREAS, the funds that are not to be expended immediately shall be invested as interim funds or inactive funds;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Wapakoneta City School District does hereby direct the Treasurer to invest funds during the calendar year 2022, as set forth in the Ohio Revised Code and Board Policy #6144.

Request the Advancement of Tax Settlements

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Wapakoneta City School District, that the Auditor of Auglaize County be and is hereby requested to draw warrants, and the Treasurer of said county be and is requested to pay the Treasurer of this Board any money in the county treasury to the account of this Board and lawfully applicable to the purpose of the calendar year 2022.

Appoint a Purchasing Agent/Change Order Authorization

BE IT RESOLVED that Aaron Rex and Mike Watt be appointed the Wapakoneta City Board of Education official purchasing agents for 2022 and be authorized to approve change orders up to 10% of original contract award amount, not exceeding \$25,000.00, with a follow-up report to the Board at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

Board of Education Meetings

Calendar of Board of Education Meetings for 2022:

- January 11 (organizational) Gardenia Office 7:00 p.m.
- January 11 Gardenia Office 7:15 p.m.
- February 22 ** High School 7:00 p.m.
- March 8 **Wapakoneta Elementary 7:00 p.m.
- April 26 **Middle School 7:00 p.m.
- May 24 High School 7:00 p.m.
- June 28 Gardenia Office 6:00 p.m.
- July 26 Gardenia Office 6:00 p.m.
- August 23 Gardenia Office 7:00 p.m.
- September 27 High School 7:00 p.m.
- October 25 **Cridersville Elementary 7:00 p.m.
- November 22 High School 7:00 p.m.
- December 13 Gardenia Office 5:00 p.m.

**Student recognition at the meeting

Fixing the Amount of Bond for Board President

BE IT RESOLVED that the bond of the President be fixed at the sum of \$20,000.00 and that the President be authorized and directed to provide bond satisfactory to the Wapakoneta City Board of Education for a one (1) year period from January 12, 2022, through organizational meeting 2023.

Appointment of Board Committees and Representatives

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 2022, per Board Policy 0155.

Representatives to the Wapakoneta High School Athletic Board/Parent Information Group: Brian Cossel, Willie Sammetinger

Members of the Facilities Committee: Ron Mertz, Gregg Ruppert, Willie Sammetinger

Members of the Finance Committee: Gregg Ruppert, Josh Little

Member of the Legislative Liaison Committee: Josh Little

Member of the Student Achievement Liaison: Ron Mertz

Members of the Performing Arts Center Committee: Brian Cossel, Ron Mertz

Blanket Purchase Orders

As required by Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.41(D), the amount for blanket purchase orders is hereby set at 10% of the appropriations.

Public Records Designee

Appoint Angela Sparks, Treasurer, the Public Records Designee for Wapakoneta City Schools for 2022.

Authorize Treasurer to Pay Bills

Authorize the Treasurer to pay bills within the limits of the Budget Appropriations after determined by the Superintendent and Treasurer that merchandise or services received were satisfactory.

Authorize Treasurer to Modify Budget Appropriations

Authorize the Treasurer to modify the Annual Budget Appropriations as needed and report to the Board monthly.

Authorize Superintendent and Treasurer to Write off Bad Debts

Authorize the Superintendent and Treasurer to jointly decide to write off bad debts for the school fees of families who have moved from the District or who are experiencing extreme financial hardship, when necessary.

Authorize Superintendent to Accept Employee Resignations

Authorize the Superintendent to accept resignations of Classified and Certified employees on behalf of the Board of Education.

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

Adjournment

2-22 Member Willie Sammetinger moved, Member Ron Mertz seconded to approve to adjourn the meeting at 7:09 p.m.

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

President

Secretary