

**MINUTES OF WAPAKONETA CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR SESSION  
GARDENIA OFFICE  
Tuesday, January 11, 2022  
7:10 PM**

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

**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.

**BOARD MEMBER RECOGNITION**

Mr. Aaron Rex, Superintendent, said a few remarks about all of the Board Members. These remarks are included as part of his report attached to the minutes.

**EDUCATIONAL REPORTS**

Mr. Aaron Rex, Superintendent, presented his report to the board which is attached to the minutes.

Mr. Joshua Little, Board Member, inquired of Mr. Rex as to when the data from MAP testing will be available. Mr. Gregg Ruppert asked if we saw more of a deficiency in reading than math. Mr. Rex stated that the District did see more of a deficiency in reading than in math. The District has actually been doing as well or better in math since the pandemic. He also stated that Ms. Carrie Knoch, Director of Student Achievement, has been assessing the data and can put a presentation together for February's board meeting. He also reminded the board members that the District started to implement the various interventions this year so it will take a little time to see the effects of them.

## **REPORTS FROM THE BOARD**

Mr. Ron Mertz, Board Member, stated that Apollo started the paperwork for a grant for the new emergency safety building that they would like to put up.

## **ROUTINE BUSINESS**

**3-22** Member Joshua Little moved, Member Brian Cossel seconded to approve the following items:

**Approve minutes** from the meeting held December 14, 2021.

**Approve monthly financial reports.**

**Approve Permanent Appropriations for FY '22.** (Copy attached to the minutes)

**Accept donations from the following:**

- \$200 from ELEY FUNERAL HOME for the Wapakoneta Middle School Music Program
- \$50 from WAPAKONETA CITY COUNCIL for the Art Club
- \$26 from an anonymous donor for the FFA Program

**Approve updates to the following Board Policies:**

#1617 – Weapons

#3217 – Weapons

#4217 – Weapons

#5111.02 - Educational Opportunity for Military Children

#5516 - Student Hazing

#5630.01 - Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports and Limited Use of Restraint and Seclusion

#8462 - Student Abuse and Neglect

#8740 - Bonding

**Indoor Track and Field**

Recognize Indoor Track and Field at Wapakoneta High School for the 2021-22 school year. By doing this, the Wapakoneta athletes will be able to participate in the state meet if they meet the qualifying standard. The advisors will be David Pepple and Matt Rosebrock. There will be no cost to the Wapakoneta City Schools.

**Wapakoneta Country Club Use Agreement**

Enter into a contract with the Wapakoneta Country Club for use of their golf course and all permanent equipment and real property attached thereto by the Wapakoneta High School golf teams for practices and meets, at a cost of \$1,500.00 per team per year, for the 2021, 2022, and 2023 seasons.

Mr. Gregg Ruppert thanked the community for their donations.

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

## **PERSONNEL MATTERS**

**4-22** Member Joshua Little moved, Member Willie Sammetinger seconded to approve the following items:

### **Accept the following resignation:**

SHELLIE ADKINS - as of 12/17/21

### **Accept the following retirements:**

DENISE BLACK - 8/31/22

AMY BURKE - 5/31/22

LORI MORRIS - end of the 2021-22 school year

### **Approve the following employee leaves:**

BETH SCHROEDER - 8/24/21 through approximately 1/1/22 (cafeteria and bus positions)

BETH SCHROEDER - 1/3/22 through approximately 4/1/22 (cafeteria position only)

MARKE WOOTEN - 1/3/22 through approximately 2/28/22

### **Employment of New Bus Driver**

Employ the following bus driver on a limited contract for the remainder of the 2021-22 school year, pending satisfactory completion of all training and requirements:

MICHAEL KENNEDY - Step 1 - \$20.38 per hour - 4 hours per day - beginning 1/3/22

**Employ the following substitutes** for the 2021-22 school year, pending satisfactory completion of criminal records checks and all required paperwork:

KAYLA BOWERSOCK – Teacher

AUSTIN GIESIGE – Teacher

CAIGE SCHNARRE – Teacher

KAYLA BOWERSOCK – Paraeducator

DAWN HEMLEBEN – Paraeducator

### **Rescinding of Supplemental Contracts**

Rescind the employment of the following from their supplemental contracts for the 2021-22 school year:

MATTHEW DAWSON - Winter Drumline Ratio - Step 1 (Resolution #67-21)

SHELBY TRUESDALE - Cheer Advisor Basketball (1/2) - Step 4 (Resolution #61-21)

### **Employ the following on supplemental contracts:**

MARYANNE MULLEN - High School Track Ratio - Step 1 - \$1,803.74

MICHAEL CONLEY - Winter Drumline Ratio - Step 1 - \$1,803.74

### **Approve the following as a volunteer:**

BRANDON KENNARD - Girls Bowling Volunteer

**Amendment of Resolution**

Amend Resolution #61-21 to increase Sarah Swaney's supplemental contract for Cheer Advisor Basketball (1/2) to a full contract - Step 4 - \$3,607.47.

Mr. Rex stated that there are some retirements on the agenda tonight and they will be recognized at a later board meeting. He indicated that he had asked all the retirees if they could take action on their retirement at this meeting because he knows that there will be some shuffling around of staff. He indicated that the District is losing people with lots of experience who have had a really huge impact on kids. The District will post the vacant jobs in March, once we work through who may fill the spots internally first.

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

**MISCELLANEOUS**

**5-22** Member Ron Mertz moved, Member Brian Cossel seconded to approve the following item:

**Use of the YMCA for Swim Team**

Enter into a contract with the YMCA for use of their pool by the Wapakoneta High School swim teams for practices and meets, at a cost of \$7,500.00 for the 2021-22 swim season.

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

**6-22** Member Willie Sammetinger moved, Member Brian Cossel seconded to approve the following item:

**Representative to Wapakoneta City Recreation Board**

Continue the appointment of Jay Sweede as the school's representative to the Wapakoneta City Recreation Board through December 31, 2023.

Mr. Ron Mertz indicated that he would like the board to look at this sometime and re-evaluate the appointment. Of the 22 years that he has been on the board, he hasn't heard a Rec Board report from the school's representative. He would like to start getting one.

Mr. Gregg Ruppert indicated that the City is looking into reorganizing the recreation department so the board should wait and see what happens and go from there.

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

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The first semester of the 2021-22 school year will end on January 13. There is no school on Monday, January 17, in observation of Martin Luther King Day.

The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 22, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. at Wapakoneta High School.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**7-22** Member Willie Sammetinger moved, Member Ron Mertz seconded to adjourn to Executive Session at 7:28 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**

**8-22** Member Ron Mertz moved, Member Willie Sammetinger seconded to exit executive session and adjourn the meeting at 8:57 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

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