

MINUTES OF WAPAKONETA CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR SESSION
WAPAKONETA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
Tuesday, March 23, 2021
7:00 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, teachers, and community members.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Joshua Little.

STUDENT RECOGNITION

Mr. Joshua Little welcomed everyone in attendance.

Mr. Aaron Rex, Superintendent, stated that he was glad to be able to have parents and students here tonight since they had not been able to do this for an entire year. He said to have the teachers there as well to talk about their students is also a special treat.

Ms. Nikki Sutton, Principal, welcomed all in attendance and stated that the fact that we could recognize students here tonight as well as the fact that they have been able to have students in school all year has been fabulous.

Mr. Drew Golden, Assistant Principal, stated that these six phone calls are some of his favorite every year. To see the look on the students' faces when he gets to tell them that they are being recognized is great. He indicated that there are a lot of great students in the building, but they feel the six being recognized exemplify what it means to be Redskin Ready.

Recognize the following students from Wapakoneta Elementary School:
QUENTIN BREWER - Preschool - nominated by Mrs. Cary Fell Wenning
CARA IBARRA - Kindergarten - nominated by Miss Jen Kahlig
ELLA PRICE - 1st Grade - nominated by Mrs. Olivia Guisinger
LINCOLN GROSS - 2nd Grade - nominated by Mrs. Jann Klopfenstein
TERYN GAMBREL - 3rd Grade - nominated by Mrs. Allison Unterbrink
BLAIRE HERSHBERGER - 4th Grade - nominated by Miss Sara Foor and Mrs. Jill Briem

Mr. Drew Golden congratulated the students and stated that he would personally like to thank all of the parents and family members here tonight. He also thanked the staff for their kind words about the students. He thanked the school board and administrators for attending because he knows how much they all look forward to seeing this night each year.

Mr. Aaron Rex and Mr. Joshua Little thanked everyone for coming and congratulated the students.

The student nomination forms are attached to the minutes.

REPORTS TO THE BOARD

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

In addition to what was included in the reports, Mr. Mike Watt, Director of Operations, thanked School Resource Officer Jeff Eisert for the communication he and other administrators received in order to keep the students safe during the high speed chase that took place in Wapakoneta.

Carrie Knoch also spoke on the results of the Universal Screening Data and what type of interventions will be needed to assist with decreasing the learning loss that occurred during the pandemic. An overview is included in her board report.

Mr. Ron Mertz, Board Member, asked Ms. Knoch if the 45 minutes of reading intervention that she is proposing for next year will take place during regular reading time. She indicated that it would not. They are still working on the logistics of that. They also do not want to cut into other core subject time.

Mr. Joshua Little stated that we have these reading scores, we know there are challenges, and asked if there are gaps that need closed in other subjects.

Ms. Knoch indicated that there are achievement gaps everywhere, but it is not as extensive as reading. The social studies teachers at the Middle School were excited because they knew that if the students received help in reading, it would help all of the other subjects as well.

Mr. Jason Wolke, Cridersville Elementary Principal, stated that at the elementary level, they can teach the same reading skills during science and social studies because there are stories and vocabulary words.

Mr. Joshua Little thanked Ms. Knoch for her presentation.

Mr. Ron Mertz, Apollo Career Center representative, stated that some of the County's tax reevaluations are in and have increased. He indicated that graduation will be on May 26 and May 27. They will have two segments each evening so parents can attend. Projected enrollment for the next year looks like it will be up. Ohio Means Jobs has contacted Apollo to get the seniors to fill out job applications because of the number of open jobs in Allen and Auglaize Counties.

ROUTINE BUSINESS

17-21 Member Gregg Ruppert Moved, Member Ron Mertz Seconded to approve the following items:

Approve minutes from the regular meeting held February 23, 2021, and a special meeting held March 9, 2021.

Approve monthly financial reports.

Tax Amounts and Rates from County Auditor

WHEREAS, the Budget Commission of Auglaize County, Ohio, has certified its action thereon to this Board together with an estimate by the County Auditor of the rate of each tax necessary to be levied by this Board, and what part thereof is without, and what part within the ten mill tax limitation; THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the Wapakoneta City School District, Auglaize County, Ohio, that the amounts and rates, as determined by the Budget Commission in its certification, be and the same are hereby accepted; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that there be and is hereby levied on the tax duplicate of said School District the rate of each tax necessary to be levied within and without the ten mill limitation, as follows:

	<u>Inside 10 Mill Limit</u>	<u>Outside 10 Mill Limit</u>
General Fund	4.55	20.95
Bond Retirement Fund		<u>4.30</u>
Total	<u>4.55</u>	<u>25.25</u>

Advancement of Funds

Authorize the advance of \$12,000 from the General Fund (Fund 001-0000) to the Class of 2022 Fund (Fund 200-9922) to cover expenses related to prom, until tickets are sold to students.

Permanent Appropriations

The following FY 21 permanent appropriation modifications are being requested:

- FFA (200-9214) - \$40,580.38
- Middle School Student Council (200-9310) - \$1,029
- Class of 2020 (200-9920) - \$849.04
- Class of 2022 (200-9922) - \$24,000
- Athletic Fund (300-0000) - \$10,000
- Robotics Fund (300-9204) - \$3,452
- Wapakoneta Middle School Music Fund (300-9211) - \$230
- ESSER II Fund (507-9222) - \$1,216,808.09

Approval of New Fund

Approve the following new fund: ESSER II Fund (507-9222) - \$1,216,808.09

Then and Now Purchase Order

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

PO #	Check #	Vendor	Amount	Description	Invoice Date	PO Date
2101637	75437	Lima Sporting Goods	\$4,950	Batting Cage	2/27/21	3/1/21

Purchase of One Bus

Accept the bid from Cardinal Bus Sales & Service, Inc., for the purchase of one new 78-passenger bus, at the EPC contracted price of \$93,957.00, and to reject the bid from Myers Equipment Corporation.

Apollo Career-Technical Program

Enter into an agreement with Apollo Career Center for the continuation of the Career-Technical Education Program at Wapakoneta High School for the 2021-22 school year.

NWOET Membership

Approve the renewal of the NWOET Basic Educational Technology Membership for the 2021-22 school year, at no cost to the district.

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

PERSONNEL MATTERS

18-21 Member Ron Mertz moved, Member Gregg Ruppert seconded to approve the following items:

Accept the following retirements:

DONALD LEE - effective 6/4/21

TRACY McDONALD - effective 10/29/21

Approve the following employee leaves:

HEATHER BERGMAN - amend prior approved leave (extended through 5/21/21)

CHERI BRANDT - 3/24/21 through approximately 3/31/21

DAKODA BROWN - 5 days beginning approximately 5/11/21

CATIE BURDEN - 8 weeks beginning approximately 9/17/21

KIM DUNNIGAN - 2/19/21 through 2/25/21

LAURA HADDING - 2/22/21 through 2/26/21

JILL STUBBS - 3/9/21 through 3/15/21

Employment of Bus Driver:

Approve the employment of JENNIFER WAPPLEHORST as a Bus Driver on a limited contract for the remainder of the 2020-21 school year, Step 1, \$19.09 per hour - beginning March 8, 2021.

Employment of Substitutes

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

ROBIN LINN – Cafeteria

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KELLY MILLER – Paraeducator

STEPHANIE SCHMEHL – Paraeducator

ALYSSA RUPPERT – Paraeducator

ALYSSA RUPPERT – Teacher

Employ the following on supplemental contracts:

LAURA FOLGER - 5th Grade Quiz Bowl - Step 1 - \$962.21

Mr. Aaron Rex said thanks to Don Lee, who has been a bus driver for the District for a really long time. He will do whatever is asked of him and is very involved with the band and concession stands. He is an all-around Wapak supporter. He also thanked Tracy McDonald for her service to the District in the cafeteria. Cafeteria employees don't often get appreciation, but she has done a very exceptional job.

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

ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL ITEMS

19-21 Member Joshua Little moved, Member Ron Mertz seconded to approve a resolution of intent to terminate the employment contract of Klayton Hilleary and to suspend without pay and benefits, effective immediately, pending the termination proceedings. (See Attached Resolution and Documentation)

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 27, at 7:00 p.m. at Wapakoneta Middle School. Students will be recognized.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

20-21 Member Ron Mertz moved, Member Gregg Ruppert seconded to adjourn to Executive Session at 8:00 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**.

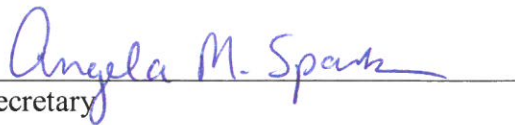
ADJOURNMENT

21-21 Member Gregg Ruppert moved, Member Ron Mertz seconded to exit executive session and adjourn the meeting at 8:50 p.m.

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



President



Secretary