

**MINUTES OF WAPAKONETA CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR SESSION
WAPAKONETA HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY
Tuesday, December 15, 2020
5:00 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; District administrators; and community members.

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

EDUCATIONAL REPORTS

Educational reports are presented by administrators, which can be found attached to the end of the minutes.

After Ms. Knoch's report to the board, Mr. Aaron Rex indicated that MAP testing is done three times a year. The students in the District's virtual program have to take the test as well. Carrie had to let all of the families know how to log in and take the test. There were several challenges, but they made it through. It will give the District data to see how the students are progressing. It will be interesting to see how the virtual students are doing versus those that are coming to school. Mr. Rex asked Mr. Jason Wolke to share a story regarding his daughter and the MAP test. He explained that the students are told their goal and when the test is done, they are able to find out if they met their goal. His daughter was excited to learn that she exceeded the goal score she was given. Mr. Rex indicated that it is nice to know what their goals are so they can work toward them. Mr. Josh Little agreed and indicated that he would like to see the data on the virtual students versus those in school when it is compiled.

ROUTINE BUSINESS

81-20 Member Gregg Ruppert moved, Member Brian Cossel seconded to approve the following items:

Approve minutes from the meeting held November 24, 2020.

Approve monthly financial reports.

FY 21 Temporary Appropriation Modifications

Approve the following FY 21 Temporary Appropriation Modifications:
Early Childhood Education Expansion Grant (Fund 439-9220) – (\$2,203.49)
OHSAA Tournament Fund (Fund 022-9218) – (\$80,000)

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 # | Vendor | Amount | Description | Invoice Date | PO Date |
|-------------|-----------------------|---------------|----------------------------------|---------------------|----------------|
| 2101009 | McCullough Welding | \$3,997 | Welding Supplies for Ag Class | 10/31/20 | 11/1/20 |

Revisions to 2020-21 Athletic Ticket Prices

Approve the following revisions to the 2020-21 athletic ticket prices, due to the uncertainty of the season and the spectator limitations:

- Boys Basketball Season Pass \$70.00
- Girls Basketball Season Pass \$50.00
- Jr. High Boys and Girls Basketball Season Pass \$16.00
- Boys Basketball (per game) \$ 7.00
- Girls Basketball (per game) \$ 6.00

OSBA Membership

Continue membership in the Ohio School Boards Association for 2021 and approve annual dues of \$6,144 for membership, electronic Briefcase subscriptions at no cost, and electronic School Management News subscriptions at a cost of \$150.

Approval of Job Description

Approve revisions to the following job description (copy included in minutes):
Student Services Secretary (fka Psychologist's Secretary)

Approval of Board Compensation

Board of Education members shall receive \$125.00 per meeting for the 2021 calendar year, up to a limit of 12 meetings annually. (This rate has not been increased since 2005.) It is understood that no member may receive a mid-year increase; however, this same salary will be awarded upon election or appointment of new members.

Establishment of Annual Organizational Meeting

WHEREAS, the treasurer is directed by Ohio Revised Code 3313.14 to canvass the members of the Board not later than December 31 to establish the date, time, and location of the organizational meeting.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that notice shall be given at least one publication not less than ten days prior to the hearing in a newspaper having general circulation in the school district.

AND THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, under the provisions of Ohio Revised Code 3313.14, the Board of Education shall hold its organizational meeting as follows:
Tuesday, January 12, 2021 - 7:00 p.m. - Wapakoneta Elementary School.

Appoint Presiding Officer for Organizational Meeting

Appoint Ron Mertz to preside at the organizational meeting to be held on Tuesday, January 12, 2021, at 7:00 p.m., at Wapakoneta Elementary School, until a President is elected.

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

PERSONNEL MATTERS

82-20 Member Ron Mertz moved, Member Brian Cossel seconded to approve the following items:

Accept the following retirement:

CURTIS BAILEY - effective March 1, 2021

Approve the following employee leaves:

MEGAN BUETNER - Approximately 3/15/21 through the end of the year

HEATHER MEEKS - 11/30/20 through approximately 1/1/21

PAULA WADSWORTH - Extend current leave through approximately 1/5/21

JADE ZARTMAN - 11/24/20 through approximately 12/11/20

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

SUSAN PALLONE – Teacher

ABBIGAYLE GESLER – Paraeducator

COURTNEY SUTTON - Paraeducator

Employ the following substitute custodians for the 2021 calendar year:

CHARLES (TYLER) COPELAND
CASEY DICKE
VERLA ELLIOTT
CHRISTOPHER FELTZ
JUSTIN HAWK
ANGIE HELMSTETTER
LYNN MECKSTROTH
SCOTT WILSON

Employ the following casual laborers for the 2021 calendar year:

CHARLES (TYLER) COPELAND
CASEY DICKE
RICHARD EVANS
VERLA ELLIOTT
CHRISTOPHER FELTZ
THOMAS HUNTER
RON LENHART
LYNN MECKSTROTH
LINDA NIGH

Supplemental Contracts:

Approve the following volunteer for the 2020-21 school year:

KARA SCHNEIDER - Volunteer Swim Coach

Mr. Rex thanked Kara Schneider for volunteering for the swim program. There was an issue where the coaches were quarantined so she stepped in for them.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Christmas break for students is December 21, 2020, through January 1, 2021.

There will be a special meeting on Wednesday, December 30, at 5:30 p.m. at the Board Office, 1102 Gardenia Drive, Wapakoneta.

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

Mr. Ron Mertz thanked the administrators for getting this far into the school year. He knows it has been a trying year, but all of the little things that have been done are appreciated.

Mr. Mike Watt thanked Tom and Nancy Hunter for their donation of planters in front of the wrestling complex. They wanted to dress it up a bit.

Mr. Little and the rest of the Board wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

Public Participation Regarding Rehiring of Retiree:

Members of the public are invited to provide input to the Board on the issue of re-employing TODD GERSTNER during his service retirement. Speakers are limited to five (5) minutes each, and all public comment will be closed after thirty (30) minutes. A sign-up sheet will be used, if necessary, to determine the order in which persons will address the Board.

No members of the public signed up to speak regarding this subject.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

83-20 Member Gregg Ruppert moved, Member Brian Cossel seconded to adjourn to Executive Session at 5:25 pm 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

84-20 Member Brian Cossel moved, Member Gregg Ruppert seconded to exit executive session and adjourn the meeting at 6:55 p.m.

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

President

Secretary
