

**MINUTES OF WAPAKONETA CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**REGULAR SESSION**

**WAPAKONETA HIGH SCHOOL**

**Tuesday, September 28, 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, and various District administrators and community members.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Joshua Little.

**RETIREE RECOGNITION**

**Recognize the following retirees:**

TINA MAURER - teacher since 1986

MICHELLE STINEBAUGH - food service since 1992; bus driver since 1996

Mr. Aaron Rex, Superintendent, said a few remarks regarding Tina. His remarks can be found attached to the minutes.

Michelle was unable to attend the meeting because she was out of town.

**REPORTS TO THE BOARD**

National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, IN - Craig Sammetinger spoke regarding the FFA trip to Indianapolis. They will be traveling with Waynesfield Goshen and Delphos Jefferson again. He went over the itinerary, which can be found attached to the minutes. He informed the board of the cancellation policy due to COVID. He indicated that there is a twenty four hour notice for the hotel. If the cancellation is due to COVID, Buckeye Charter will not charge the Districts anything. A full refund will be issued by the National Convention if canceled by October 8<sup>th</sup>. After October 8<sup>th</sup>, they will not refund, unless the cancellation is mandated by the mayor or

governor. Students will be required to wear masks while they are at the convention due to convention policies.

Band Trip to Gatlinburg, TN - Steve Wimmers spoke regarding the band trip to Gatlinburg, TN in May of 2022. He indicated that it will either be a marching band or concert symphonic, depending on how many students attend the trip. He went over the itinerary, which can be found attached to the minutes. If a student gets quarantined or sick, we are looking into trip insurance through a local insurance company.

Mr. Ron Mertz thanked Mr. Wimmers for all he has done since taking over the band program this year. He indicated that Mr. Wimmers has taken a great program and made it his own. He has received many comments about how much people have enjoyed listening to the band this year at the football games.

Mr. Rex also commented that the Script Skins was also done very well at the homecoming game.

Mr. Wimmers thanked them both for their support.

## **EDUCATIONAL REPORTS**

Ms. Carrie Knoch also spoke about the “Reading Under the Lights” event that was held at the football field on Monday night. It was well attended by families in the District. They gave away over 150 books to the kids that were there. They also gave away some games that were left over from the summer program, which were donated by Mercy Unlimited. They received these toys through a Toys for Tots grant. She indicated that it was one of the better family events the District has done and it was nice to see the families genuinely having fun without devices.

Mr. Josh Little asked Carrie about the MAP data. He knows that the data is from last year, but he noticed that all the administrators placed their concerns about state testing in their board reports. He asked what her thoughts were on this year’s testing. She indicated that it doesn’t look promising right now, but we have put a lot of new interventions in. Teachers have absolutely welcomed all the new things we have put in this year. She thinks that we will be able to beat that curve. Everyone else is expecting to be down as well, but hopefully we just aren’t down as much as everyone else.

Mr. Little asked if there is a way to track those grades or students that were down as they exited our intervention with staying at home and home schooling and then came back in our school system at the end to see if we intervened at the right time or do they need more?

Ms. Knoch stated that the truth is that we see who was out, but we also see students that stayed in school the entire year so she didn’t feel they would be able to do the comparison he wants because the majority of the kids that we had in the interventions, we still have. Mr. Little indicated that it has probably also grown as we brought more kids on. Ms. Knoch confirmed that. Ms. Knoch stated that it is like the perfect storm right now because many of the kids don’t have the core language development like they should have because they don’t have the opportunities to interact the way that they once did. There are a lot of other factors that go into that as well.

Mr. Little asked Ms. Knoch what resources the District may need from the Board. Ms. Knoch indicated for them to magically find us people. The irony is that because of the CARES Act, we are funded at a level we always should be. The problem is, now we can add another tutor, but the question is whether we can find someone to fill it. For right now we've tried to focus on the extra CARES Act money that is coming in to fill those holes, so she doesn't feel that anything is specifically needed from the Board.

Mr. Rex also stated that we've spent a lot of money on trainings for the teachers over the summer from the 95% Group. He also mentioned manipulatives and asked Mrs. Nikki Sutton to explain how the lack of use of manipulatives has hurt students' development. They weren't able to use manipulatives last year because they weren't sure how COVID was transmitted. They are currently playing catch up with that.

Mr. Little asked if he was seeing speech therapy going up. He indicated that the most frustrating thing about this data is that it is coming out too late to be effective because he is concerned we aren't catching everyone. Ms. Knoch also mentioned that this is why the preschool program is so important. It is helping us catch some of the students at a younger age.

Mr. Will Snyder also mentioned that at the middle school they are avoiding small group work because of the spread of COVID. He feels that this is hurting the students as well, because small group work is very important at the middle school level. Ms. Knoch indicated that she spoke with the 8<sup>th</sup> grade language arts teachers that morning and they mentioned that not being in small groups and being able to do projects together has hurt the students' communication because they don't know how to interact with one another. They just want to be able to do the work and go on. There have been tears from students when asked to present in front of the class because it is just too difficult for students to do that, since they have been able to stay home over the last year and not interact with people. Mr. Little found that interesting and never really thought about that.

Mr. Rex indicated that the teachers go through their MAP results in the fall and identify students in the bottom tier and hone in on those students. They then track the students over the course of the year to see their progress or determine what else may need to be done.

Mr. Little indicated that we are spending all of this time talking about masks, but we aren't discussing how all of this is affecting education.

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

Mr. Rex added an additional comment after Mr. Selvey's High School Report. He wanted to highlight the Showcase Day. He said it was a really great experience for the students and noted that after that day, E-Sports had quite a few more students sign up, so they have now outgrown their current room. E-Sports has been a great addition for the students. It is like a sport where they compete against other schools. People can come in and watch them as well. He stated that they made it to State last year. He also wanted to point out that the Showcase was the students' idea and not an administrator's, which he thought was great.

Mr. Selvey commented that the Principal’s Student Advisory Group has been huge. It is great to see the kids putting themselves out there to help improve the atmosphere at the high school. He has to give Scott a lot of credit for this.

Mr. Rex recognized Andy Walter from G.A. Wintzer & Son Co., since he was in the audience, and spoke a little about the Everside Health Clinic, which G. A. Wintzer partnered with the District on. He informed everyone that Andy did the bulk of the work. The facility is top notch. We took a tour there, and it is a great place for our people to go. It has been well received by our staff. The majority of the people in this room have gone there. Ronda Nartker, PA-C, is spending an hour with patients on their first appointment in order to get to know them so it has been great. The clinic is free to District employees enrolled in the health insurance. Individuals can get the majority of their prescriptions filled there. He thanked Andy and G.A. Wintzer & Son Co. again for all their work on this long project.

**REPORTS FROM THE BOARD**

Mr. Ron Mertz, Board Member, reported on Apollo. He indicated that enrollment stands at 847 students. This is the first time they have been over 800 students. They are now starting an at-will committee to figure out the next step. They have already met twice and are working on determining what else they can offer to get more people in the workplace.

**ROUTINE BUSINESS**

**60-21** Member Gregg Ruppert moved, Member Ron Mertz seconded to approve the following items:

**Approve minutes** from the meeting held August 24, 2021.

**Approve monthly financial reports.**

**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 the invoice date is prior to the purchase order date:

<b>FY</b>	<b>PO #</b>	<b>Check #</b>	<b>Vendor</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Invoice Date</b>	<b>PO Date</b>
2022	2200737	76836	Intrado Interactive Services	\$8,140	Renewal of SchoolMessenger	8/31/21	9/1/21

**Temporary Appropriation Modifications**

Approve the following FY 22 Temporary Appropriation Modifications:  
 ARP Special Education, Part B-IDEA (Fund 516-9322) - \$143,405.06  
 ARP IDEA Preschool Grant for the Handicap (Fund 587-9322) - \$10,619.62

**Approval of New Funds**

Approve the following new funds for FY '22:

ARP Special Education, Part B-IDEA – (Fund 516-9322) - \$143,405.06

ARP IDEA Preschool Grant for the Handicap (Fund 587-9322) - \$10,619.62

**Acceptance of Donations**

Accept donations from the following:

Student Supplies from Wapakoneta Community Worship Center

**Use of Facilities for Field Experience**

Allow teacher education students from Ohio Northern University to use Wapakoneta City Schools as a site for their field and clinical experience for the 2021-22, 2022-23, and 2023-24 school years.

**Approval of Overnight Field Trip**

Allow the high school band members to travel to Gatlinburg, Tennessee, May 12-15, 2022, at no cost to the district.

**Grant Participation**

The Board encourages public participation in the following federal or state grant program: ARP Special Ed Grants

Mr. Little thanked the Wapakoneta Community Worship Center for their donations.

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

**PERSONNEL MATTERS**

**61-21** Member Willie Sammetinger moved, Member Brian Cossel seconded to approve the following items:

**Rescinding of Resignation**

Rescind the resignation of Beth Schroeder from her cafeteria worker position (Resolution #56-21), effective at the beginning of the 2021-22 school year.

**Resignation**

Accept the following resignation: CHERYL ERB - effective 8/1/21

**Approve the following employee leaves**

STEPHANIE BOWERSOCK - 9/20/21 through 9/29/21

CARLI BROWN - 9/27/21 through approximately 10/1/21

KIM GREER - 8/19/21 through approximately 9/24/21

JOANNA HOLTZAPPLE - 9/7/21 through 9/14/21

HEATHER MEEKS - 8/19/21 through 9/1/21

LORI ROOP - 9/1/21 through 10/1/21

AARON STIGER - 11/1/21 through 11/5/21

SHELBY TRUESDALE - 8 weeks beginning approximately 11/19/21

ANNE TURNER - 9/21/21 through approximately 10/1/21

PAULA WADSWORTH - 8/19/21 through 9/21/21

**Employment of Regular Staff**

Employ the following on a one-year limited contract for the 2021-22 school year:  
NICOLE GILROY - Cafeteria Worker - Step 4 - 2.75 hours per day - \$13.48 per hour - beginning 9/13/21

**Employment of Tutors**

Approve the employment of the following Tutors for the 2021-22 school year, on an as-needed basis, at the rate of \$20 per hour, pending satisfactory completion of criminal records checks:

YAQUELIN CAMPOS  
KAREN GEORGE  
MELISSA ODIRA  
DIANE SCHLOSSER

**Employment of Substitutes**

Employ the following substitutes for the 2021-22 school year, pending satisfactory completion of criminal records checks.

SEAN DODDS - Bus Driver  
CHERYL ERB - Bus Driver - beginning 8/24/21  
SYRENIA GIPSON - Bus Driver  
DONALD REGULA - Bus Driver - beginning 9/10/21  
DEBORAH JOLLIFF – Cafeteria  
REBECCA MILLER – Cafeteria  
TAMMY MYERS – Cafeteria  
KATHY WILLIAMS – Cafeteria  
NAKINA SETTLAGE – Secretary  
CANDY JACKSON – Secretary  
CANDY JACKSON – Paraeducator  
ASHLEY VAUGHN – Paraeducator  
CANDICE AUGSBURGER – Teacher  
MIKAYLA HALFHILL - Teacher

**Substitute Custodians**

Employ the following substitute custodians for the 2021 calendar year:

SEAN DODDS  
SYRENIA GIPSON  
PAULA HAMBLIN

**Rescinding of Supplemental Contracts**

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

MARGARET ROETH - Elementary Music Program - Step 4  
AARON WHEELER - Winter Drumline Ratio - Step 4  
STEVE WIMMERS - Winter Drumline - Step 4

**Employ the following on supplemental contracts for the 2021-22 school year:**

MARY DILDINE - Elementary Music Program (1/2) - Step 1 - \$491.93  
MARGARET ROETH - Elementary Music Program (1/2) - Step 4 - \$942.86  
MARYANNE MULLEN - Sophomore Class Advisor - Step 1 - \$1,598.77  
AARON WHEELER - Winter Drumline - Step 4 - \$3,607.47  
JASON BRANDT - Head Baseball Coach - Step 4 - \$5,985.12  
PAUL SADLER - Boys Basketball Varsity Assistant - Step 4 - \$5,985.12  
CHRIS DEBELL - Boys Basketball Assistant - Step 2 - \$4,017.41  
TODD ERB - Middle School Boys Basketball - Step 4 - \$3,607.47  
JACK HAYZLETT - Middle School Boys Basketball - Step 4 - \$3,607.47  
BRANDON KENNARD - Assistant Boys Bowling Coach - Step 2 - \$2,090.69  
DAVID PEPPLE - Head Girls Track Coach - Step 4 - \$5,985.12  
MATT ROSEBROCK - Head Boys Track Coach - Step 4 - \$5,985.12  
MARK LAW - Assistant High School Wrestling - Step 4 - \$4,796.30  
ALEC BROWN - Middle School Wrestling - Step 4 - \$3,607.47  
TOMA HAINLINE - Girls Basketball Varsity Assistant (90%) - Step 4 - \$5,386.61  
A.J. LISI - Girls Basketball Assistant (95%) - \$4,556.48  
MARYANNE MULLEN - Girls Basketball Varsity Assistant (10%) - Step 4 - \$598.51  
RILEY CULVER - Girls Basketball Assistant (5%) - Step 1 - \$184.47  
DANIEL KETNER - Middle School Girls Basketball - Step 4 - \$3,607.47  
JOHN JOHNS - Middle School Girls Basketball - Step 1 - \$2,787.59  
JARED SELOVER - High School Wrestling Assistant (1/2) - Step 4 - \$2,398.15  
TYLER SHIPP - High School Wrestling Assistant (1/2) - Step 4 - \$2,398.15  
BILL SAMMONS - Head Softball Coach - Step 4 - \$5,985.12  
SHELBY TRUESDALE - Cheer Advisor Basketball (1/2) - Step 4 - \$1,803.74  
SARAH SWANEY - Cheer Advisor Basketball (1/2) - Step 4 - \$1,803.74  
KAREN HUTT - Cheer Advisor Freshman Basketball (2/3) - Step 3 - \$3,197.53  
KACEY GERLACH - Cheer Advisor Middle School Basketball (2/3) - (1/2) - Step 3 - \$1,106.84  
GWEN TABLER - Cheer Advisor Middle School Basketball (2/3) - (1/2) - Step 3 - \$1,106.84

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

**ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL ITEMS**

**62-21** Member Ron Mertz moved, Member Gregg Ruppert seconded to approve the following item:

**Supplemental Contract**

Employ the following on a supplemental contract for the 2021-22 school year:  
NICK SAMMETINGER - Middle School Wrestling - Step 4 - \$3,607.47

Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **4** Nay: **0** Abstain: **1**. The motion **carried 4 - 0 - 1** with Mr. Willie Sammetinger abstaining.

**MISCELLANEOUS**

**63-21** Member Ron Mertz moved, Member Gregg Ruppert seconded to approve the following item:

**YMCA Summer Day Camp After-School Programs MOU**

Enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Wapakoneta Family YMCA for establishing and administering YMCA Summer Day Camp after-school programs for Wapakoneta City Schools for the 2021-22 school year, through August 19, 2022.  
(copy included in minutes)

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.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 26, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. at Cridersville Elementary School. Students will be recognized.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**64-21** Member Willie Sammetinger moved, Member Brian Cossel seconded to adjourn to Executive Session at 7:49 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**

**65-21** Member Brian Cossel moved, Member Willie Sammetinger seconded to exit executive session and adjourn the meeting at 8:30 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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