

**MINUTES OF WAPAKONETA CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR SESSION
WAPAKONETA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
Tuesday, July 27, 2021
6:00 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; and Angie Sparks, Treasurer, and various community members. .

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Joshua Little.

REPORTS TO THE BOARD

Update on Ohio Senate Bill 210

Lori McKean-Brace, Cafeteria Supervisor, gave an update on Ohio Senate Bill 210. She indicated that every year the cafeteria has to do a compliance check to make sure that food being served in the cafeteria during the day is compliant with all required standards. She indicated that all food served in the cafeteria, including ala carte, is compliant.

She also reported that all breakfast and lunches are free again this year. They are trying to get the information out to families that they still need to complete the income eligibility forms in order to determine if they are eligible for free/reduced school fees. They are also notifying them of the P-EBT benefits.

We are encouraging families to take advantage of these free meals prepared by trained, caring staff. Our managers are certified in food safety. The menus are designed for kids with very nutritious versions of their favorite foods. She also indicated that they need help in the cafeteria in the form of subs.

Mr. Rex inquired how the free meals are affecting the cafeteria in terms of the number of meals being served and reimbursement rates. Ms. McKean-Brace indicated that last year was the largest year in terms of federal reimbursements the District received – over \$1,000,000. It was

an outstanding year, with the number of kids eating being around 80%. She explained that they increased the reimbursable amount to over \$4.00 for lunch and \$3.00 for breakfast this year. The Ohio Department of Education indicated that they were going to reimburse districts for the loss of money they incurred during the pandemic with some of the ESSER funds they received. Lori indicated that the cafeteria lost between \$200,000 and \$300,000 from March-May last year. The cafeteria went from serving 2,000 meals per day to 300-400 and didn't reduce staff. She indicated that she was glad they had money in their cafeteria fund to cover the loss and they have been able to build that back up.

Mr. Joshua Little told Lori that he wanted to commend her and her team. You do a phenomenal job balancing all the regulations and rules. He also indicated that he does not think many people realize that the cafeteria has its own fund, that they have to balance spending and it is not supplemented with general funds. He appreciates all they do to get kids fed.

Lori stated that the ladies in the cafeteria did a great job last year feeding all the additional kids and not adding any additional staff to do it. Everyone stepped up and did what needed to be done.

Ms. McKean-Brace also indicated that she hopes that they are able to source food for the school year because of all the difficulty she has seen restaurants and stores encounter over the summer. Many restaurants have had to cut hours because they ran out of food. She hopes this is not the case during the school year so they can get the students fed.

R. A. Horn Award Presentation to Kaleb Feathers

Caryn Timmerman, with the Office of Exceptional Children at the SST6, indicated that they were here tonight to celebrate students with special needs and teachers that work with them. Every year the SST6 nominates someone and then sends them off to the state level. This year they nominated Kaleb Feathers. Cindy Oliver is one of Kaleb's teachers at the Auglaize County Educational Service Center. She, along with Shawn Brown, ESC Superintendent, were there to honor Kaleb. Unfortunately Kaleb was unable to make it, but Cindy read the nomination form she submitted for Kaleb.

EDUCATIONAL REPORTS

Educational reports are presented by Aaron Rex and Carrie Knoch. Mr. Rex's report can be found attached to the minutes.

Carrie Knoch, Director of Student Achievement, indicated that summer school was wrapping up and went well. There were significantly more students at summer camp this year than normal. Kids attended most of the time. She surveyed the teachers as well as other staff members to see what they thought. She indicated they mentioned that lunch and breakfast could be shorter, but they don't want less time during the day. They want that extra time for instructional time. She said the kids had several fun days as well as the instructional days. Behavior was great. She indicated that a lot of parents were happy because their kids spent a lot of time with their friends and were more active instead of at home in front of the TV and playing video games.

She also indicated that staff was currently involved in the Orton-Gillingham training that was going on this week. She stated that Jason Wolke, Nikki Sutton, and Drew Golden were in

attendance with about 20 other teachers and paraeducators. She stated that after this group, there will only be eight teachers in PS-2nd grade not trained in this area. Jason Wolke spoke about the benefits he has experienced from this training.

REPORTS FROM THE BOARD

Mr. Ron Mertz, Apollo Representative, indicated that Apollo is still struggling with the software pirate. They had to send out about 60,000 notices to people that had been in the system over the course of the last five years. Luckily, insurance is paying for the expenses incurred in this so far.

ROUTINE BUSINESS

50-21 Member Gregg Ruppert moved, Member Brian Cossel seconded to approve the following items:

Approve minutes from the meetings held June 29, 2021, and July 13, 2021.

Approve monthly financial reports.

FY 22 Temporary Appropriation Modifications

Approve the following FY 22 Temporary Appropriation Modifications:

- Early Childhood Education Expansion Grant - 439-9222 - \$124,000
- Making Middle School Grades Work - 461-9222 - \$8,000
- Student Wellness and Success Fund - 467-9220 – (\$800,092.32)
- ESSER II Federal Grant - 507-9222 - \$1,399.99
- Expanding Opportunities for Each Child Non-Competitive Grant - 572-9322 - \$11,770.32
- LSTA CARES Act Federal Grant - 599-9221 - \$159.44

Accept donations from the following:

\$100 from Kenneth Clark for the Athletic Department

\$100 from Amy Kentner/RoadRunner for the Track Team

Speech and Language Pathology Services Contract

Approve a contract whereby Wapakoneta City Schools agrees to provide speech services for St. Marys students that are being served in the Auglaize County Educational Service Center (ESC) units housed in Wapakoneta City Schools' buildings and at the ESC Annex. St. Marys City Schools will pay for speech services quarterly at the rate of \$62 per hour. The contract will be in effect for the 2021-22 school year. (copy attached)

Inter-District Open Enrollment Policy

Approve continuation of Policy 5113 (Inter-District Open Enrollment) for the 2021-22 school year, accepting students from any district in Ohio.

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

PERSONNEL MATTERS

51-21 Member Ron Mertz moved, Member Gregg Ruppert seconded to approve the following items:

Accept the following resignation:

MICHELLE JOSEPH - effective at the end of the 2020-21 school year

Approve the following employee leaves:

EMILY METZ - 6 weeks beginning approximately 8/19/21

Employment of New Paraeducators:

Employ the following paraeducators on a limited contract for the 2021-22 school year, pending satisfactory completion of all required paperwork:

- EMILY AILES - Cridersville Elementary School - Step 1 - \$14.56 per hour - 4 days per week at 6.5 hours per day; 1 day per week at 3.5 hours per day
- MAGDALENE SCHULTZ - Cridersville Elementary School - Step 1 - \$14.56 per hour - 5.92 hours per day

Employment of Half-Time Preschool Intervention Specialist:

Employ ALYSSA RUPPERT as a half-time preschool intervention specialist for the 2021-22 school year - Bachelors Degree - Step 0 - \$20,497.

Employment of Substitutes:

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

DACODA HINEGARDNER – Teacher

ELIZABETH HORMAN – Teacher

DEBORAH BEST – Paraeducator

TIANNA THOMPSON – Paraeducator

DEBORAH VANTILBURG – Paraeducator

KYLEA WALKER - Paraeducator

Employ the following Speech Language Pathologist substitute for the 2021-22 school year:

JANE LAIRD - \$39.73 per hour

Employment of Athletic Event Workers:

Employ the following athletic event workers beginning with the 2021-22 school year and continuing until terminated by either the worker or Wapakoneta City Schools:

LAURA FOLGER

KELLY MAURER

LAYNE REX

CHARLOTTE SCHNIPPEL

JENNIFER ZWIEBEL

Employ the following on supplemental contracts:

LINDSAY FISHER - Volleyball-Middle School - Step 2 - \$3,115.54

MARGARET ROETH - Elementary Music Programs - Step 4 - \$1,885.72

Approve the following summer school coordinator for the summer of 2021:

High School - KERRY ASCHETTINO - \$1,000

Employ the following Instructional Student Intern for the summer of 2021 at the rate of \$12 per hour:

ERICA KLOPFENSTEIN

Employ the following Instructional Staff Member for the summer of 2021 at the rate of \$115 per day:

KYLEA WALKER

Revision of Salary Schedules

Approve revisions to the following salary schedules, effective July 1, 2021:

Cafeteria Manager Salary Schedule

Supervisors/IT Coordinator/Director of Special Education Salary Schedule

Central Office Staff Salary Schedule

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

ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL ITEMS

52-21 Member Willie Sammetinger moved, Member Gregg Ruppert seconded to approve the following item:

WCA Contract Renewal Corrections:

Approve corrections to the recently-adopted collective bargaining agreement between the Wapakoneta City Board of Education and the Wapakoneta Classified Association, in effect from July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2024.

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, August 24, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. at the Board Office.

HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

Terry Campbell, City Council Member, provided information to the board on the CRA Ordinance approved by the City Council. He indicated that the original ordinance was passed in 2011. Many people did not know that it existed. Therefore, Council reapproved it as Ordinance 2021-29. These items can be found attached to the minutes.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

53-21 Member Ron Mertz moved, Member Willie Sammetinger seconded to adjourn to Executive Session at 6:33 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

54-21 Member Willie Sammetinger moved, Member Ron Mertz seconded to exit executive session and adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

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

President

Secretary
