

**MINUTES OF WAPAKONETA CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR SESSION
GARDENIA OFFICE
Tuesday, January 14, 2025
6:09 PM**

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

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; Ginger Butler and Marty Eaton, WCA Co-Presidents, and the Wapakoneta Daily News.

The pledge of allegiance was led by President Brian Cossel.

BOARD MEMBER RECOGNITION

Recognition of Board Members – Mr. Aaron Rex, Superintendent, said a few remarks regarding the Board members and thanked them for their service. His remarks are attached to the minutes.

EDUCATIONAL REPORTS

A report was presented to the Board by Mr. Rex, which is attached to the minutes, along with additional reports from the other administrators.

Mr. Brian Cossel said a few remarks about the Middle School Book Tasting event held by Marty Eaton, Middle School Librarian, and presented her with a certificate for the job well done.

REPORTS FROM THE BOARD

Mr. Ron Mertz stated that Apollo does not meet until the following week.

ROUTINE BUSINESS

4-25 Member Willie Sammetinger moved, Member Gregg Ruppert seconded to approve the following items:

Approve minutes from the meeting held December 17, 2024.

Approve monthly financial reports

FY '25 Permanent Appropriation Modifications

Approve the following permanent appropriation modifications:

Chromebook Insurance Fund (Fund 001-9023) - \$14,452.06

FFA (Fund 200-9214) - \$18,379.64

Retro (Fund 200-9238) - \$2,560

Class of 2025 (Fund 200-9925) - \$594

Class of 2026 (Fund 200-9926) - \$2,064.60

Class of 2027 (Fund 200-9927) - \$884.40

Athletic Account – Boys’ Basketball (Fund 300-9112) - \$1,172.92

Athletic Account – Boys’ Soccer (Fund 300-9113) - \$801

Athletic Account – Football (Fund 300-9116) - \$3,000

Athletic Account – Swim Team (Fund 300-9121) - \$80

Athletic Account – Girls’ Basketball (Fund 300-9132) - \$634.99

Athletic Account – Softball (Fund 300-9134) - \$515

Athletic Account – Cheerleading (Fund 300-9153) - \$2,790

Robotics Club (Fund 300-9204) - \$12,250

Wapakoneta Middle School Music Fund (Fund 300-9211) - \$430

Young Historian’s Club (Fund 300-9600) - \$1,200

Special Education, Part B-IDEA (Fund 516-9225) – (\$13,500.86)

Title 1 (Fund 572-9225) - \$1,180.35

Stronger Connections Grant (Fund 584-9324) - \$12.53

IDEA Preschool Grant for the Handicapped (Fund 587-9225) - \$59.67

Improving Teacher Quality, Title II-A (Fund 590-9225) - \$377.77

OHSAA Athletic Tournament Fund (Fund 022-9218) - \$12,500

Budget and Purpose Statements

Approve the Budget and Purpose Statements for the following Student Activity Funds:

Track Team

WHS PSS Fund

Then and Now Purchase Orders

As required by the Ohio Revised Code 5705.41(D), the Board needs to approve the following then and now purchase orders, since the service date is prior to the purchase order date:

PO #	Check #	Vendor	Amount	Description	Invoice Date	PO Date
2501550	86819	Vision Service Plan	\$5,353.96	January Vision Insurance	12/19/24	1/1/25
2501592	86770	IXL Learning, Inc.	\$20,047	IXL Year 3 License Renewal	9/8/24	1/1/25

Acceptance of Donations/Scholarships

Accept donations from the following:

For the Middle School Music Fund:

\$200 - from Eley Funeral Home

\$200 - from Children's Hometown Holiday

For the Robotics Club:

\$2,500 - from Wapakoneta Breakfast Optimists

\$1,500 - from ES Evans & Co.

\$5,000 - from American Legion Post 330

\$250 - from Nidec Press & Automation

\$50 - from Buckeye Electrical Products, Inc.

\$25 - from Jim and Diane Elshire in Memory of David Stiles - for Athletics

\$50 - from Wapakoneta City Council - for the High School Art Club

\$500 - from Jon and Robin Derryberry - for outstanding lunch balances

Board Policy Updates

Special Education Model Policies and Procedures - The Board of Education hereby adopts the Special Education Model Policies and Procedures ("Model Policies") that were released by the Ohio Department of Education and Workforce ("DEW") in December 2024, and directs all staff in the District to use and comply with the Model Policies. The Board further authorizes the Superintendent to notify the DEW of the Board's adoption of the Model Policies through the DEW's Monitoring System by uploading a copy of this Board resolution on or before March 30, 2025, and by November 30 for each subsequent school year.

Educational Support Contracts

Allen County Pathway to Success Program - Enter into an agreement with the Allen County Educational Service Center for the ED Pathway to Success Program Services for the 2024-25 school year at the following rates: \$175.10 per day/per student for ED Services; \$100.47 per session/per student for Occupational Therapy Services; and \$68.82 per day for a one-on-one aide. (copy attached)

Before casting the vote, Joshua Little went on record stating that he was voting no because he finds it unacceptable that they are now just taking action on an invoice from September. He wants his no vote to reflect his displeasure in that then and now purchase order.

Angie Sparks wanted to go on record to state that the then and now purchase order did not result from anything the treasurer's office was responsible for. The treasurer's office paid the invoice when they received it, which is understood by all the board members.

Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 4 Nay: 1. The motion carried 4 – 1.

Joshua Little	No
Ron Mertz	Yes
Willie Sammetinger	Yes
Brian Cossel	Yes
Gregg Ruppert	Yes

PERSONNEL MATTERS

5-25 Member Joshua Little moved, Member Gregg Ruppert seconded to approve the following items:

Accept the following retirement:

SHELLEY KOCH - effective at end of 2024-25 school year

Approve the following employee leaves:

KIM DIRR - 1/6/25 thru approximately 2/5/25

JENNIFER DOUGLAS -- beginning of 2025-26 school year thru approximately 9/5/25

Employment of Substitute Guidance Counselor

Employ the following as a substitute guidance counselor for the 2024-25 school year, on a temporary basis, at the rate of \$65.00 per hour: KIMBERLY METZ

Employment of New Teacher

Employ the following new teacher for the remainder of the 2024-25 school year:

SHELBEY HILLEARY - Part-Time Preschool Intervention Specialist - Wapakoneta and Cridersville Elementary Schools - Bachelor's Degree - Step 2 - 18.5 hours per week - beginning approximately 1/15/25.

Employment of Tutor

Employ the following as a tutor for the 2024-25 school year, on an as-needed basis, at the rate of \$22.50 per hour: AIMEE GESLER

Addendum to Director of Operations Contract

Approve an addendum to the employment contract for Mike Watt, regarding payout of accrued vacation leave by February 28, 2025.

Employment of Substitutes

10.8 Employ the following substitutes for the 2024-25 school year, pending satisfactory completion of criminal records checks:

MEGAN ARMSTRONG – Teacher

KATHERINE LISI – Teacher

DEBBY LYNCH – Teacher

LORI RINGWALD – Teacher

KALEY SCHNARRE – Teacher

SUSAN SEARCY – Teacher
CALLIE SUTTON – Teacher
KYA SUTTON – Teacher
KEVIN WERST – Teacher
MEGAN ARMSTRONG – Paraeducator
KALEY SCHNARRE – Paraeducator
SUSAN SEARCY – Paraeducator
CALLIE SUTTON – Paraeducator
KYA SUTTON – Paraeducator
LILLIAN HUGHES - Cafeteria Worker

Employment of Athletic Workers

Employ the following athletic workers beginning with the 2024-25 school year and continuing until terminated by either the worker or Wapakoneta City Schools, and pending satisfactory completion of all paperwork:

SEBASTIAN DUNCAN
BEVERLY REX-COOK

Supplemental Contracts

Employ the following on supplemental contracts:

DOUG WHITMORE - Baseball Assistant (80%) - Step 4 - \$4,131.97
DAKODA BROWN - Baseball Assistant (20%) - Step 4 - \$1,032.99
MARSHALL GERLACH - Baseball Assistant (80%) - Step 4 - \$4,131.97
DAKODA BROWN - Baseball Assistant (20%) - Step 4 - \$1,032.99
MIKE BOGAN - Baseball Assistant (80%) - Step 4 - \$4,131.97
DAKODA BROWN - Baseball Assistant (20%) - Step 4 - \$1,032.99
MITCHEL APPLE - Middle School Baseball - Step 1 - \$3,001.86
JOE DELLINGER - Middle School Baseball - Step 4 - \$3,884.76
MARK SCHLOSSER - High School Track Assistant - Step 4 - \$5,164.97
NOAH RIOCH - High School Track Assistant - Step 2 - \$4,326.21
DAN ALLISON - Middle School Track Assistant - Step 4 - \$3,884.76
TARYN NEWMAN - Middle School Track Assistant - Step 4 - \$3,884.76
TRACI TURNER - Middle School Track Assistant - Step 4 - \$3,884.76
MIKE MAHAFFEY - Middle School Track Assistant - Step 2 - \$3,355.02

VOLUNTEERS

Approve the following volunteer for the 2024-25 school year:

JAYDEN LUEDEKE - Drumline Volunteer
JERRY MYERS - Clay Shooting Volunteer

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The end of the second nine weeks is January 16.

There will be no school on January 17, January 20, February 14, and February 17.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

6-25 Member Ron Mertz moved and Joshua Little seconded to amend the agenda item to state to adjourn to Executive Session at 6:37 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; and preparing for, conducting, or reviewing negotiations with public employees; with potential action to be taken.

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

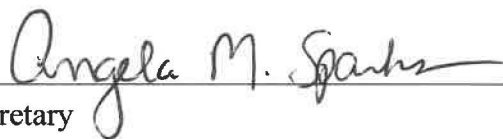
ADJOURNMENT

7-25 Member Joshua Little moved, Member Ron Mertz seconded to exit executive session with no action taken and adjourn the meeting at 7:49 p.m.

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



President



Secretary

FISCAL CERTIFICATE

WAPAKONETA CITY SCHOOLS

The Treasurer, Board President, and Superintendent of Wapakoneta City Schools certify that the monies required to meet the obligations entered into by the Board of Education have been lawfully appropriated by the Board of Education, and are either in the Treasury of the Board or are in the process of being collected to the credit of the appropriate fund, free from any previous encumbrances, and the Board has in effect for the current fiscal year and the succeeding fiscal year the authorization to levy taxes including the renewal of existing levies which, when combined with the estimated revenue from all other sources available to the Board on the date of this certificate, are sufficient to provide the operating revenues necessary to enable the Board to operate an adequate educational program for all the days set forth in its adopted school calendar for the current year and in the succeeding fiscal year equal to the number of days instruction has been held and is scheduled in the current year. This also includes multi-year contracts. This certificate is given in compliance with Sections 5705.391, 5705.41, 5705.412, and 5705.44 of the Ohio Revised Code.

This certificate applies to each action item approved by the Board of Education during this meeting.

Date of Certificate: 1/14/25

Treasurer: Angela M. Sparks

Board President: Brian Corral

Superintendent: A. M. Lee

January is School Board Recognition Month. Tonight I would like to recognize and thank our school board members for their leadership and dedication to Wapakoneta City Schools. The one thing that I appreciate most about our five school board members is that I know that they truly care about our school and this community. In every decision they make, they take into consideration what is best for our young people and our staff. I would like to recognize them now:

- Mr. Brian Cossel - Brian has been a member of the school board for 7 years and is entering his 8th year of service. Brian serves on the Athletic Board/Parent Information Group and the Performing Arts Center Committee. He is our returning School Board President. Brian and his wife are graduates of Wapakoneta High School and they have a son enrolled at the MS. He has worked for many years for the United States Post Office, he is a football official, and has been recognized as Citizen of the Year!
- Mr. Josh Little - Josh has been a board member since 2015 and is beginning his 10th year serving our district. Josh is on the Finance Committee and is the Legislative Liaison. Josh has three students attending Wapakoneta City Schools. Josh is the Chief Executive Officer of the YMCA, belongs to multiple service organizations, he is a swim official, and has also been Citizen of the Year!
- Mr. Ron Mertz - Ron has been a school board member for 25 years and begins his 26th this evening. This year he was recognized by the OSBA for his long-standing service to his community. He has served in many different roles and is currently on the Facilities Committee, the Compensation Committee, and he is the Student Achievement Liaison. In addition, he is a member of the Performing Arts Center committee and he is the Apollo representative. Ron is retired from Dana Corporation and spends time working on his garage (for what I think has been multiple years) and with his family. Ron, his wife, kids, and grandkids all attended or attend Wapakoneta City Schools.
- Mr. Gregg Ruppert - Gregg has been a board member for 7 years and now begins his 8th year of service this evening. Gregg serves on the Athletic Board/Parent Information Board, the Finance Committee, and the Compensation Committee. Gregg and his wife are both retired teachers from Wapakoneta. His son also attended WCS. He spent over 30 years teaching at the middle school, high school, and he coached various sports. He currently sells real estate and enjoys spending time in Florida.
- Mr. Willie Sammetinger - Willie has been a board member for 21 years and now begins his 22nd year. He is a member of our Facilities Committee and Wapakoneta High School Athletic Board/Parent Information Group. During 2025 Willie will again serve as the board vice president. Mr. Sammetinger was a brick mason and trade supervisor before retiring. Willie, his wife, and his three sons are graduates of Wapakoneta City Schools. He now has grandchildren attending school in our buildings. In addition to serving on the board, Willie coached ACME baseball and has been inducted into the Hall of Fame.

As you can see, we have a very diverse and dedicated group of people serving on our board and they truly care about our school system.

Even though we see board meetings taking place once a month, there is much, much more that goes into being a board member. Phone calls, emails, events, and big decisions are all part of a job that may not always receive a thank you, but truly make a huge impact on our outstanding school system. Thank you for your service to Wapakoneta City Schools.

Superintendent Report for Meeting

Aaron Rex

1/14/25

- Our second nine weeks ends on January 17 and the teachers will have a work day on that Friday. The students will return on January 21 for the second semester of our school year. I am excited to see all that will take place!
- During our break I was able to speak to a few students who were home for Christmas. While visiting they told me of how they were able to graduate in less than four years due to our college credit plus program. Some of these young people did attend four years, but were able to get their Master's degree during that time. I am proud of the programs that we offer for our kids and the impact that they have on their future.
- We have been working on our Winter Redskin Report. This will be the second one we have created with the online version. The goal would be to post it to our social media, send home to all parents by email, and also to print copies for locations that may need hard copies. It should be ready for distribution by January 23.
- As you know, we were able to meet with the City of Wapakoneta about the possibility of an easement on the north side of the river along the middle school practice field. I believe that we have a good compromise based upon our discussions, and our positive relationship will allow this to happen and benefit both parties.

WAPAKONETA CITY SCHOOLS

Monthly Activity Report-Mike Watt, Director of Operations

Early January 25

- **The rooftop units and curbs have been installed and are working for the high school, heat only at this time. The cooling will be installed as warmer weather breaks.**
- **The library at the high school has 99 percent of the updates complete. Thank you to the custodial and maintenance staff for helping to clear out that space. Thank you to the board for the needed upgrades.**
- **I have received pricing on the Cridersville HVAC controls update. I also have the HVAC maintenance contract out for bid. Those should all be in by the first week of February.**
- **I am starting to receive the cost of sealing the asphalt for WHS/Bus lot/baseball/softball/soccer and WES. This would include a single or double coat, and all lines on the blacktop newly painted.**
- **Working with the Community Foundation (Greg Myers) in regards to a community concert event to be held at the PAC in April. Meet with the sound and light engineer for the performance.**
- **Scott Minnig and I met with Zimmerman supply about new lockers for the B wing on the first floor of the high school.**

Thanks,
Mike



Wapakoneta Virtual School Grades 9-12

- We currently have 41 students enrolled into virtual school as of Wednesday January 8th.
- We currently have 8 students taking three or more classes on-line as of Wednesday January 8th.
- We currently have 17 Seniors, 12 Juniors, 6 Sophomores, 6 Freshman enrolled into virtual school as of Wednesday January 8th.
- We currently have 76 classes scheduled at this time.
- We are currently serving 8 students on an IEP or 504 plan.
- We currently have 8 students involved in our credit recovery program at this time.
- We will continue to make communication a priority with our students. Every student will receive an email with a video attached explaining the expectations and how to navigate the program.
- We continue to contact parents to update them about their child's progress and grades. Parents can have the ability to become an observer to access their child's progress and grades if they have signed up online.
- Our guidance department receives weekly progress updates on all virtual school students and has been active in communicating with families.

BOARD REPORT

2025 January

Carrie Knoch
Director of Student Achievement

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Major Projects 2024-25

Will continue throughout the year, I will provide updates

- Implementation of Reading Curriculum 8-12 and PD on future Reading Curriculum 3-7
- Refine implementation a Tiered System for Student Behavioral Health Concerns
- Ongoing Math Instructional Enhancements

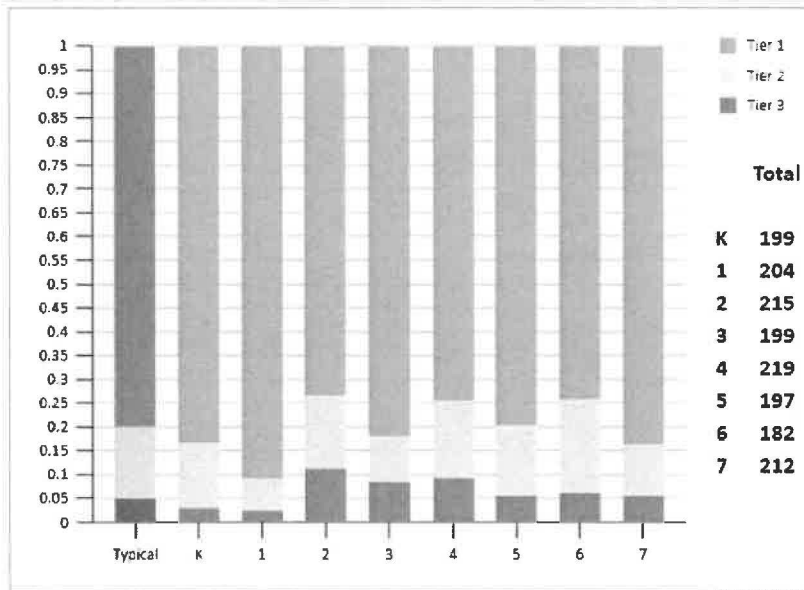


Community Committees and Partner Work

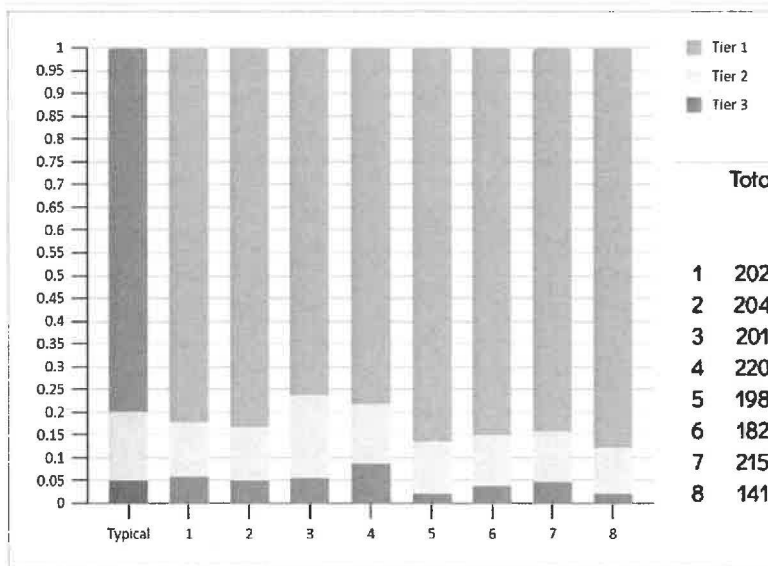
- FAST Committee
- Family Children First Full Council
- Auglaize County Homeless Coalition



Winter Data Summary



	Total	Red	Yellow	Green	Tier 3	Tier 2	Tier 1
					Typic	5%	80%
K	199	6	27	166	3%	14%	83%
1	204	5	14	185	2%	7%	91%
2	215	24	33	158	11%	15%	73%
3	199	17	19	163	9%	10%	82%
4	219	20	36	163	9%	16%	74%
5	197	11	29	157	6%	15%	80%
6	182	11	36	135	6%	20%	74%
7	212	12	23	177	6%	11%	83%



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					Typic	5%	80%
1	202	12	24	166	6%	12%	82%
2	204	10	24	170	5%	12%	83%
3	201	11	37	153	5%	18%	76%
4	220	19	29	172	9%	13%	78%
5	198	4	23	171	2%	12%	86%
6	182	7	20	155	4%	11%	85%
7	215	10	24	181	5%	11%	84%
8	141	3	14	124	2%	10%	88%

Jason Wolke, WCS Director of Opportunity School
Board Report
January 2024

Opportunity School has continued to work with students to not only improve their education, but to also build life skills, so they can enter the workforce immediately upon graduation. With the weather changing, we will be moving most of the lab work inside. Over the district's Christmas break, I had several community members reach out to me to see if the students can assist them in providing some kind of service. Thank you to Jim and Tony Stinebaugh for trusting us with some of your equipment, and thank you to Jessica Rich for including the OPP students to join them in creating a Wapakoneta Community Garden located by Heritage Park. Construction on these projects will begin following a public meeting at the Library on January 28 at 5 p.m.

JUVENILE PROBATION COLLABORATION

Opportunity School and the Auglaize County probation officers will be partnering up to provide a positive incentive program for students in OPP school. Discussions are still taking place with the probation department. A meeting has been set up to finalize the finer points of this project so that it can be unveiled at the start of the second semester.

ACADEMIC SUCCESS

As of January 8, there are a total of 23 students in OPP school that are currently assigned and taking Semester B courses fully. There are four students that still have at least one Semester A course that is not completed. Of these four students, two have been incarcerated and the other two are students that have joined us later in the school year. By joining us so much later, their time to complete all the assignments has significantly been reduced; therefore, putting them at a disadvantage.

At the start of the new semester, we will have new students from the high school joining us. This change of date has been made so that the students are able to receive the credit from their classes in the first semester at the high school, and then start here at OPP school with a fresh start in the second semester. We are excited to welcome our new students, so that we can help provide a new opportunity.

THANK YOU

We would like to thank Ms. Jamie Buell for coming in to discuss with our Sophomores the opportunity to attend Apollo Career Center starting next year. With this presentation, I will be taking the Sophomore class to the 411 Blast they are offering on January 31. This will help provide them additional guidance into a career after high school, beyond what can be done here at OPP school.

1-14-25

Wapakoneta High School Board Report:

With the end of the first semester on January 16, it is an exciting time for many of our students because they will begin some different classes for the second semester. Some of these classes include Physical Education, Health, Ceramics, Digital Photography, Marketing, Computer Applications, Creative Writing, Cultures, Home Maintenance, History of Pop Culture, and Psychology. We are so lucky to offer our kids so many different educational opportunities throughout the school year.

Our Agricultural students were able to attend a field trip on Thursday, January 9. This field trip took them to Brown's Welding and Wells Brothers where they learned about the businesses and the opportunities available for employment once they graduate. They also visited Hobart Welding where they were exposed to the advanced educational opportunities in welding.

Our Environmental Science class took a field trip to our Wapakoneta Wastewater treatment plant where they learned about all the science that it takes to ensure our water is safe to drink.

The robotics team traveled to Columbus on January 6 to find out what the new competition will be for this season. They began brainstorming on the ride home and have already started prototyping and designing their robot for their competition in Cincinnati on March 27-29.

Finally, our library remodel was completed over the break and it turned out fantastic. We have received a lot of positive feedback from our staff and students. Thank you for allowing us to do this.

January 2025 Report to the Board of Education

Power of ICU: As of January 10, WMS students had completed 1,263 assignments that were either initially not done on time or assigned while the student was absent. In the past or at other schools, these assignments may have ended up as a “zero” in the gradebook. The staff has committed to having every student complete every assignment.

MAP Data: In December, students completed their MAP tests for the winter. During TBT meetings, our teachers evaluated this data from their classes, identified students who made improvements, and set goals for the remainder of the school year to help students make growth. We also utilize this data to spot any schoolwide or grade level trends that may be affected by certain things we are doing as a school.

Book Tasting Pizzeria: Marty Eaton and Ginger Butler came up with a new twist on the monthly “book tasting” that takes place in the library. Once a month, students can come in and preview different books by getting a “taste” of the topic. This month, they made a themed event and decorated the library like an Italian Pizzeria. The students really enjoyed the event! In addition to Marty and Ginger, we would also like to thank our cafeteria staff for making cheese bites for the students to have as a snack.

Christmas Break: We hope that everyone had a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year with your families! WMS came back in the new year rested and energized to finish off the school year strong.

December 2024 Report to the Board of Education

Assessments Celebrations:

Our staff members have been working diligently to administer our assessments to our students, who have also been working diligently to complete them! These results show that our staff members and students are not only working diligently on these assessments; they are working diligently in our classrooms each and every day! We want to thank them for everything they are doing to help us *#bebetter* at WES!

Service Learning Project:

This year, we are continuing our service learning project for the Ronald McDonald House Charities of Dayton. In December, we held our first tab weigh-in and collected 934 pounds of tabs! We will have another tab weigh-in during the spring. Feel free to donate any tabs to our service learning project.

WIN Students:

We are very grateful for the WHS students who are completing their internships at Wapakoneta Elementary School. It is a great opportunity for these prospective educators to spend time in the classroom learning from our teachers. We are grateful for our teachers who welcome these students into their classrooms.

PTO Thank You:

We are grateful for our PTO members, as well as our parent volunteers, who have donated their time and energy to several recent activities. In November, they decorated our cafeteria tables for our students' Thanksgiving Feast, as well as provided our staff with breakfast during parent-teacher conferences. In December, they organized donations for our classrooms for our annual Christmas parties. In addition, they will be providing our staff with a luncheon before Christmas Break, as well as decorating our cafeteria tables for our students for the last day before Christmas Break. We are so grateful for all their support throughout the year!

BOE and Administration Thank You:

We are grateful to have a BOE and administrative staff that truly supports teacher instruction and student learning. Thank you for your time and commitment to our district! We want to wish each one of you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

BOE Update for January 2025

Music Program

- On Thursday, December 12, our 4th grade class, under the direction of Mary Dildine, put on the Holiday Music concert. The students practiced several times to prepare for the event. It was well attended and included a lot of different musical methods. I want to thank Mrs. Dildine for her hard work and dedication to the music program. Her level of energy is unmatched and her level of enthusiasm is contagious and genuine.

Math Night

- On Thursday, December 19, our PTO once again sponsored Math Night, where students and families could interact with math games, staff members, and see Santa for a small gift. I want to thank the staff members who volunteered their time to come and spend time with our students and families outside of the regular school day. I also want to thank Michelle Bates, our PTO president, for all her hard work and effort in organizing the event. She also organized the Santa Store, where students could purchase gifts for their families at a discounted rate. Our students love being able to shop for their families!

Caroling at Otterbein

- On Friday, December 20, our students and staff traveled across the street to Otterbein and sang Christmas carols to the residents. It was another great opportunity for us to partner with Otterbein to give back to the community. It was great to watch our students interact respectfully with the residents and staff members. Our students colored placemats that the residents used for their holiday meals. It was very heartwarming to watch the residents singing along with our students while dressed up in holiday attire. I would like to thank and celebrate Desiree Barnes from Otterbein who helped facilitate the day. She also provided snacks and a small toy/trinket for the students as they exited the facility.

Outstanding Staff Members

- 2nd Grade - Classroom teachers Renee Davis, Mandy Cutnaw, and Ashley Neu do an outstanding job of juggling the needs of a wide variety of students. They have some very challenging behaviors in their classrooms, but have been incredibly flexible to meet the needs of their students. I appreciate how they are continually assessing and making changes to find the best way to meet their students' needs. They receive help from their paraeducators, Shannon Vickery and Georgie Cook. Another extremely important member of the team is Bethany Tenwalde, who does a great job providing additional interventions for at-risk students while providing veteran leadership for our intervention specialists.

ATHLETICS

12/14/25

- W- Congratulations to Caden Mellott as he won the 120lb weight class at the GMVWA Tournament! This is our first champion at this meet since 2014. The wrestling team also defeated St. Marys Thursday 49-23 to stay undefeated on the season at 4-0!
- W- The boys' basketball team defeated Ottawa-Glandorf last month, which is the first win over the Titans since 1995 and broke their 29 game WBL win streak.
- W- The swim team will host an Invitational Saturday at the YMCA. Thank you to the YMCA for their help and cooperation with the swim team. The swim season is approaching the end of the season with the WBL tournament slated for January 25 and the sectional tournament on February 8.
- W- The boys bowling team is currently in a tie for 1st place in the WBL with a 4-1 record.

Sent 1-16-25
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(4-25)

**2024-2025
AGREEMENT FOR PROVISION OF SERVICES
BY THE ALLEN COUNTY EDUCATIONAL
SERVICE CENTER**

This agreement is made between the Allen County Educational Service Center Governing Board and the Wapakoneta City Schools for the provision of the following service by the Allen County Educational Service Center to Wapakoneta City Schools pursuant to R.C. 3313.843.

1. Allen County Educational Service Center will provide (ED) Pathway to Success Program Services as agreed upon by the Superintendent of the Allen County Educational Service Center and the Superintendent of the Wapakoneta City Schools during the 2024-2025 school year.
2. Wapakoneta City Schools shall pay Allen County Educational Service Center \$175.10 per day/per student, for (ED) Pathway to Success Program Services for the 2024-2025 school year.
3. Wapakoneta City Schools shall pay Allen County Educational Service Center \$100.47 per session/per student, for Occupational Therapy Services for the 2024-2025 school year.
4. Wapakoneta City Schools shall pay Allen County Educational Service Center \$68.82 per day, for a One-on-One aide for the 2024-2025 school year as needed.
5. Wapakoneta City Schools shall pay the Allen County Educational Service Center upon receipt of an invoice. Once enrolled, Wapakoneta City Schools will be invoiced for everyday the (ED) Pathway to Success Program is in session or until the student withdraws.

**Allen County Educational Service
Center Governing Board**

**Wapakoneta City Schools
Board of Education**

President **Date**

Brian Conel 1/14/25

President **Date**

Treasurer **Date**

Angela M. Spanha 1/14/25

Treasurer **Date**

Superintendent **Date**

A. M. Pea 1/16/25

Superintendent **Date**