

**MINUTES OF WAPAKONETA CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION
WAPAKONETA HIGH SCHOOL
REGULAR SESSION
Tuesday, February 27, 2024
7:00 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; building administrators; members of the public; and Ted Yewey with the Wapakoneta Daily News.

The pledge of allegiance was led by President Brian Cossel.

STUDENT RECOGNITION

Mr. Aaron Rex stated that this is always one of our favorite nights because we get to do one of our favorite things...recognize students. He thanked everyone for being in attendance tonight to recognize the students. He also stated that there are close to 900 students in the building, and if your child is one of the few being recognized tonight, it is a big deal. It is a big honor to be recognized and you should be proud.

Mr. Scott Minnig stated that he is excited about this tonight because they get to honor some great kids. Mr. Zane McElroy stated that there are various levels of recognition at the high school, and this would be the highest honor.

Recognize the following students from Wapakoneta High School:

REECE SCHNARRE - 12th Grade - nominated by Mrs. Fields
ADAM SNYDER - 12th Grade - nominated by the High School Office
AVA MORRIS - 11th Grade - nominated by Mrs. Romer
PAYTON BAILEY - 10th Grade - nominated by Mrs. Maryanne Mullen
DARON HOUSER - 9th Grade - nominated by Mrs. Follin
ADDI SCHNEIDER - 8th Grade - nominated by Mr. Rambin and Mrs. Eley

RETIREE RECOGNITION

Recognize the following retiree: TAMMY BUSH - Cafeteria Worker beginning in 1990; Paraeducator since 1999

Mr. Aaron Rex's remarks are attached to the minutes.

EDUCATIONAL REPORTS

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

REPORTS FROM THE BOARD

Mr. Ron Mertz stated that they are starting to move dirt for the new building at Apollo. They came up with a price and contractor and the paperwork was signed last night. The cost will be around \$9.2 million. This will also include the new big lot for the truck driving testing area that they are taking over for the state. The majority of it will be paid for with grants so that is a big help. It will house three programs – fire, EMS, and police, as well as the truck driving school. It's a pretty exciting time to be up there. Senior celebration will be held in May where they will receive their certificates and parents will be invited. It will take place at the Elida Field House.

Mr. Aaron Rex asked if Apollo will accept more students with the additional room being added due to the new building. Mr. Mertz indicated that they will accept more students in fire, EMS, and police and just a few in the truck driving school. There is a possibility that some adult programs will be moved off-site so we can add more or increase programs for the students. He also stated that they are offering kids the opportunity to attend the adult classes in the evenings if they can't get into their program during the day because it is shut out. They would attend their second choice during the day and their first choice at night.

ROUTINE BUSINESS

8-24 Member Joshua Little moved, Member Gregg Ruppert seconded to approve the following items:

Approve minutes from the organizational and regular meetings held January 8, 2024.

Approve monthly financial reports.

Permanent Appropriation Modifications

Approve the following permanent appropriation modifications:

Art Club - (Fund 200-9201) - \$1,715

FFA (Fund 200-9214) - \$8,320.11

Gatekeepers (Fund 200-9217) - \$271.50

French Club (Fund 200-9218) - \$70

Retro (Fund 200-9238) - \$120

Spanish Club (Fund 200-9240) - \$80

Middle School Art Club (Fund 200-9310) – (\$9)

Middle School Student Council (Fund 200-9312) – \$257.10

Class of 2026 (Fund 200-9926) - \$676.36
 Athletic Account – Baseball (Fund 300-9111) - \$310
 Athletic Account – Boys’ Basketball (Fund 300-9112) - \$1,050
 Athletic Account – Softball (Fund 300-9134) - \$505
 Athletic Account – Volleyball (Fund 300-9135) - \$100
 Athletic Account – Cheerleading (Fund 300-9153) - \$3,486
 Band (Fund 300-9200) - \$6,835.20
 Robotics Club (Fund 300-9204) - \$1,743
 Middle School Ambassador’s Club (Fund 300-9311) - \$1,731.10

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 service date is prior to the purchase order date:

PO #	Check #	Vendor	Amount	Description	Invoice Date	PO Date
2401868	83944	Copper Bucket Fundraising	\$5,996.50	Apples for FFA Fundraiser	12/18/23	2/1/24

Purpose Statement and Budget Forms

Approve the Purpose Statement and Budget Forms for the following Student Activity Funds/Athletic Team Funds:
 Wapakoneta Middle School Ambassador’s Club
 School Choirs Fund
 Cheerleading
 Softball

Authorization of Advance

Authorize the following advance of funds: \$1,000 from the General Fund (Fund 001-0000) to the Class of 2025 (Fund 200-9925)

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:

	Inside 10 Mill Limit	Outside 10 Mill Limit
General Fund	4.55	20.95
Bond Retirement Fund	<u>0.00</u>	<u>3.10</u>
Total	4.55	24.05

Acceptance of Donations/Scholarships

Accept donations from the following:

- \$1,254 - from RCW Rentals, LTD - for High School Choir
- \$200 - from Downtown Wapakoneta Partnership - for High School Choir
- \$510 - from Anonymous - for Student Lunch Accounts
- \$10 - from Bruce Lillicrap - for Robotics Club
- \$500 - from Mercer Landmark - for FFA
- \$10 - from Jon Dearbaugh - for Robotics Club
- \$50 - from Cridersville Church of the Nazarene - for Cridersville Elementary Food Pantry
- \$1,000 - from Berg Family Advised Fund with the Wapakoneta Area Community Foundation - for FFA Livestock Barn

Membership in OHSAA

Voluntarily renew membership in the OHSAA for the 2024-25 school year for schools with grades 7-12, and agree to conduct athletic programs in accordance with the Constitution, Bylaws, Regulations, Interpretations, and decisions of the OHSAA and to cooperate fully and timely with the Commissioner's Office of the OHSAA in all matters related to the interscholastic athletic programs of the schools. The schools shall be the primary enforcers of the OHSAA Constitution, Bylaws, and Sports Regulations and the interpretations and rulings rendered by the Commissioner's Office. The Board reserves the right to raise the student-athlete eligibility standards as the Board deems appropriate for the schools and students under its jurisdiction. The administrative heads of these schools understand that failure to discharge the duty of primary enforcement may result in fines, removal from tournaments, suspension from membership, and/or other such penalties as prescribed in Bylaw 11.

NWOERC Subscription Renewal

Renew the Northwestern Ohio Educational Research Council (NWOERC) Subscription for the 2023-24 school year, at a cost of \$250.00.

Student Handbook Revision

Approve a revision to the Middle School and High School student handbooks regarding bullying/harassment/intimidation for the remainder of the 2023-24 school year (copy included in minutes)

Approval of Field Trip

Approve a field trip for high school students to attend the Robotics state competition in Cleveland, OH, beginning March 20, 2024, with no cost to the district.

Mr. Brian Cossell thanked everyone for the donations to the District.

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

PERSONNEL MATTERS

9-24 Member Ron Mertz moved, Member Joshua Little seconded to approve the following items:

Accept the following resignations/retirements:

BRADLEY STEINKE - resignation effective 2/9/24

KARA KOHLER - retirement effective at end of 2023-24 school year

MARK LAW - retirement effective 5/31/24

Employee Leaves

Approve the following employee leaves:

MISTY BAKER - extend leave through 2/9/24

JEANERA' BOROFF - 1/25/24 through approximately 2/29/24

ANGELA BOWSHER - approximately 3/23/24 through end of 2023-24 school year

CHRISTOPHER FELTZ - extend leave through approximately 3/8/24

RONALD LENHART - extend leave through approximately 4/8/24

KIMBERLY MARLOW - 1/22/24 through 2/5/24

ANGELA RUMBAUGH - 2/8/24 through approximately 2/27/24

NICHOLAS TRUESDALE - 3/11/24 through approximately 3/18/24

SHELBY TRUESDALE - 3/11/24 through approximately 3/18/24

Employment of New Paraeducator:

Employ TERRY KANTNER as a paraeducator at Cridersville Elementary School for the remainder of the 2023-24 school year, beginning 1/16/24 - 5.92 hours per day - Step 1 - \$15.19 per hour.

Employment of New Guidance Counselor:

Employ MELISSA SMITH as a Guidance Counselor at the High School on a one-year limited contract for the 2024-25 school year - Masters Degree - Step 6 - \$62,862 - pending verification of documentation.

Employment of Tutors:

Employ the following tutors for the 2023-24 school year, on an as-needed basis, at the rate of \$20 per hour:

JOSHUA BROWN

ABBIGAYLE CONKLE

OLIVIA EWRY

TRACY GOULET

BRITTENY HENDRICKSON

TERESA RIFFLE

Employment of Substitutes

Employ the following substitutes for the 2023-24 school year, pending satisfactory completion of criminal records checks.

- BAILEY FORD – Teacher
- JUSTIN HAWK – Teacher
- MADELYN KOENIG – Teacher
- CONNER LAUSE – Teacher
- KALEIGH PALMER – Teacher
- COURTNEY ROCKWOOD – Teacher
- KAITLYN STRAWN – Teacher
- BROOKE VICKERY – Teacher
- LINDSEY AYERS - Paraeducator - beginning 1/23/24
- BAILEY FORD – Paraeducator
- MADELYN KOENIG – Paraeducator
- CONNER LAUSE – Paraeducator
- KALEIGH PALMER – Paraeducator
- COURTNEY ROCKWOOD – Paraeducator
- KAITLYN STRAWN – Paraeducator
- BROOKE VICKERY – Paraeducator
- VICKI WINKLER – Paraeducator
- LAINA WRIGHT – Paraeducator
- KAITLYN STRAWN – Secretary
- LAINA WRIGHT – Secretary
- DUNCAN BUTLER - Cafeteria Worker
- IAN BUTLER - Cafeteria Worker
- CHELSIE COMER - Cafeteria Worker
- CLAIRE TAMBE - Cafeteria Worker
- MARK WRIGHT - Cafeteria Worker

Substitute Custodians

Employ the following substitute custodians for the 2024 calendar year:

- JUSTIN HAWK - beginning 1/23/24
- MARK WRIGHT - beginning 2/22/24

Supplemental Contracts

Amend Resolution #5-24 to modify the following supplemental contract:

- NOAH RIOCH - Change contract from Middle School Track Coach to High School Track Assistant Coach - Step 1 - \$3,876.12

Employ the following on supplemental contracts for the 2023-24 school year:

- TAYLOR WEST - Softball Assistant (2/3) - Step 1 - \$2,597
- CORRIN WILDER - Softball Assistant (1/3) - Step 1 - \$1,279.12
- EMILY ERB - Middle School Softball - Step 1 - \$2,928.62
- DANIEL KETNER - Middle School Track - Step 3 - \$3,488.51
- MICHAEL MAHAFFEY - Middle School Track - Step 1 - \$2,928.62
- DOUGLAS WHITMORE - High School Baseball (77%) - Step 4 - \$3,880

DAKODA BROWN - High School Baseball (23%) - Step 4 - \$1,158.96
MARSHALL GERLACH - High School Baseball (77%) - Step 4 - \$3,880
DAKODA BROWN - High School Baseball (23%) - Step 4 - \$1,158.96
MICHAEL BOGAN - High School Baseball (77%) - Step 4 - \$3,880
DAKODA BROWN - High School Baseball (23%) - Step 4 - \$1,158.96
JOSEPH DELLINGER - Middle School Baseball - Step 4 - \$3,789.98
SCOTT ENGLE - Middle School Baseball - Step 4 - \$3,789.98
AUSTIN SCOTT - Head Boys Tennis - Step 1 - \$3,876.12
ALEXANDER GORNALL - esports - Step 3 - \$3,488.51

Volunteers:

WAYNE SCHNEIDER - 8th Grade Softball Volunteer
JOSH WAHL - Girls Bowling Tournament Volunteer

Employ the following on supplemental contracts for the 2024-25 school year:

TRAVIS MOYER - Head Football - Step 4 - \$8,608.28
SARAH SWANEY - Football Cheer Coach (1/2) - Step 4 - \$1,942.38
KAREN HUTT - Football Cheer Coach (1/2) - Step 4 - \$1,942.38
SARA FOOR - Football Cheer Coach-Freshman (1/3) - Step 2 - \$1,442.07
ERICA PRESTON - Head Girls Soccer - Step 1 - \$5,297.40
MINDY WEBB - Girls Soccer Assistant - Step 4 - \$5,164.97
SAMANTHA TRIMBOLI - Girls Soccer Assistant (1/2) - Step 4 - \$2,582.48
BRADLEY BURNFIELD - Girls Soccer Assistant (1/2) - Step 1 - \$1,986.53
SCOTT BRINKMAN - Head Boys Soccer - Step 4 - \$6,445.17
GREGORY LUTHMAN - Boys Soccer Assistant - Step 4 - \$5,164.97
DANIEL KETNER - Boys Soccer Assistant - Step 4 - \$5,164.97
KARA SCHNEIDER - Head Girls Cross Country - Step 4 - \$6,445.17
MATTHEW ROSEBROCK - Head Boys Cross Country - Step 3 - \$6,047.87
JOHN JOHNS - Middle School Cross Country - Step 3 - \$3,575.75
MATTHEW ELEY - Head Boys Golf - Step 2 - \$4,326.21
MEGAN BROWN - Head Volleyball - Step 4 - \$6,445.17
LINDSAY ZIELONKA - Volleyball Assistant - Step 4 - \$5,164.97
DIANNE SAMMONS - Volleyball Assistant - Step 4 - \$5,164.97

Mr. Aaron Rex welcomed Missi Smith to the District. He also welcomed Erica Preston and Mindy Webb, the new girls' soccer coaches.

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.

ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL ITEMS

10-24 Member Gregg Ruppert moved, Member Joshua Little seconded to approve the following item:

WEA Memorandum of Understanding

Approve a Memorandum of Understanding with the Wapakoneta Education Association, which will amend the Collective Bargaining Agreement dated July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2026, with respect to bargaining unit members having the option to submit online elective course proposals for additional compensation, beginning with the 2023-24 school year. (copy included in minutes)

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Kindergarten registration for the 2024-25 school year is March 11-15. March 15 is the last day of the third nine weeks.

The next regular meeting will be Tuesday, March 26, at 7:00 p.m. at Wapakoneta Elementary School. Students will be recognized.

There is no school March 28 through April 1 for WOEI Day/Easter break.

HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

Several individuals signed up to speak regarding cheer camp and one regarding boys' volleyball. The list of speakers is attached to the minutes.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

11-24 Member Willie Sammetinger moved, Member Ron Mertz seconded to adjourn to Executive Session at 8:18 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

12-24 Member Ron Mertz moved, Member Willie Sammetinger seconded to exit executive session and adjourn the meeting at 9:25 p.m.

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

Brian Casel

President

Angela M. Sparks

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: 2/27/24

Treasurer: Angela M Sparker

Board President: Ruan Corral

Superintendent: A. M. Beck

WAPAKONETA CITY SCHOOL BOARD

STUDENT RECOGNITION NOMINATION

Student Name: Reece Schnarre

Grade: 12

School: High School

Person Submitting Nomination: Cori Fields

Reason For Nomination: At the beginning of the school year I asked Reece to help a 9th grade student in the weight room twice a day to help the student self-regulate. Reece happily said yes, however, he turned it into so much more! He has mentored or encouraged the student in a way I could never have dreamt of. He has been better regulated, more involved and in less trouble since they have started. Reece has shown up everyday with a smile on his face and has led by example. He has been such a big help for me and has made a huge impact in my other student's life. It has been such an honor to be a part of! Now Reece is going to be a part of our lunch buddy program at the Elementary, where I know he is going to make a positive impact on another student's life. I am truly grateful for his help. Reece is such a positive light to our students and staff and I can't wait to see all of the amazing things he accomplishes.

Other Interests/Hobbies:

- Lifting, hunting, fishing, hanging out with friends
- Football and wrestling
- Plans to go to OSU for Mechanical Engineering

Parents Names, Address and Phone Numbers(s):

Donald Schnarre & Nicole Resor

818 W. Auglaize St.

Wapakoneta, OH 45895

419-302-3525 (Donald)

419-234-3317 (Nicole)

WAPAKONETA CITY SCHOOL BOARD

STUDENT RECOGNITION NOMINATION

Student Name: Adam Snyder

Grade: 12

School: High School

Person Submitting Nomination: High School Office

Reason For Nomination: Adam is a Senior student with a loving nature and kind heart that shines brightly everywhere he goes. Adam's growth in the last few years is astounding, and he is starting to show his true personality and quirky sense of humor. Adam completes his school work thoroughly and without much assistance from staff or other student helpers. Adam most enjoys participating in Physical Education and Life Skills classes. He thrives when presented with hands-on activities and loves trying out the new recipes that the classroom teachers or peers come up with! Adam is very respectful to his peers and would do anything to help his peers or staff members, often anticipating a need before others even realize what is going on. Adam has many friends at school and is a positive light every single day. He stops by daily to ask how our day is going and never leaves without a fist bump and telling us that he hopes we have a great day. He helps our custodial staff during the day and they are very grateful for his hard work as he completes any task they ask of him.

Adam is a joy to all who get the privilege of knowing him. He has become an outstanding young man who is certain to continue to do great things in his future.

Other Interests/Hobbies:

Outside of school, Adam participates in Special Olympics track and field events in the summer and has previously participated in bowling and basketball. He enjoys competing in Special Olympics and looks forward to the State Games at THE Ohio State University every summer. Adam enjoys playing video games in his free time, watching movies/TV and listening to music.

Parents Names, Address and Phone Numbers(s):

Michael and Tammy Snyder

103 W. Benton St.

Wapakoneta, OH 45895

567-356-9505 (Michael)

567-356-9441 (Tammy)

WAPAKONETA CITY SCHOOL BOARD STUDENT RECOGNITION NOMINATION

Student Name: Ava Morris

Grade: 11

School: High School

Person Submitting Nomination: Lisa Romer

Reason For Nomination: Ava has been extremely helpful this school year! She is always asking me what she can do to help. She stayed late after our French Club Christmas party to clean my entire classroom. She organized the club supplies and cleaned the counters and sinks. She is a hard worker and has a big heart. She really cares about her teachers and her peers. I can always count on her to help other classmates get caught up on work or teach them a concept or lesson we have learned. I am blessed to have her in the French Club and my French 3 class!

Other Interests/Hobbies:

- Plays Soccer
- Runs Track
- Works at McDonalds
- French Club
- Student Senate

Parents Names, Address and Phone Numbers(s):

Stephanie Morris

16942 Townline Lima Rd.

Wapakoneta, OH 45895

419-303-5307

WAPAKONETA CITY SCHOOL BOARD STUDENT RECOGNITION NOMINATION

Student Name: Payton Bailey

Grade: 10

School: High School

Person Submitting Nomination: Maryanne Mullen

Reason For Nomination: Payton is an excellent student and has had an outstanding year so far. She consistently works hard, is attentive, and always so polite. She is a quiet student, but serves as an excellent role model as she leads by example. At the beginning of the year, I asked my students to tell me why they come to school. Payton's response to this question speaks highly of her character and attitude as she said she wants "to learn and grow as a person." Payton surely has shown this to be true throughout this year. I am honored to recognize Payton for her positive attitude and hard work this year!

Other Interests/Hobbies:

Payton is also involved in cheer and dance

Parents Names, Address and Phone Numbers(s):

Terri & Nathan Bailey

919 Carnation Drive

Wapakoneta, OH 45895

419-233-1772 (Terri)

937-210-8521 (Nathan)

WAPAKONETA CITY SCHOOL BOARD STUDENT RECOGNITION NOMINATION

Student Name: Daron Houser

Grade: 9

School: High School

Person Submitting Nomination: Amy Follin

Reason For Nomination: Daron is such a joy to have in class! His fun personality and sense of humor brightens the room! Daron is always willing to help anyone in need. From fetching art supplies, giving constructive criticism, or making someone laugh - he always contributes to the class in a positive way. Thank you for being you - Never change!

Other Interests/Hobbies:

- Football
- Baseball
- Working Out
- Coaching Flag Football
- Cows
- Painting

Parents Names, Address and Phone Numbers(s):

Laura Wildoner	Aaron Houser
835 Kelly Drive	21131 Bowsher Rd.
Wapakoneta, OH 45895	Cridersville, OH 45806
419-234-4243	419-235-3277

WAPAKONETA CITY SCHOOL BOARD STUDENT RECOGNITION NOMINATION

Student Name: *Addison Schneider*

Grade: *8th*

School: *Wapakoneta Middle School*

Person Submitting Nomination: *Mr. Rambin & Mrs. Eley*

Reason For Nomination:

Addi always brings her upbeat personality into everything she does. She is very determined in class and in her extracurricular activities. She doesn't let anything get in her way. She is a great friend and a hard-working student.

If I had to sum up my reason for this nomination, it would be; "Determination!" In my 26 years of education here at Wapakoneta High School, I've yet to meet a student who has the same level of determination as this young lady! Addi should be an inspiration to everyone.

It doesn't matter what we are doing in class, whether it's taking notes on the computer or building our projects in class, Addi finds a way to accomplish all of her work and always does it with a smile! I honestly can't imagine anything that she couldn't accomplish once she puts her mind to it.

I have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know Addi and been given the opportunity to work with and watch her overcome every obstacle thrown her way. In short, I only wish that every student was blessed with her level of determination and positive attitude. Thank you for being "you!"

Other Interests/Hobbies:

Basketball manager, member of the power of the pen creative writing team, dance, piano

Parents Names, Address and Phone Numbers(s):

Wayne and Melissa Schneider
513 S. Wentz St.
Wapakoneta, OH 45895
419-296-1088 (Wayne)
419-296-1093 (Melissa)

Tammy Bush started with Wapakoneta City Schools in 1990 as a cafeteria worker at Northridge Elementary School. She served in a variety of cafeteria roles and in multiple buildings over the years. Tammy was always considered a hard worker with a positive attitude who was willing to do whatever was necessary to help her co workers and of course the kids!

In 2000 she transitioned to a paraprofessional position at Cridersville Elementary School. Dave Tester described Tammy as positive, upbeat, compassionate and understanding. If you know Tammy these are all very true. When you watched her interact with the students you could see and hear in voice how much she truly cared about the children she worked with.

During the time Tammy was serving as a paraprofessional she continued to follow our motto of #be better as she attended multiple professional development activities, and completed her associates degree at the Ohio State University.

Tammy once wrote that she had been given the opportunity to work with kids to help them meet their academic goals. The sparkle in the eyes of a child who accomplishes a given goal is priceless. I think all of our staff would agree with that statement!

She continued to work at the Cridersville building downtown and then the new Cridersville building for 20 years until she became the library specialist at Wapakoneta High School. This was a different role for Tammy, but she was able to take the hard work from the cafeteria, the love for helping kids learn from Cridersville, and combine those to create an atmosphere where organization and learning were a priority.

Tammy Bush was a friendly face, a caring voice, and just an overall good person who treated our kids exceptionally well for 34 years.

I want to thank her for her service to the district and most importantly for what she did to help the students of Wapakoneta City Schools.

Superintendent Board Report School Board Meeting 2/27/24

- We had a great day of professional development on February 16. There were multiple agencies and staff members presenting to our staff. The sessions were well done and we received a great deal of positive feedback. I want to thank Carrie Knoch for organizing and our staff members for their preparation and presentations.
- Our administrative team has been setting two-week goals and sharing what we have been working on. It has created some nice discussions and also progress in areas that we feel are needed.
- This is the third nine weeks and we are doing our next round of walkthroughs in the buildings. We have had a focus on specials, but have made an effort to get into a variety of classrooms.
- I met with Greg Myers last week and he is still working to bring more “awareness” to our Performing Arts Center and would like to have more happening in that space. He is still looking into creating a community group to help with that. We also discussed the alumni association, the Young Historians, and other topics within the district.
- It has been a busy time and I have been attending a great deal of meetings within and outside of the district. I am encouraged to see all that is happening within the schools and our programs. We should be very proud of what we do!

Aaron Rex
Superintendent

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WAPAKONETA CITY SCHOOLS

Monthly Activity Report-Mike Watt, Director of Operations

February 2024

- **The WHS office renovation project is basically wrapped up. The locks for the doors are the delay.**
- **The Cridersville new Outdoor air handler is slated to arrive on time in May.**
- **Brought on a new mechanic, Edie Clem. Brad Steinke left to take a position in the Federal Agriculture area.**
- **We are hosting girls and boys district basketball games starting next week. These are large events for the high school and bring a lot of people to the community.**
- **We held a LMC meeting. No major issues.**
- **Addressed some work ethic issues and job performance with a custodian.**
- **Attended the OETC meeting in Columbus.**

Thanks,
Mike



Wapakoneta Virtual School Grades 8-12

- We currently have 63 students enrolled into virtual school as of Wednesday February 21st.
- We currently have 24 students taking three or more classes on-line as of Wednesday February 21st.
- We currently have 29 Seniors, 8 Juniors, 14 Sophomores, 10 Freshman and 2 Eighth Grader's enrolled into virtual school as of Wednesday February 21st.
- We currently have 179 classes scheduled at this time.
- We are currently serving 7 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 have the ability to receive a weekly progress report if they provided us an email address.
- Our guidance department receives weekly progress updates on all virtual school students and has been active in communicating with families.

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PTO Fundraisers and Involvement: We would like to thank our PTO for their contributions to WMS and their involvement this year. There has been more involvement from parents in the school and a few different ideas to fundraise for the organization. Currently, our students are selling LaGrande/Astro Lanes punch cards to partner with local pizza places. The PTO helps fund field trips, the PBIS Store, Book Fair, and other programs/activities at WMS. We are grateful for their help!

DOK/State Testing Terms and Phrases: During TBT meetings last year, our teaching staff created Google Slides presentations about certain Depth of Knowledge terms and phrases that students will encounter on assessments and state testing. Terms like “Infer,” “Analyze,” and “Differentiate” are words that may seem difficult to understand or even how to attack a problem. As a staff, we started introducing these terms and phrases during the WIN period so they are not as daunting on the state test.

ELA Curriculum Committee: Multiple staff members have volunteered to join the ELA Curriculum Committee and work with other district personnel. Giving up time in the classroom and making sub plans can be difficult and involves extra work, but we are thankful for these leaders to help make the best decisions going forward for our school and district. There have been many healthy conversations and brainstorming about whether or not we need to look at curriculum for grades 3-12 and there has been a great deal of conversation about a knowledge based curriculum.

February 2024 Report to the Board of Education

February Professional Development:

This month, our staff members have participated in building-wide and district-wide professional development sessions. As always, our staff members strive to *#bebetter* at meeting the needs of our students. We appreciate their attendance and participation in these professional development opportunities.

Building Goals:

In the summer of 2022, our DLT met and created several two-year goals for our building. Our staff members have been working diligently to make progress towards these goals. Here are updates on our goals:

- **Phonics:** This month, we celebrated the fact that we have completed everything on our action plan that we had created to reach our phonics goal for the end of the year. We are implementing Orton Gillingham or Morphology+ in all our Kindergarten through 4th grade classrooms!
- **Academic Interventions:** This spring, we will finish up our book study on the 10 Success Factors for Literacy Interventions. We are very proud to say that we have already implemented the majority of these success factors with our Redskin Resource program!
- **PBIS/Behavior Interventions:** The PBIS committee has worked hard to create a Flowchart that will allow teachers to better understand how to document and report tier II and III behaviors within Public School Works.

We look forward to meeting with our DLT in March to continue the discussion on these goals!

PTO Thank You:

We are grateful for our PTO members and volunteers who sponsored classroom activities, crafts, games, snacks, and drinks for our annual Valentine's Day parties. They are also running our Book Fair and our Mother-Son activity night this week. We truly appreciate everything our PTO does for our school!

March Board of Education Meeting:

We look forward to recognizing some of our outstanding students at the March Board of Education meeting at Wapakoneta Elementary School!

Upcoming Events:

March 1: Mother-Son Night
March 19: McTeacher Night

School Board Report February 2024

GIT/ Otterbein

On two separate occasions during the month of January, the Guys in Ties walked over to spend some time with the residents. Otterbein had assembled enough residents to make several small groups. The boys had an opportunity to play chair volleyball, listen to readers, play games, work out, cornhole, and many other opportunities. The first trip to Otterbein was the K-2 graders, and when we went back two weeks later, the 3rd and 4th graders walked over with me.

Deputy Schulze

I would like to take a moment to officially welcome Deputy Schulze to Cridersville Elementary. Aaron Schulze is a Deputy with the Auglaize County Sheriff's Office and current SRO for Cridersville Elementary Schools. Deputy Schulze has worked both Corrections and Road Patrol during his 11 years with the Sheriff's Office. Aaron is a certified Taser and Subject Control Instructor along with being an advisor for the Explorers program. Deputy Schulze is also a past member of the Auglaize County SRT and Negotiations Teams.

Originally from Marion Local, Aaron now resides in New Bremen with his wife and two young daughters. In his free time, Deputy Schulze enjoys tournament crappie fishing and relaxing with family. Deputy Schulze is truly excited to be working with the Wapakoneta school system and its wonderful staff and students.



100th Day

The 2nd of February was the day the students at CES celebrated the 100th day of school. Although it is so hard to believe the school year is well over half way, we were able to celebrate this with students dressing like they were 100 years old. The day started out incredible and the students looked amazing. The only downfall was the children were so excited to run up to me with their gray hair, trousers, and button down shirts and with an excited and cheerful voice stated, "Look Mr. Wolke, I look like you." It became difficult to continue agreeing.

Right to Read Week

This week, students are celebrating the gift of reading. Throughout the week, students and staff will be participating in special reading events, attending the book fair, and finding creative places to read in the building. A very special thank you to the RTR week committee for planning this entire week and helping students to grow a love for books.

On Friday morning, we will be celebrating BE A BOOK day. Each year, this is a very, very big day. Staff and students will be dressing up as their favorite book character. A select number of staff members will be traveling around the building reading books to classrooms. This is one of the most enjoyable days of the year.

Girls in Pearls





The Girls in Pearls program met with Mrs. Dawn West and Rafaella from Equador (golfer at UNOH) about ACCEPTANCE. Miss Rafaella spoke English, but was at times difficult to understand when she arrived in the United States. During her conversation with the girls, she talked about how important it was for others that she met to be accepting. The young ladies of Cridersville learned a great deal about what it means to be nice and to understand diversity. Thank you to Dawn and Rafaella for taking time out of their day to stop in and chat.

Jason Wolke
Principal

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Severt, Patty <sevepa@wapak.org>

Athletic Board Report

1 message

Rex, Brad <rexbr@wapak.org>
To: Patty Severt <sevepa@wapak.org>

Tue, Feb 27, 2024 at 10:26 AM

Patty,

Here are the sports updates for my board report:

Swim- The following boys competed at the state swim meet last week:
Owen Becker- 50 Freestyle, 100 Backstroke and the 400 Freestyle Relay
Julian Jordan, Gannon Casebolt and Isaiah Wachauf- 400 Freestyle Relay

Lizzy Sidener- broke her own school record in the 200 IM- 2:16.04 at the District Tournament

The Wrestling team took home the WBL Championship in dominant fashion- I have included the final results so you can see how many of our guys won championships and finished in the top 4 in their weight class. The team qualified the following to the District Tournament this week:

- 106 - Zane Russell
- 113 - Carson Pummell 120 - Caden Mellott 132 - Gavin Ridenour 157 - Dawson Ware 165 -
- Reece Schnarre 175- Wyatt Buell 190 - Brody Presar 215 - Jace Knous

Girls Basketball team defeated Holland Springfield in the first round of the tournament and Ashland Saturday to win the Sectional Championship! The team will play Anthony Wayne Thursday at Lake High School in the District Tournament.

Boys basketball won their last three games over Celina, Coldwater and Defiance to finish the regular season at 12-10. The team travels to Anthony Wayne Friday for the Sectional Championship.

Both the boys and girls bowling teams qualified for this weeks District Tournament at Port Clinton!


Good luck to all our teams!

Go Redskins!
Brad

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OHIO HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

Doug Ute, Executive Director

2-27-24
(8-24)

January 2024

The Ohio High School Athletic Association's Constitution requires the Board of Education or similar governing board (in a non-public school/system) to annually adopt a resolution authorizing their schools that were members during the 2023-24 school year to **continue** membership for the 2024-25 school year. Once your Board of Education or similar governing body has passed this resolution for continued membership, the enclosed "Board of Education Resolution Card" needs to be completed and returned per the enclosed instructions.

Membership Terms:

Membership in the Ohio High School Athletic Association is also an agreement by all schools listed on the back of the card to conduct their athletic programs of OHSAA sponsored sports in accordance with the Constitution, Bylaws, and Regulations of the Ohio High School Athletic Association and the interpretations and decisions of the OHSAA staff. Participation in sponsored tournaments is voluntary and membership is also an agreement to abide by all tournament regulations when participating. This also means that member schools agree to their respective tournament assignment and accept that all decisions by contest officials – whether in regular season contests or tournament contests – are final. The Bylaws and Regulations are approved annually by the member schools and are made available to each member school through the annual publication of the OHSAA Handbook. It is also important to note that Member high schools that wish to have the privilege of continued full membership in the OHSAA must meet the following requirements:

- **Must sponsor a minimum of two OHSAA Sanctioned interscholastic sports per sport season**
- **Compete in at least 50% of the maximum allowable regular season contests permitted in team sports**
- **Participate in OHSAA post season tournaments in the minimum 2 sports sponsored by the school.**

Membership Dues:

Per a recommendation by the Executive Director's Office, the OHSAA Board of Directors has instituted the following membership dues for high schools for the 2024-25 school year:

High School Membership Dues: \$50/sport **7/8 Grade Schools Membership Dues: No membership dues**

Once the enclosed Board Resolution Card is received by the Executive Director's Office, each high school will be invoiced for its membership dues later on during the 2024-25 school year.

Scheduling Board Meeting:

Continued membership in the OHSAA requires adoption of the resolution for the schools on the enclosed card by your Board of Education or similar governing body. The card must be received no later than **June 30, 2024**, to ensure continued membership. Therefore, please add this item to the agenda for an upcoming board meeting.

Contents of this Mailing:

Please find enclosed in this mailing:

- 2024-25 OHSAA Board Resolution Card (ORANGE CARDSTOCK)
- Instruction sheet (BLUE) for completing and returning the resolution card.
- Pre-addressed and stamped return envelope using US Postal Service

Sincerely,

Doug Ute

Doug Ute, OHSAA Executive Director

NORTHWESTERN OHIO EDUCATIONAL RESEARCH COUNCIL, INC.

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March 20, 2023

Dear Superintendent:

The Board of Directors of the Northwestern Ohio Educational Research Council (NWOERC) is inviting your school system to join this organization for the 2023-2024 school year. The subscription fee includes:

- 2 One-Day Workshop sessions \$20 per participant (includes lunch). The fee for the One-Day Workshop for non-subscribers is \$125 each. Please do not remit this fee amount until the registration forms are available. **Tentative Dates** for the One-day Professional Development Workshops for the 2023 – 2024 school year are:
 - October 19, 2023 AM - Special Education Law Update - Pepple & Waggoner
PM -School Law Update - Pepple & Waggoner
 - March 14, 2024 Leadership for Building Leaders – BASA Staff
- The “Atwood” Conference for Superintendents for an all-inclusive fee of \$200 on September 10, 11, & 12, 2023. Please do not remit this fee amount until the registration forms are available. Commuter and one-day attendance packages will also be available.

The subscription (membership) fees are based on your October 2022 ADM. Please remit the correct amount with a copy of this form to this ADDRESS Gene Linton at NWOERC Inc. 15714 Trenton Rd. Sunbury, OH 43074. Please use this letter as your invoice, send the original with your payment, and be sure to keep a copy for your records.

All ESCs and Universities - **\$250.00**; Districts less than 3,000 ADM - **\$250.00**; Districts over 3,000 ADM - **\$350.00**

Wapakoneta City Schools
District / Organization


Superintendent / Representative

*Email Addresses for the Superintendent and other personnel to receive workshop information:

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| 1. rexaa@wapak.org | 2. |
| 3. | 4. |

Sincerely,

NWOERC Sponsors
Dave Axner, BASA

Eugene P. Linton

Secretary / Treasurer

Email: Eugene.linton99@gmail.com

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2-27-24
(10-24)

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

This **MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING** is executed this ____ day of _____, 2024, by and between the **BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE WAPAKONETA CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT** (the "Board") and the **WAPAKONETA EDUCATION ASSOCIATION** (the "Association").

WHEREAS the Board and the Association are parties to a Collective Bargaining Agreement (hereafter the "Agreement"), the effective dates of which are July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Board wishes to develop online course electives for its students and compensate bargaining unit members who participate in such development for doing so.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT AGREED upon by the Board and the Association as follows:

1. Bargaining unit members at the High School shall have the option to submit an online elective course proposal in English, Math, Science, Social Studies, or other by January 31 of each year the MOU is in place (2024, 2025, 2026). Such submittals shall be submitted in writing to Mr. Scott Minnig.
2. If a bargaining unit member's submission is accepted for development by the Principal, the bargaining unit member must develop the 18 week (semester) online elective course on or before August 1 of each year the MOU is in place (2024, 2025, 2026). Once the Principal confirms in writing that the developed online elective course has been completed and is ready for use by students, a one-time stipend of \$1,000.00 shall be paid within 30 days of the Principal's confirmation.
3. Bargaining unit members who receive the one-time stipend referred to in Section 3 of this MOU shall be responsible for monitoring student progress in the online course and providing each student with a grade.
4. In addition to the one-time stipend referred to in Section 3 of this MOU, each bargaining unit member who has successfully developed an online elective course and completed the responsibilities in Section 3 of this MOU shall receive the amount of \$125.00 for each student who completes his/her online elective course each school year, up to a maximum number of students to be determined by the high school administration for each school year for each online elective course.
5. Bargaining unit members shall be required to update the online elective course that they developed on or before June 1 of each year the MOU is in place (2024, 2025, 2026) for use by the Board during the 2023-2024, 2024-25, and 2025-26

school years. Once the Principal confirms in writing that the developed online elective course has been successfully updated and is ready for use by students, a one-time stipend of \$500.00 shall be paid within 30 days of the Principal's confirmation.

6. Any bargaining unit member who performs the duties in Sections 4 or 5 of this MOU because the bargaining unit member who developed the online elective course is unable to complete those duties shall be entitled to the payments specified in those Sections on a prorated basis.
7. All courses and intellectual property developed under this MOU shall be considered the property of the Board. Each bargaining unit member who develops an online course under this MOU shall be required to sign an acknowledgment and assignment agreement confirming such ownership by the Board.
8. This MOU shall expire on June 30, 2026, except for any obligations which extend beyond such date. In no event shall any obligations be binding upon either party after June 30, 2026.
9. The Board and Association acknowledge, agree, and understand that nothing contained herein shall be construed or utilized as "past practice" or "precedent setting" in any related or unrelated, current or future grievance, arbitration, litigation, or matter of contract interpretation involving the Board and the Association.

Executed on the date noted above by the duly authorized representatives of the Board and the Association.

**WAPAKONETA CITY SCHOOL
DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**WAPAKONETA EDUCATION
ASSOCIATION**

Superintendent

Association Co-President

Treasurer

Association Co-President

Board President

SPEAKER REGISTRATION

WAPAKONETA CITY SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

Date 2/27/24

NAME	ADDRESS	PHONE	ORGANIZATION
Kelli Lee	15306 Bigler Rd.	419-303-5856	Wapak cheer
SUBJECT		DID YOU RECEIVE A COPY OF "GUIDELINES FOR SPEAKING AT A PUBLIC BOARD MEETING?"	
UCA cheer camp		(Circle One) YES <input type="radio"/> NO <input checked="" type="radio"/>	

NAME	ADDRESS	PHONE	ORGANIZATION
Karlin Lee	15306 Bigler Rd	419 905 8950	Wapak Cheer
SUBJECT		DID YOU RECEIVE A COPY OF "GUIDELINES FOR SPEAKING AT A PUBLIC BOARD MEETING?"	
UCA camp		(Circle One) YES <input type="radio"/> NO <input type="radio"/>	

NAME	ADDRESS	PHONE	ORGANIZATION
Kaylin Phillips	1905 Rosewood dr	419-201-2051	Wapak cheer
SUBJECT		DID YOU RECEIVE A COPY OF "GUIDELINES FOR SPEAKING AT A PUBLIC BOARD MEETING?"	
UCA camp		(Circle One) YES <input type="radio"/> NO <input type="radio"/>	

NAME	ADDRESS	PHONE	ORGANIZATION
Jenniferley	19305 Amineima	419 953 3640	Wapak cheer
SUBJECT		DID YOU RECEIVE A COPY OF "GUIDELINES FOR SPEAKING AT A PUBLIC BOARD MEETING?"	
UCA camp		(Circle One) YES <input checked="" type="radio"/> NO <input type="radio"/>	

SPEAKER REGISTRATION

WAPAKONETA CITY SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

Date 2/27/24

NAME	ADDRESS	PHONE	ORGANIZATION
Ashley Moyer	912 Primrose	419 979 9363	Wapak cheer

SUBJECT	DID YOU RECEIVE A COPY OF "GUIDELINES FOR SPEAKING AT A PUBLIC BOARD MEETING?"
UCA cheer camp	(Circle One) <input checked="" type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO

NAME	ADDRESS	PHONE	ORGANIZATION
Myla Heitz	832 Helen Dr.	419-234 2043	Wapak cheer

SUBJECT	DID YOU RECEIVE A COPY OF "GUIDELINES FOR SPEAKING AT A PUBLIC BOARD MEETING?"
UCA Cheer camp	(Circle One) YES <input type="radio"/> <input checked="" type="radio"/> NO

NAME	ADDRESS	PHONE	ORGANIZATION
Alisha Frost	21988 Conant Rd	804 330 8434	

SUBJECT	DID YOU RECEIVE A COPY OF "GUIDELINES FOR SPEAKING AT A PUBLIC BOARD MEETING?"
Boys Volleyball	(Circle One) YES <input type="radio"/> <input checked="" type="radio"/> NO

NAME	ADDRESS	PHONE	ORGANIZATION

SUBJECT	DID YOU RECEIVE A COPY OF "GUIDELINES FOR SPEAKING AT A PUBLIC BOARD MEETING?"
	(Circle One) YES <input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> NO