

**MINUTES OF WAPAKONETA CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR SESSION
Tuesday, February 23, 2021
5:30 PM**

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

ROLL CALL

Upon the roll being called, the following were present:

BOARD MEMBERS:

Brian Cossel
Joshua Little
Ron Mertz
Gregg Ruppert
Willie Sammetinger

Also in attendance were Aaron Rex, Superintendent; Angie Sparks, Treasurer; administrators and community members.

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

STUDENT RECOGNITION

Mr. Aaron Rex, Superintendent, announced that he was pleased to have everyone here at the board meeting tonight so we could recognize everyone in person.

Mr. Doug Selvey, Assistant High School Principal, indicated that it was a lot of fun making some phone calls on Thursday to see if everyone could make it tonight. As Assistant Principal you get to deal with a lot of discipline phone calls so it was nice to be able to make phone calls to recognize students. He told the parents that they should be very proud of their son or daughter or grandson or granddaughter for all of their accomplishments. There were a lot of individuals nominated for this. It was cool going through the selection process. It provided a good showing of what our high school has to offer. He asked everyone to give the parents a hand.

Mr. Scott Minnig, High School Principal, said thank you to all of the family members. He informed them that they have wonderful kids. There are a thousand kids in the building, so to be recognized is a great honor. He also thanked the teachers, guidance counselors, and paras for being there. He couldn't thank them enough for being in attendance and supporting our students.

Recognize the following students from Wapakoneta High School:

EMMA HUNLEY - 8th Grade - nominated by Jen Zwiebel

BRIAN PUCKETT - 8th Grade - nominated by Laura Hadding, Kerri Smith, and Heidi LaMarr

ELI DEKOK - 9th Grade - nominated by DeLynn Epperly
 HARRISON GREEN - 9th Grade - nominated by Tracy Goulet and Laura Hadding
 VANESSA YOUNG - 10th Grade - nominated by Zach Jung
 CAMERON REICHENBACH - 11th Grade - nominated by Michelle Gearing

Mr. Joshua Little, Board President, stated that it is always a pleasure recognizing our students. He thanked the parents for trusting us here at Wapakoneta City Schools with their children.

RETIREE RECOGNITION

Recognize the following retiree: JOHN ZWEZ - Bus Driver since 2005; Retire/rehire 10/31/20

Mr. Aaron Rex said a few remarks regarding Mr. Zwez and congratulated him on his retirement.

Mr. Little presented Mr. Zwez with a gift from the Board of Education and thanked him for his years of service.

EDUCATIONAL REPORTS

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

REPORTS FROM THE BOARD

Mr. Ron Mertz, Apollo Board member, indicated that the Apollo board okayed a one and a quarter mile walk that will go through the woods and back around. All the classes will participate in the construction of it. They are putting \$60,000 into the walk. It will be ten feet wide and empty out into the Johnny Appleseed Park District. He also indicated that the Journeyman and Apprenticeship programs for industry are going so strong that they are talking about having an architect look at it and putting up another building. There are 100 students enrolled in the three classes they currently have, and more people are looking at it all the time.

ROUTINE BUSINESS

9-21 Member Ron Mertz moved, Member Brian Cossel seconded to approve the following items:

Approve minutes from the organizational and regular meetings held January 12, 2021.

Approve monthly financial reports.

Then and Now Purchase Order

Approve the following then and now purchase order, as required by the Ohio Revised Code 5705.41(D), since a portion of the service dates are prior to the purchase order date:

PO #	Check #	Vendor	Amount	Description	Invoice Date	PO Date
101209	75098	Transfinder Corp.	\$5,550	Annual Fees	12/14/20	1/1/21

FY '21 Permanent Appropriation Modifications

Approve the Following FY '21 Permanent Appropriation Modifications:

- WMS: MMGW Mini Grant (019-9121) - \$2,000
- Early Childhood Expansion Grant (439-9221) - \$68,000
- Ohio School Safety Training Grant (499-9221) - \$15,489.51
- FFA (200-9214) - \$40,971.47
- Band (300-9200) - \$2,079.50
- Special Education, Part B-IDEA (516-9221) - \$1,996.65
- Title 1 (572-9221) - \$8,086.05
- IDEA Preschool Grant for the Handicapped (587-9221) – (\$20.73)
- Improving Teacher Quality, Title II-A (590-9221) - \$1,140.26
- Title IV-A Grant (599-9221) - \$5,561.85

Approval of New Funds

Approve the following new funds for FY '21:

- WMS: MMGW Mini Grant (019-9121) - \$2,000
- Ohio School Safety Training Grant (499-9221) - \$15,489.51

Accept donations from the following

- \$5,000 - GEENEX SOLAR, LLC - For technology needs of the District or solar power educational tools for the District
- \$1,000 - AMBROSE CHOCOLATE COMPANY, LLC - To purchase supplies or impact students at the Middle School
- \$500 - FITZPATRICK MEDIA GROUP – Athletics
- \$330 - CRIDERSVILLE CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE - To purchase supplies for the on-campus food pantry at Cridersville Elementary School

Mr. Little thanked all the donors.

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

PERSONNEL MATTERS

10-21 Member Willie Sammetinger moved, Member Gregg Ruppert seconded to approve the following items:

Accept the following resignation:

DANIEL LANDIS - effective 8/31/21

Accept the following retirements:

JILL BRIEM - end of the 2020-21 school year

LAURA HADDING - 12/1/21

CANDY JACKSON - 7/1/21

JANN KLOPFENSTEIN - 6/1/21

GAYLE SCHNEIDER - 5/31/21

CHRIS TURNER - 2/12/21

Approve the following employee leaves:

- HEATHER BERGMAN - amend prior approved leave (to begin 2/3/21)
- MEGAN BUETNER - amend prior approved leave (to begin 2/17/21 through end of school year)
- TAMMY BUSH - 1/25/21 through approximately 3/12/21
- SHANE HELMSTETTER - 2 weeks beginning approximately 2/24/21
- LEAH SCHOTT - 1/25/21 through approximately 3/4/21
- PAULA WADSWORTH - 1/25/21 through approximately 2/10/21
- JADE ZARTMAN - 3/25/21 through approximately 4/5/21

Employment of Staff

Employ the following teacher/social worker at the Middle School for the second semester of the 2020-21 school year:

SUSAN HARROD - SEL Teacher/Social Worker at Middle School - Masters Degree - Step 11 - \$67,916

Employment of Paraeducator

Employ KRISTIN RUNSER as a High School Study Hall Paraeducator beginning 2/17/21 - \$13.25 per hour - 6.25 hours per day

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

BAILIE BARRINGTON – Teacher
SARA HOYT – Teacher
CAL MILLER - Teacher (beginning 2/16/21)
HANNAH SCHWIETERMAN – Teacher
MAKENZIE SPEAKMAN – Teacher
DAWN HEMLEBEN – Secretary
ALEXA FISHER - Paraeducator

Employ the following on supplemental contracts for the 2020-21 School Year:

SUMMER GRINER - HS Track Assistant - Step 1 - \$3,608.28
JOHN JOHNS - HS Track Ratio - Step 1 - \$1,764.05
KEVIN ALLWINE - MS Track - Step 1 - \$2,726.26
NICK WOLKE - MS Track Ratio - Step 1 - \$1,764.05
DOUG WHITMORE - Baseball Assistant - Step 4 (85%) - \$3,987.15
DAKODA BROWN - Baseball Assistant - Step 2 (15%) - \$589.35
MARSHALL GERLACH - Baseball Assistant - Step 4 (75%) - \$3,518.07
DAKODA BROWN - Baseball Assistant - Step 2 (25%) - \$982.25
MIKE BOGAN - Baseball Assistant - Step 4 (70%) - \$3,283.53
DAKODA BROWN - Baseball Assistant - Step 2 (30%) - \$1,178.70
JEFFREY SCHLEETER - Middle School Baseball - Step 3 - \$3,247.45
JOE DELLINGER - Middle School Baseball - Step 2 - \$3,046.99
DIANE SAMMONS - Softball Assistant - Step 4 - \$4,690.76
DAN FISHER - Middle School Softball - Step 4 - \$3,528.10
JAMIE WALLEY - Middle School Softball - Step 1 - \$2,726.26

Approve the following VOLUNTEERS:

CARLY BROWN - Softball Assistant Volunteer

MADISON WATT - Boys Tennis Volunteer

Employ the following on supplemental contracts for the 2021-2022 School Year:

TRAVIS MOYER - Head Football - Step 4 - \$7,993.83

MEGAN BROWN - Head Volleyball - Step 2 - \$5,206.24

MIKE FOOR - Head Girls Soccer - Step 4 - \$5,985.12

SCOTT BRINKMAN - Head Boys Soccer - Step 4 - \$5,985.12

MARSHALL GERLACH - Head Boys Golf - Step 3 - \$4,386.36

DAVE ACHESON - Head Girls Golf - Step 4 - \$4,796.30

TOMA HAINLINE - Head Girls Tennis - Step 4 - \$4,796.30

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

ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL ITEMS

11-21 Member Willie Sammetinger moved, Member Joshua Little seconded to approve the following item:

Employ the following on supplemental contracts for the 2020-21 school year:

NICK TRUESDALE - Weight Room-Spring - Step 4 - \$1,844.23

TODD ERB - Weight Room Ratio-Spring - Step 4 (1/2) - \$922.12

BRENT COPELAND - Weight Room Ratio-Spring - Step 3 (1/2) - \$781.79

Mr. Ron Mertz stated that he struggled with this all week. He called different board members to ask their opinions because we were going to come up with a different way of doing this and we haven't yet. At this time he will support it because contractual-wise it is the right thing to do, but with that being said we need to address this and do something with it before the vote comes up with the fall sports.

Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **4** Nay: **1**. The motion **carried 4-1**, with Gregg Ruppert voting no.

MISCELLANEOUS

12-21 Member Willie Sammetinger moved, Member Ron Mertz seconded to approve the following item:

Approve use of EPC for Advertisement of Bus Bids

WHEREAS, the Wapakoneta City Board of Education wishes to advertise and receive bids for the purchase of school buses. THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Wapakoneta City Board of Education wishes to participate and authorize the Southwestern Ohio Educational Purchasing Council to advertise and receive bids on said Board's behalf as per the specifications submitted for the cooperative purchase of school buses.

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

13-21 Member Brian Cossel moved, Member Willie Sammetinger seconded to approve the following item:

Appointment to Board Committees

BE IT RESOLVED that the following members of the Wapakoneta City Board of Education be appointed to serve on the designated boards and committees for 2021, per Board Policy 0155. Representatives to the Compensation Committee:

Gregg Ruppert and Ron Mertz

Mr. Rex indicated that this was a committee we were going to approve in January, but it was left off of the agenda.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 23, 2021, at Wapakoneta Elementary School at 7:00 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

14-21 Member Willie Sammetinger moved, Member Gregg Ruppert seconded to adjourn to Executive Session at 6:11 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

15-21 Member Gregg Ruppert moved, Member Willie Sammetinger seconded to exit executive session and adjourn the meeting at 7:30 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: 2/23/21

Treasurer: Angela M. Span

Board President: JR

Superintendent: A. M. Bee



Wapakoneta City School Board

Student Recognition Nomination



Student Name: Emma Hunley

Grade: 8

Person Submitting Nomination: Jen Zwiebel

Reason For Nomination: Despite hardships in her own life, Emma possesses the enthusiasm, drive, and ability to be a leader in the school and community. She is not afraid to speak up about things that need changed; but more importantly, she wants to work hard to be a part of the solution. I hope that Emma does not lose this positive spirit. I cannot wait to see the impact that she has on people and issues in the future.

Other Interests/Hobbies: Gatekeepers, Principal/Student Advisory Committee, Girl Scouts

Parents Names, Address and Phone Numbers(s):

Jamie Vorhees

34 Spencer Circle

Cridersville, OH 45806

(567) 356-0199



Wapakoneta City School Board



Student Recognition Nomination

Student Name: Brian Puckett

Grade: 8th

Person Submitting Nomination: Mrs. Hadding

Reason For Nomination:

At the beginning of the year Brian struggled in Social Studies. Mr. Allen and I were very pleased that Brian had substantially increased his grade by the end of the second nine weeks. He has become a hardworking and conscientious student. Brian has also been a good influence on one of his peers.

Other Interests/Hobbies:

Way to go Brian!

Outside of school Brian likes to hang out with friends, ride his bike and play video games.

Parents Names, Address and Phone Numbers(s):

Tammy Wagner
301 S. Waverly St.
Apt. A

(419) 979-2452

Aradersville OH 45816-2364



Wapakoneta City School Board

Student Recognition Nomination



Student Name: Brian Puckett

Grade: 8

Person Submitting Nomination: Kerri Smith and Heidi LaMarr

Reason For Nomination:

Brian is one of the most reliable students in our class. He is prompt, punctual, and a pleasure to have in class. He's not the loudest student, however he continues to lead by example. Brian pays attention, completes his work on time, and always has a positive attitude. He emails when he is absent and still makes an effort to get his work done to be ready for the next day he is back. During homeroom, Brian is constantly busy and always has something that he is working on. Well done, Brian!

Other Interests/Hobbies:

Brian enjoys hanging out with his friends, checkers and science.

Parents Names, Address and Phone Numbers(s):

Tammy Wagner

301 S. Waverly St. Apt. A

Cridersville, Ohio 45806

Mike Puckett Sr.

810 S. Wapakoneta St.

Waynesfield, Ohio 45896



Wapakoneta City School Board

Student Recognition Nomination



Student Name: Eli Dekok

Grade: 9

Person Submitting Nomination: DeLynn Epperly

Reason For Nomination: Eli is a very jovial young man. He is very kind to all students, particularly those with special needs. Currently, Eli is a volunteer in the high school special needs unit where he is a very wonderful influence. His teachers are extremely appreciative of all his efforts. They feel that he goes above and beyond all they ask of him, and is willing to do anything that they ask. He works well with all of the kids and "thanks" the teachers for allowing him to work in their room. His politeness with all staff and students goes beyond expectation too. Each morning Quinn Epperly searches for Eli in the halls so that they can make their friendly exchange ... yelling "STINKY PIGS!!!" Since this is not a common thing to yell, it tends to bring a smile to many people's faces. Eli, keep up the good work!

Other Interests/Hobbies:

Eli is playing basketball this year for the Redskins.

Parents Names, Address and Phone Numbers(s):

Eli lives with his mother Kriston Miller and stepfather Allen Miller. He also has a sister Italy Miller.



Wapakoneta City School Board



Student Recognition Nomination

Student Name: Harrison Green

Grade: 9th

Person Submitting Nomination: Mrs. Goulet and Mrs. Hadding

Reason For Nomination:

We are both very pleased and excited how Harrison has shown improvement in both Science 9 and Reading 9. He has made noticable improvements with his attitude and work ethic. In science we have

Other Interests/Hobbies: asked Harrison to help another student. We love this new and improved Harrison!

- gaming/video
- dirt bikes
- spending time with siblings

Parents Names, Address and Phone Numbers(s):

Melinda Green

503 Lima Street

Wapakoneta, OH 45895



Wapakoneta City School Board



Student Recognition Nomination

Student Name: Vanessa Young

Grade: 10th

Person Submitting Nomination: Mr. Zach Jung

Reason For Nomination:

Vanessa has been a shining star in my CP English class since the start of the year, and I now have the pleasure of working with her in Taking Center Stage, as well. Though soft-spoken and reserved at the start, Vanessa brings such a dynamic personality to our class setting and engages in conversations that lead to deeper thinking, newfound perspectives, and connective reasoning. She is authentic, raw, and relational in all that she says and does, which makes her a delight to have in class. It is evident that Vanessa has the potential to be a leader in any pursuit of life, while demonstrating the qualities of being a lifelong learner. Her rich narratives, thoughtful remarks, and well-rounded demeanor make her a true asset to our community of learners!

Other Interests/Hobbies: Writing

Parents Names, Address and Phone Numbers(s):

Sueanne Corns; 614 ELLEN ST WAPAKONETA, OH 45895-2428; (715) 239-1802



Wapakoneta City School Board

Student Recognition Nomination



Student Name: CAMERON REICHENBACH

Grade: 11

Person Submitting Nomination: Michelle Gearing

Reason For Nomination: I am writing to you today to recommend School Board recognition for one of my most outstanding students, Cameron Reichenbach. I have been fortunate and blessed to have had Cameron in my German class for three consecutive years, and I have had the privilege of witnessing the growth of his mind and spirit as he has matured into a motivated and inspiring young man. Cameron has often proved to be a real leader, both inside and outside of the classroom.

In class, Cameron is well-prepared and attentive; his work is always completed fully, meticulously, and on time. He listens well, follows instructions, and contributes to the overall dynamics of the class. As a member of German class for three years, Cameron has had the opportunity to learn speaking, reading, and writing skills in a foreign language. This eye-opening experience has allowed him to develop an appreciation and tolerance for other cultures, as well as richly contribute to class discussions and develop personal goals. He has applied himself equally cross-curricularly, and this has sparked an insatiable quench in him to see, do, and learn all the more. I admire his ability to diligently maintain a 4.0 GPA, including advanced coursework and college credit, all the while earning additional honors and accolades through his numerous other activities. Aside from his impressive academic and extra-curricular accomplishments, he is also exceptionally personable....a polite, respectful and mature young man who is easy to work with and a true pleasure to be around.

Cameron is an exceptionally highly motivated, conscientious student determined to make a career for himself as a commercial pilot.... in fact, unlike many of his peers, he has already begun taking the crucial first steps by training to attain a Private Pilot's License through the Neil Armstrong Airport in New Knoxville. He has already completed over 30 hours of in-air training, including several solo flights! Cameron is planning to apply to a *Professional Pilot Program* and I'm quite confident that he will find much success in his future professional endeavors.

Exceptionally personable, exceptionally motivated....Cameron is truly a student worthy of School Board recognition. Cameron's desire to learn and intrinsic curiosity brings an enormous amount of energy and enthusiasm to the classroom. He's even been known to dance a little when the perfect song comes on! Always with a smile, always eager to learn something new, having Cameron in class puts a positive spin on daily lessons for both myself and his classmates.

Other Interests/Hobbies:

In addition to his school work, I appreciate the enormous amount of time and energy that Cameron also puts forth on our school's football, baseball, and swim teams, as an avid online Chess Club tournament player, as well as participating in our local Scouting organization, where he earned the prestigious ranking of **Eagle Scout** after completing a community project.

Parents Names, Address and Phone Numbers(s):

Jim and Mary Lee Reichenbach

16537 WAPAK-CRIDERSVILLE RD

WAPAKONETA, OH 4589

(419) 738-9814

Superintendent Report for Meeting

Aaron Rex

2/23/21

- I attended a meeting this past week with Mike Watt and Angie Sparks where we discussed the upcoming solar project in Allen and Auglaize Counties. Along with county commissioners and school officials, we attempted to learn more about a PILOT (Payment In Lieu Of Taxes), compared to traditional taxes that would be collected from the project.
- Next Saturday, February 27, our staff will be receiving the first shot of the Pfizer vaccine. This is great news for our staff and with the new guidelines, if they are exposed to a positive individual at work they would not have to quarantine for 3 months after receiving the vaccine.
- We have been seeing a decline in the number of students and staff testing positive at the school. There is also a decrease in the number of cases in the region. Due to this, we are going to start allowing our students to take field trips that they would normally take within 30 minutes of the school. It is important to continue to allow our young people to have these additional school experiences.
- We are now at the halfway point of the 3rd nine weeks. It has been so rewarding to get into our classrooms and see our staff and students hard at work. There is no doubt that we have faced our challenges, most recently with the weather, but we continue to persevere. I want to thank all of our staff members, and with all of the snow, a special thank you to our maintenance and custodial staff. This is a lot of extra work for these people and they do an excellent job!
- As you know we did receive \$300,000 back from the State that was cut last spring. In addition we learned that we will receive \$1,216,808.09 in ESSER funds to help with costs. These additional funds will be used to help offset costs from the general fund.

WAPAKONETA CITY SCHOOLS

Monthly Activity Report-Mike Watt, Director of Operations

February 19, 2021

- **The control boards have been replaced at WES... Munters was here for two days to replace boards and rewire the system. Perfection is programming the unit to have access through our building automation system.**
- **Our IT department has done a great job rebuilding the schools network (Backbone switches) and next will be replacing access points throughout the district. Most of this funding was aided by ERATE**
- **Working with Insurance Adjusters for the fire at the football field.**
- **Met with several contractors for estimates. Schwartz contracting and Hume Supply will be submitting quotes**
- **Lots of road checks.**
- **Smart boards have arrived for the various buildings. These are being prepped for install over the next couple of weeks.**
- **Worked with our ERATE consultant for the next phase of Cat 1 funding. (Mostly Internet Access, in the past awarded to NOACSC.)**
- **Attended sporting events.**
- **Working on Classified Negotiations**
- **Investigated a harassment complaint. Provided the summary to Mr. Rex.**
- **Maintenance and Mechanic Staff and Custodial Staff have done a great job with the snow removal.**
- **Bus drivers have been great transporting the students in this weather.**

Thanks,
Mike

1/23/2021

-KINDERGARTEN 2021/22-

Just a reminder in case you are asked about registration. Kindergarten Registration will be online this year. It worked well last year this way. This also gives the parents a little more flexibility with time and keeps the Board Office staff safer without so many visitors.

How to become part of the Wapakoneta CLASS OF 2034*

*Child must be 5 years old on or before Aug 1, 2021

STEP 1:
Mark your calendar for March 8th - March 19th to complete Steps 2 & 3

- STEP 2:**
Gather Required Documents:
- Proof of Residency (Current utility bill, deed or rental lease, bank statement, check stub, etc)
 - Any custody or divorce papers if applicable (including shared parenting)
 - Child's Birth Certificate
 - Child's Immunization Records

STEP 3:
Submit Information

Documents and following information (1) current email and (2) phone number, (3) building preferred Wapakoneta Elementary or Cridersville Elementary, and the (4) name of the parent that will be completing the online enrollment need to be submitted in one of the following ways:

Email – schnch@wapak.org
(If you do not have access to a scanner, you should be able to take a picture with your smart phone and email to the above.)

Fax – 419.739.2918 Attn: Charlotte

Copies may be placed in the drop box located to the right of the front door at the Administration Office (1102 Gardenia Drive, Wapakoneta).

ONLINE ENROLLMENT PROCESS

- Once the required documents are received and reviewed, you will receive an email or phone call with an access code to begin online enrollment.
- Online enrollment cannot be completed with a cell phone. It must be done on a tablet, chromebook or personal computer.
- If you are unable to complete this at home, call 419-739-2905 and an appointment will be set up to do the enrollment via telephone.
- If your residence is not in the Wapakoneta City School District, an open enrollment form will be sent to you.



HEALTH CONCERNS

A school nurse will review your child's immunization record and medical concerns disclosed on the enrollment form and contact you, if additional information is required. Additional concerns can be discussed at the screening appointment.

SCREENING APPOINTMENTS

Once your enrollment is processed, you will be contacted via email to schedule a screening appointment.

QUESTIONS

If you have any questions, please contact Charlotte Schnippel at 419-739-2905.

This information can also be found at <https://www.wapak.org/EnrollingYourChild.aspx>

-STATE TESTING-

I fully anticipate that we will be participating in state testing this Spring. The federal government has not offered a waiver on required tests, and without a waiver the tests will proceed.

We've recently learned that ODE has online "practice" tests available for the students to take right now. This will help our teachers get some great data and be able to adjust instruction. We are piloting this with a couple of groups right now and then we will roll it out to all teachers in tested grades.

-CURRICULUM-

We have made plans to align the Career Planning course to the requirements for earning the "Ohio Means Jobs" graduation seal. This would mean that most of the students would earn the Ohio Means Jobs Seal. Not only would that be great in terms of graduation requirements, it would be even better for preparing for the workforce.

We have also made plans to meet with 7th and 8th grade science teachers to look at the standards that they share and plan for vertical alignment. This is in response to the winter benchmark testing data.

The elementary and middle school principals, Kassie, and I have been looking at Reading Instruction and Interventions. This is in response to the winter benchmark testing data.

Wapakoneta High School

1 West Redskin Trail

Wapakoneta, OH 45895-9377

Phone: 419-739-5200**Fax:** 419-739-5305**Guidance Office:** 419-739-5201**www.wapak.org**Scott J. Minnig, Principal
419-739-5200Douglas R. Selvey, Asst. Principal
419-739-5208Bradley R. Rex, Ath. Administrator
419-739-5204**Wapakoneta Virtual School Grades 8-12**

- We currently have 130 students enrolled into virtual school as of Wednesday February 17th.
- We had 17 students enroll into virtual school at the beginning of the third nine weeks. We had 28 students withdraw from virtual school and return back to school at the beginning of the third nine weeks.
- We currently have 23 Seniors, 22 Juniors, 35 Sophomores, 22 Freshman and 28 Eighth Graders enrolled into virtual school as of Wednesday February 17th.
- We currently have 620 classes active at this time.
- We have 19 honors classes being taken at this time.
- We are currently serving 13 students on an IEP or 504 plan.
- We continue to make communication a priority with our students. We have made contacts home via email or phone conversations.
- 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 very active in communicating with families.

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Douglas R. Selvey, Asst. Principal
419-739-5203

Bradley Rex, Athl. Administrator
419-739-5204

2-23-2021

Wapakoneta High School Board Report:

I would like to congratulate our 8th grade Power of the Pen team for winning 1st place at the District Power of the Pen tournament, which was held virtually on Saturday, January 23, 2021. The team consists of members Kerrigan Lenhart, Brooke Frost, Gabriella Raney, Riley Szelagowski, Julian Jordan, and Griffin Block, and is coached by Erika Eley. These talented writers competed against 11 other schools and 47 other 8th grade writers. Three of our writers placed in the top 12 and received medals, and most of our team is moving on to the Regional Tournament, which is held virtually, but is hosted by Lourdes University in Sylvania, Ohio, on Saturday, March 20.

We began scheduling meetings with our students this week for next school year. This is always an exciting time for the students as they begin to plan their course requests.

Our Principal/Student Advisory Council met on February 4 for the second time. During this meeting we discussed items that we can do throughout the building to support student mental health. We have used many of the students' suggestions to implement positive change within the building. We plan to meet monthly with this group and hope to continue to have open dialogue with the students in order to make a positive impact on the high school.

Finally, we are planning to hold prom on May 15 in the high school courtyard. We are also planning to hold the graduation ceremony at the football field on May 28. As a school district, we are excited to be able to offer these wonderful experiences for our students. It is nice to see that we are starting to get back to some normalcy.

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Middle School
February 23, 2021

Updates:

Teacher Clarity Update: "When teachers are clear in the expectations and instruction, students learn more." The building is halfway through the reading of the *Teacher Clarity Playbook*. We will finish the book over the next five weeks and will be prepared to use these items with our growth plans for next year.

PBIS Update: On February 3, the PBIS team utilized grant money for professional development and took a group of 5 people to meet and tour two buildings that achieved bronze status for PBIS implementation. The grant money was used to cover the cost of substitute teachers for the day. The morning session took place at Indian Lake Middle School while the afternoon session took place at Elida Middle School. The collaboration reinforced the practices we have in place and identified potential areas for improvement. The team has a second event planned, a virtual meeting with Upper Sandusky Middle School. Mr. Cutnaw recently wrote another grant to cover additional costs for teacher professional development and work completed outside of school hours.

TBT Update: WMS teachers have used TBTs to have split sessions with Mr. Snyder and Mr. Cutnaw. Mr. Snyder used this time to review testing data with grade level departments to identify areas of improvement and proper alignment to state standards. Mr. Cutnaw used this time to train teachers on how to create their own classroom stores for PBIS. Students can now use their PBIS Rewards points to purchase incentives/privileges that teachers have implemented across their teaching teams.

MAP: As a building, we have been studying the MAP (Measures of Academic Progress) Assessments throughout the course of the year. Through these assessments, which are administered in the fall, winter, and spring, we are able to assess our students' growth as well as their levels of proficiency. We have studied several different types of reports and analyzed the student data to help us plan for the needs of our students. Most recently, we looked at the student achievement and growth report.

Upcoming Events:

February 24, 2021 - BLT

February 25, 2021 - Band of Brothers Meeting

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Thank You:

- We would like to thank our custodial crew and our maintenance staff for working so diligently to clear the sidewalks and parking lots during these heavy snowfalls. It was amazing how well these areas looked, considering how much snow we received in such a short period of time. As always, they do an amazing job with the upkeep of our facilities.

Skating Unit:

- On Monday, February 22, we began our Roller Skating Unit in PE. Our PE teacher, Mrs. Burke, helped to kick off this unit with the help of Mrs. Cottrell. Our students always love this unit, and it is amazing how well they skate! We want to thank both Mrs. Burke and Mrs. Cottrell for everything they do to support our students during this unit. We would also like to thank our PTO for helping to sponsor this unit for our students.

MAP/DIBELS Assessment Discussions in TBTs:

- In January, we took the opportunity to analyze our MAP data (in grades 1-4) and our DIBELS data (in Kindergarten). Through these reports, our teachers could analyze both the students' growth and the students' proficiency levels. There were many great discussions on how to best support students' learning. Many of these discussions were around interventions. Therefore, we will continue to learn about how to best provide interventions to students in need.

BLT Meetings:

- At the beginning of each month, we meet with our BLT (Building Leadership Team). In these monthly meetings, we discuss progress made towards the action plan that we created prior to the beginning of the school year. We appreciate our monthly meetings with these team members, as they provide us with valuable feedback on both the progress of our action steps and help us to plan for future action steps.

Valentine's Day Parties:

- We are grateful for our PTO members and other volunteers for helping to sponsor classrooms for the annual Valentine's Day parties. These volunteers provided games, crafts, and activities that were held in the classrooms with our students. Our PTO committee also provided snacks for the students and the parties. We truly appreciate everything they do to help our students and our staff.

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Cridersville Elementary recycling efforts have proven to be noteworthy once again. According to the Auglaize County Waste Management District, CES diverted 9,000 lbs. of waste from entering the landfills and into recycling for 2020.

Guys in Ties was started back up, with lessons focused on the word KIND. Each grade level had a slight difference in perspective, but overall the message was the same. On that following Friday, nearly 2/3 of the boys had received their red bow ties and long-sleeved dress shirt. I'd like to thank Miller's Textiles for washing, bleaching, drying, and pressing the white dress shirts each week for us as a thank you for conducting this program. Every male student by the next dress-up Friday will have obtained their red bow tie.

Girls in Pearls is a new program that is focused on the young ladies of CES. Since the return from Christmas break, the focus of their meetings has been on RESPECT. The reception from the community for this program has been very supportive. Mommies and Grandmas have been asked what they think should be discussed during these meeting, and Mrs. Stubbs, Mrs. Fields, and Mrs. Brown have received several suggestions.

Mrs. Stubbs will be kicking off Kids Heart Challenge next week. Letters will be going home to parents explaining the program. Students will be raising money for the American Heart Association to help fund educating Doctors and Physicians about new heart advancements. Each year the school raises nearly \$1,500 to donate. We hope to top this goal this year. Mrs. Stubbs has agreed to be SLIMED in the gym if we can top this total.

March 1-5 CES will be having Right to Read Week. Each day a new holiday will be celebrated. Students will dress up for the holiday and reading activities will take place throughout the day.

Monday - St. Patrick's Day (Wear Green)

Tuesday - 4th of July (Red, White, and Blue)

Wednesday - Halloween (Wear school-appropriate costume; no masks of the scary kind)

Thursday - Christmas (Wear Ugly Sweater)

Friday - Be a Book (Teachers and students dress up as their favorite book character and teachers will read to the students from their favorite book)

We are looking forward to seeing the new incoming numbers beginning March 8 for the kindergarten registration. We are hoping for similar numbers as last year. Keep your fingers crossed for the next generation of Redskins.

ATHLETICS
2/23/21

- W- The swim teams had a great day at the WBL Meet with the boys capturing the WBL Title and the girls finishing as the WBL Runners-Up!

- W- Nate Roa - 126 - WBL Champion
Colin Mellott - 113
Gavin Hall - 132
Ean Kramer - 195
Jayden Rampulla - 182 - WBL Runner-Up

- W- The boys bowling team won the WBL Championship! Both the boys and girls teams will compete this weekend at Astro Lanes in the Sectional Tournament.

- W- The girls' basketball team will play in the sectional final at Home vs. Mansfield Madison - Saturday at 1pm. The boys will face Celina Tuesday night at home, 7pm start in the sectional semi-final.