

The Wayne Trace Local School District Board of Education met in Regular Session on March 14, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. in the High School Lecture Room

The following members were present:

Mr. Patrick Baumle
Mrs. Melanie Forrer
Mr. Jeremy Moore
Mrs. Rhonda Stabler
Mr. Richard Swary

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call was taken by Treasurer, Lori Davis

Correspondence, Recognition of Guests, Hearing of the Public*

*Thirty minutes of public participation will be permitted. Each person addressing the Board will give their name and address. If several people wish to speak, each person will be allotted 3 minutes until the total of 30 minutes is used. During that period no person may speak twice until all who desire to speak have the opportunity to do so.

*All statements should be directed to the presiding officer; no person may address or question Board members individually.

Guests:

Mr Jack Baumle, Instructor
Mrs. Laura Steffen, Observer
Mrs. Carly Covarubbias, Instructor
Mr. Tim Manz, Curriculum
Mr. Adam Papin, Paulding Progress
Mr. Mark Holtsberry, County Commissioner

Mr. Mark Holtsberry addressed the board about his concern on how history is being taught in the classroom. There are several history textbooks that are on the market that he is concerned with. Mr. Holtsberry would caution the board when purchasing textbooks to stay away from the ones he quoted. Mr. Holtsberry doesn't want the truth of World War II and the veterans to be forgotten. He is concerned with Paulding County's legacy. He also informed the board that he is running again for County Commissioner. Mr. Holtsberry spoke briefly on the 4 boards he is very active on and how much money he has gotten through grants for some of the county programs. He would like the support for County Commissioner.

Report of the Treasurer

Consent Agenda Items:

One resolution passed by the Board to approve the following consent agenda items:

Motion by: Mr. Swary

Seconded by: Mrs. Forrer

- A. to approve the minutes of the February 14, 2022 and February 22, 2022 board meetings;
- B. to approve the investment report and payment of bills for February 2022 as presented by the Treasurer;
- C. to approve the cash reconciliation for February 2022;

- D. to approve the budget/revenue comparison for February 2022;
- E. to accept the amounts and rates as determined by the Budget Commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the county auditor:
- 4.00 Mills Inside Operating
 - 23.70 Mills Outside Operating
 - .70 Mills 2000 OSFC Construction and Renovation Bond
 - .50 Mills 2000 Local Funded Initiative bond
 - .50 Mills OSFC Construction Maintenance

Roll call vote: Mr. Swary, Mrs. Forrer, Mr. Baumle, Mr. Moore, and Mrs. Stabler, aye.

Nay, none. Motion passed.

Vantage Report – Mr. Pat Baumle announced that Vantage Career Center’s board meeting was held at Thomas Edison. The facility is very nice. The programs that are moving over there will have a lot more room as well as the technology they need. Enrollment is looking very good. Wayne Trace has 2 students who will be competing at the State level for Vantage: Allen Minck and Jarrett Hornish.

Report of the Building Principals

Curriculum Director-Mr. Tim Manz reviewed the ELA curriculum textbooks for TK-grade 6. He also informed them that they will be seeing grades 7-12 to be approved next. Mr. Manz also talked about the interest in ESports. He is presently looking into this. There are college scholarships for ESports now. It would be an extra-curricular activity. Mr. Manz also addressed Mr. Holtsberry’s concern on the textbooks in our district. Mr. Manz informed the board that none of the textbooks talked about are in the district.

Building Principals-All principals were present to review their reports to the board. Mr. Myers updated the board on the band and choir contest. Both band and choir qualified for State on April 30, 2022. Wayne Trace wrestlers were well represented at State competition. Hunter Long is State Champ, Jarrett Hornish placed 3rd in his weight class, and Corbin Kimmel placed 8th. Corbin Kimmel is the first freshmen from Wayne Trace and Paulding County who has placed at the State level.

Committee Reports – No reports

Superintendent’s Report

A. Curriculum

- Testing Season: The 2021-2022 state-mandated tests will be administered April through the beginning of May.
- Mr. Manz has finalized the curriculum work with our English/Language Arts. You will find their recommendation for updating the curriculum which includes all grades PK thru 6 (consent item N). These materials replace our current curriculum which was last updated seven years ago and will get us back on a normal rotation of examining the curriculum in this area every six years. Mr. Manz is waiting on the final quote for the English/Language Arts materials for 7 thru 12 and also science at all grade levels. We will utilize our ESSER funds to cover the cost of this update to curriculum.

B. Personnel

- Tammy Nouza has resigned her 1st grade teaching position at WTGHE for the purpose of retirement (consent item A).
- In consent item B, Mr. Lange and I are asking for your approval of Gabrielle Miller to fill the open 1st grade position for next school year.
- Consent item C represents filling our open volleyball position left by the retirement of Jen Mohr, an additional volunteer for baseball and the coverage that was provided during the absence of the 8th grade boys' basketball coach.
- The WBESC substitute list is included in consent item P for your approval.

C. Buildings and Grounds

- Our Master Planning Process continues to move forward with a survey of the community being developed and released.
- With spring right around the corner we will again be working a local company to apply fertilizer and weed control to our athletic fields and the grounds at all campuses.

D. Events

- Several extra-curricular deserve recognition for outstanding accomplishments. This recognition can be found in consent items D through H.
- *The Sound of Music* was performed on March 4, 5 and 6. Consent Item I recognizes those involved in the musical.
- We had held off on formally approving the 8th grade trip to Washington D.C. to confirm it would go. We are confident it will now go from May 10 – 13, 2022 (consent item O).

E. Operations

- The open enrollment period begins April 1 (consent item J). We plan to continue with the same guidelines and procedures as previous years.
- Consent item K represents the changes to policies that were recommended by our NEOLA representative.
- Sean and I are asking for your approval of a new 78 passenger bus, which will likely arrive in late summer (consent item L);
- You will find the recommendation we discussed for laptops for our students in consent item M.

III. Consent Agenda Items

One resolution passed by the Board to approve the following consent agenda items:

Motion by: Mr. Baumle
Seconded by: Mr. Moore

- A. to accept the resignation of Tammy Nouza from the 1st grade teaching position at WTGHE on September 2, 2022;
- B. upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and WTGHE Principal to approve Gabrielle Miller to fill the open 1st grade teaching position at WTGHE for the 2022-2023 school year;

- C. upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and Athletic Director to approve the following supplemental positions:
- Anne Myers – Assistant HS Volleyball 2022-2023
 - Corey Adams - Baseball (volunteer) 2021-2022
 - Treg Lymanstall - 8th Grade Boys' Basketball (coverage) 2021-2022
 - Derrick Miller - 8th Grade Boys' Basketball (coverage) 2021-2022
- D. to commend Head Wrestling Coach George Clemens III, his assistant coaches and the following varsity wrestlers for winning individual Green Meadows Conference titles: Corbin Kimmel, Hunter Long, and Jarrett Hornish;
- E. to commend Head Wrestling Coach George Clemens III, his assistant coaches and the following varsity wrestlers for winning an individual sectional title: Corbin Kimmel, Hunter Long, and Jarrett Hornish;
- F. to commend Head Wrestling Coach George Clemens III, his assistant coaches and the following varsity wrestler for winning an individual district title: Hunter Long;
- G. to commend Head Wrestling Coach George Clemens III, his assistant coaches and the following varsity wrestlers for qualifying for the state wrestling meet: Corbin Kimmel, Hunter Long, and Jarrett Hornish;
- H. to commend Coach Jim Linder, the assistant coaches, and the varsity boys' basketball players for capturing the Green Meadows Conference title and sectional title;
- I. to commend Joel Dunham, Jenna Dunham, Joni Wenninger, Kaleb O'Donnell, Angie Stokes and the cast and crew of *The Sound of Music* on three spectacular performances;
- J. to confirm that open enrollment applications will be accepted between April 1, 2022, and June 1, 2022, for the 2022-2023 school year, with such applications being accepted from qualifying students from anywhere in the state of Ohio (not simply just students who reside in contiguously bordering school districts);
- K. upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and NEOLA representative, to modify several school board policies to reflect changes in state and federal laws (attached);
- L. upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and Transportation Supervisor to purchase a bus at a cost of \$93,004 through the Southwestern Ohio Educational Purchasing Council;
- M. upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and District Technology Coordinator, to approve the purchase of 330 laptop computers for student use from Xtech Partners at a cost of \$341,027.40;
- N. upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and District Curriculum Coordinator, to approve the purchase of new English/Language Arts curriculum for grades TK thru 6 at a cost of \$129,527.23;
- O. upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and JH/HS Principal to approve the 8th Grade Washington D.C. Trip from May 10 – 13, 2022;

P. upon the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the WBESC substitute list listed on the WBESC website.

Roll call vote: Mr. Baumle, Mr. Moore, Mrs. Forrer, Mrs. Stabler, and Mr. Swary, aye.

Nay, none. Motion passed.

New Business – No new business

Adjournment

Motion by: Mr. Baumle

Seconded by: Mrs. Forrer

To adjourn the meeting.

All in favor. Meeting adjourned.

The next Board meeting will be held April 11, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. in the high school lecture room.

President

Treasurer