The Wayne Trace Local School District Board of Education met in Regular Session on December 18, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. in the High School Lecture Room

The following members were present:

Mr. Patrick Baumle

Mr. Jeremy Moore

Mrs. Melanie Forrer

Mr. Richard Swary

Absent: Mrs. Rhonda Stabler

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Mr. Clint Sinn.

Roll Call was taken by Treasurer, Mrs. 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: Clint Sinn, newly elected board member

Angie Stokes, Instructor

Zach Wobler, Student

Serenity Helms, Student

Students Zach Wobler and Serenity Helms gave a presentation highlighting the Robotics competition held at Bowling Green.

Report of the Treasurer

Treasurer, Mrs. Lori Davis reviewed the District Profile report that was just released by ODE. Mrs. Davis also reviewed the appropriation/revenue changes for FY24.

Consent Agenda Items:

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

Motion by: Mrs. Forrer

Seconded by: Mr. Swary

1. to approve the minutes of the November 20, 2023 Board meeting;
2. to approve the investment report and payment of bills for November 2023 as presented by the Treasurer;
3. to approve the cash reconciliation for November 2023;
4. to approve the budget/revenue comparison report for November 2023;
5. to approve the transfer of $1,000,000. from the general fund 001 to the permanent improvement fund 003.  This represents a transfer of income tax monies received so far in FY24;
6. to approve the amended appropriations/revenues for FY24
7. to establish January 8, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. at the High School Lecture Room as the date, time and place of the 2024 Organizational meeting and to appoint **Melanie Forrer** as President Pro-Tem until such time that a president of the Board is elected that evening, once all the officers have been elected and sworn in, the regular meeting will proceed, with the newly elected president presiding.  (Note: The organizational meeting must take place within the first 15 days of January.)

No items removed for further discussion

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

Nay, none. Motion carried.

Vantage Report – No updates.

Report of the Building Principals – Mr. Matt Evans and Mr. Mike Myers gave updates for Payne and the High School

Committee Reports – No updates.

Superintendent’s Report

1. Curriculum
   * + The fall 3rd Grade ELA test was completed and we received the results December 11. Teachers are analyzing data. We have also begun End-of-Course (EOC) retakes for high school students. Thanks to all that have helped plan and manage the state testing.
2. Personnel
   * + Item B represents the approval of Jim Wright, our bus mechanic, as an assistant JH wrestling coach. Mr. Wright was an outstanding grappler in high school.
     + Consent Item C is our recommendation for bus driver.
     + We will be utilizing Ron Miller from Ottoville as our OBI (consent item F)
3. Buildings and Grounds
   * + Scott Miller Lawn Care of Grover Hill was the low bid for our snow removal (consent item A).
4. Events
   * + NHS Inductees: We extend congratulations to this year’s inductees and thanks to the advisor for a nice ceremony (consent item D).
     + Our last day of school prior to the Holiday Break is December 20 and we will return to session on January 3.
     + Thanks to those in charge of the junior high and high school band and choir concerts as well as our elementary programs (consent item E).
5. Operations
   * + To date of this writing we have missed zero days of school total across the district. We have only had 3 delays.
     + For the January 2024 Organizational meeting the Board needs to appoint a Board Member as President Pro Tem (Treasurer’s consent item G).

Mr. Jones added to his report that the Grover Hill Elementary building has a certificate of occupancy now. The last one that had been issued was in 1983. Mr. Jones reported that it was quite the process to get it done. Without the certificate, the principal could not move classrooms around to create a better instructional atmosphere.

1. Consent Agenda Items

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

Motion by: Mr. Moore

Seconded by: Mrs. Forrer

1. to approve the quote from Scott Miller Lawn Care for snow removal from all three campuses;
2. upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and JH/HS Principal to approve the following volunteer assistant coach:

* Jim Wright – JH Wrestling

1. upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and Transportation Director to approve Megan Holbrook as bus driver effective January 3, 2024;
2. to commend the newest members of the Wayne Trace National Honor Society. New NHS members include: Allison Noggle, Dylan Coffman, Kathleen Stoller, Emma Lyons, Lorie Sinn, Harper Myers, Jarrett Jewell, Isabella Knowles, Luke Stouffer, Ava Stoller, Madison Gurney, Makenna Johnson, Morgan Elliott, Natalie Stoller, Nicholas Sinn, Paige Alber, Ryan Bostleman, Rhylin Moore, Tori Young, Tyler Sanderson, Tyson Gerber, Anna Meraz. Thanks also to NHS advisor Miss Joni Klopfenstein for coordinating a nice NHS induction ceremony;
3. to commend Ms. Sharon Spinner and Mrs. Joni Wenninger for their work with both our junior high and high school band and choir students to put on the annual holiday concerts as well as Mr. O’Donnell and Mrs. Schmidt for their work on our elementary holiday programs;
4. upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and Transportation Director to approve Ron Miller as OBI at a rate of $25.00/hr.

No items were removed for further discussion.

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

Nay, none. Motion carried.

New Business:

**6:15 p.m. Executive Session**

Motion by: Mr. Swary

Seconded by: Mrs. Forrer

“Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22(G)(1) and Section 121.22(G)(4) a motion to adjourn to executive session for the purpose of specified employment matters of public employee/official (excluding elected officials.)”

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

Nay, none. Board in executive session.

**6:30 p.m. Regular session called back to order.**

Motion by: Mrs. Forrer

Seconded by: Mr. Moore

To approve a grievance payment to Jeff Tempel for an overnight Golf activity trip Oct. 12 – 14, 2023.

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

Nay, none. Motion carried.

**6:39 p.m. Executive Session**

Motion by: Mrs. Forrer

Seconded by: Mr. Moore

“Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22(G)(1) and Section 121.22(G)(4) a motion to adjourn to executive session for the purpose of specified employment matters of public employee/official (excluding elected officials.)”

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

Nay, none. Board in executive session

**7:15 p.m. Regular Session called back to order.**

Adjournment

Motion by: Mr. Pat Baumle

Seconded by: Mrs. Melanie Forrer

To adjourn the meeting.

All in favor. Meeting adjourned.

The next Board meeting will be held January 8, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. in the Wayne Trace High School Lecture Room.

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President

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