The Wayne Trace Local School District Board of Education met in Regular Session on February 12, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. in the Wayne Trace High School Lecture Room

The following members were present:

Mr. Patrick Baumle present 5:17 p.m. Oath of Office

Mrs. Melanie Forrer

Mr. Jeremy Moore

Mr. Clint Sinn

Mrs. Rhonda Stabler

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was recited.

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:

Mr. Tim Manz, Curriculum Director

Ms. Angie Stokes, Instructor

Mrs. Joni Wenninger, Aide

Ms. Sharon Spinner, Instructor

Mr. Jerry Standford, Paulding Progress

Mr. Tim Manz addressed the board about MTSS. MTSS is a framework to provide targeted support to struggling students. The goal is to intervene early so students can catch up with their peers. It screens all students and aims to address academic and behavior challenges. Mr. Manz also addressed the board about AI (artificial intelligence). These are programs that students can use to write essays, solve Math problems, etc. Right now, Wayne Trace allows teachers to use these platforms but at some point the district will have to look at allowing students to access and have a policy in place to hinder plagiarism. Mr. Manz also updated the board on the E-sports team.

Mrs. Joni Wenninger and Ms. Sharon Spinner were both present with some students to model their new marching band uniforms. The music department has participated in 38 different performances in the last year. The music department was very appreciative of the new uniforms.

Report of the Treasurer

Treasurer, Mrs. Lori Davis updated the board on the excess cost for FY24 and how it affects the district. Mrs. Davis also talked about the reports she handed out that had some good district data. She also announced that the FY23 audited Financial Statement has been released and it is on the Wayne Trace website.

Consent Agenda Items:

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

Motion by: Mrs. Stabler

Seconded by: Mr. Sinn

1. to approve the minutes of the January 8, 2024 board meeting;

1. to approve the investment report and payment of bills for January 2024 as presented by the Treasurer;

1. to approve the cash reconciliation for January 2024;

1. to approve the budget/revenue comparison report for January 2024;

Is there anything that needs to be removed from the consent agenda for further discussion?

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

Nay, none. Motion passed.

Vantage Report – No report

Report of the Building Principals – Mr. Mike Myers and Mr. Brock Howe were present and gave the JH/HS report.

Committee Reports –No report

Superintendent’s Report

1. Curriculum
   * + Working with elementary admin and special services director to plan the implementation of an MTSS (multi-tiered systems of support) program for the near future.
     + PD on February 9th for the JH/HS on artificial intelligence. This is a big issue that most districts across the US are struggling with.
     + The Esports team is up and running and has won their last three matches against Rossford, Findlay, and Riverdale. They are really starting to gel together and have a lot of talent. They are now 3-1 on the season.
     + We are planning for upcoming spring state testing. These tests will take place in mid/late April and Early May.
2. Personnel

* I am recommending approval of Brittany Hovest’s transfer to Transitional Kindergarten for the 2024-2025 school year (consent item A).
* I am recommending Theresa Hill for the position of sweeper at Payne Elementary (consent item B). Theresa comes to us with experience from Van Wert City Schools, where she did various duties such as; cleaning, cafeteria, and general classroom needs.
* To approve the following for spring sports (consent items C and D)
* To offer Paul Jones and Lori Davis contracts as Superintendent and Treasurer respectively (consent items E and F).
* I will be working very closely with our administration to finalize plans for any staffing changes for the 2023-2024 school year. We will examine projected enrollments at each grade level and look to make staffing moves as are necessary.

1. Buildings and Grounds

* Looking at the cost comparison of strip and waxing classrooms at Payne for the summer break. I have a quote that is comparable to our current labor cost, but I want to include the materials before doing this.
* Extended the cement pad and reset the new Payne chiller to be within compliance of positioning. This chiller is a larger unit.
* Payne Gym Roof top unit will probably need to be replaced vs repaired, repairs are quoted around 50k, without guarantee. The costs are being quoted, but lead time for a unit can be 20 months.
* Garmann/Miller will be present at the March meeting.

1. Events

* Consent Item J is for an overnight trip to N. Lewisburg for the wrestling team on February 9th and 10th.

1. Operations
   * + Each year OHSAA asks that we formally approve continued membership (consent item G).
     + The contract for Lifewise would allow Lifewise the use of a Wayne Trace bus, and to pay the Board at the Districts cost, should their bus breakdown (consent item H).
     + The school calendar as developed by the association for the school year 2024-2025 (consent item I)
2. Consent Agenda Items

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

Motion by: Mr. Sinn

Seconded by: Mrs. Stabler

1. to approve the transfer of Brittany Hovest from Intervention Specialist to Transitional Kindergarten at Grover Hill for the 2024-25 school year;
2. upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, and Transportation Director, to approve Theresa Hill as Sweeper for Payne Elementary effective February 5, 2024;
3. upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, JH/HS Principal, and Athletic Director, to approve the following as paid coaches:

* Varsity Assistant Baseball Coach – Jeff Morman
* JV Baseball Coach – Corey Adams
* ½ Varsity Assistant Softball Coach – Alivia Miller
* JH Head Boys & Girls Track Coach – Jake Keysor
* JH Assistant Track Coach – Jessica Jacobs

1. upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and JH/HS Principal, and Athletic Director, to approve the following as volunteer coaches:

* Volunteer Track Coach – Robert Kennedy

1. to offer Lori Davis a three-year contact as Treasurer of the district effective August 1, 2024;
2. to offer Paul Jones a three-year contract as Superintendent of the district effective August 1, 2024;
3. to authorize membership in the OHSAA for the 2024-2025 school year;
4. to agree to the contract for use of school bus from the Lifewise Academy;
5. upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the 2024-2025 school calendar as presented;
6. upon the recommendation of the Athletic Director and Superintendent to approve an over-night stay for the wrestlers attending the Triad Wrestling event held in North Lewisburg Ohio. They would leave Friday, February 9th, and return Saturday February 10th;

Is there anything that needs removed from the consent agenda for further discussion?

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

Nay, none. Motion passed.

**Items Outside of the Consent Agenda**

Discussion on adding a Band Instructor.

Mr. Paul Jones, Superintendent spoke recommending to add a band instructor to work with students. The numbers of students taking bank has risen and it is time to split the music department and have a band instructor and choral instructor.

Motion by: Mr. Baumle

Seconded by: Mrs. Stabler

1. upon the recommendation of the Superintendent to hire a Band Instructor for the elementary, junior high, and high school bands for the 2024-2025 school year.

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

Nay, none. Motion passed.

New Business

**6:00 p.m. Executive Session**

Motion by: Mr. Baumle

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: Mr. Baumle, Mr. Moore, Mrs. Forrer, Mr Sinn, and Mrs. Stabler, aye.

Nay, none. Board in executive session.

**6:44 p.m. Regular Session called back to order.**

Adjournment

Motion by: Mr. Baumle

Seconded by: Mrs. Stabler

To adjourn the meeting.

All in favor. Meeting adjourned.

The next Board meeting will be held March 11, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. in the high school lecture room.

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