The Wayne Trace Local School District Board of Education met in Regular Session on March 11, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. in the Wayne Trace High School Lecture Room

The following members were present:

Mr. Patrick Baumle

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:

Ms. Angie Stokes, Instructor

Mr. Ed Stuart, Community

Mr. Dick Swary, Community

Mr. Jim Linder, Instructor/AD

Mr. Tim Manz, Curriculum Director

Mr. Jack Baumle, Instructor

Garmann/Miller Architect representatives

Mr. Tim Manz addressed the board about the new Career Technical Equipment Grant that was written by Ms. Angie Stokes and himself and has been awarded in the amount of $2.4 million to the district. The grant will be used for equipment and facility renovations or new added space. The program is not to take the place of any Vantage Career Center programs, but to give more opportunities to our students. Ms. Angie Stokes explained that the students will have 2 pathways to choose in the career tech program once it is up and running. They will have the choice of Autodesk Fusion 360 Certified User or Adobe Certified Professional Indesign-CC.

Garmann/Miller representatives were present to show some preliminary designs for an athletic complex. They reviewed the 2 options for the auditorium. After discussion about placement of the athletic complex, Garmann/Miller will be back at the April board meeting with some clearer designs and estimated cost.

**7:25 p.m. Executive Session**

Motion by: Mr. Sinn

Seconded by: Mrs. Stabler

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

Nay, none. Board in executive session.

**8:30 p.m. Regular Session called back to order.**

Discussion on the rehire of the Athletic Director

Motion by: Mr. Sinn

Seconded by: Mrs. Stabler

To rehire Jim Linder as Athletic Director for one year for the 2024-2025 school year with the understanding that the contract is for one year only and the job will be posted in January 2025 for the 2025-2026 school year.

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

Nay, Mr. Baumle. Motion passed.

**8:34 p.m. Executive Session**

Motion by: Mrs. Stabler

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

Nay, none. Board in executive session.

**8:56 p.m. Regular Session called back to order.**

Report of the Treasurer

Treasurer, Mrs. Lori Davis reviewed the Treasurer’s report highlighting the Windmill graph showing the collections of wind revenue for FY24 and discussed the appropriations/revenue changes for FY24.

Consent Agenda Items:

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

Motion by: Mr. Baumle

Seconded by: Mr. Moore

1. to approve the minutes of the February 12, 2024 board meeting;
2. to approve the investment report and payment of bills for February 2024 as presented by the Treasurer;
3. to approve the cash reconciliation for February 2024;
4. to approve the budget/revenue comparison for February 2024;
5. to approve the amended appropriations/revenues for February 2024;
6. 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  
                 21.70 Mills  Outside Operating  
                     .50 Mills   2000 Local Funded Initiative bond

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

Nay, none. Motion passed.

Vantage Report – Mr. Pat Baumle announced that Vantage will have a record number of juniors attending for the next school year. At this time Vantage has 395 juniors coming in. This is an increase over last school year that was record setting. Vantage is going to be gifted the rear building of the Thomas Edison facility. The plans for the building are for Adult Education or a Medical Arts complex that would serve both high school and adult education.

Report of the Building Principals – All principals present to give their reports

Committee Reports - None

Superintendent’s Report

1. Curriculum
   * + Testing Season: The 2032-2024 state-mandated tests will be administered April through the beginning of May.
     + We also are moving forward with implementing an MTSS program at the elementary buildings.
     + Esports finished their season Tuesday evening with a 3-1 loss in the first round of the playoffs. They did really well this year and we look forward to next year.
2. Personnel
   * + Jennifer Dempsey has resigned the position of junior high cheer coach (consent item A).
     + Elyssa Smart has resigned the position of 4th grade Teacher at Payne Elementary effective at the end of the school year. The position has been posted (consent item B).
3. Buildings and Grounds

* The Baseball & softball fields were renovated last year with new playing surfaces. The surface installation did not firm up because the mixture was poor. The same company will be redoing our field again this year, and we are looking into this with the company on why the mixture was poor.

1. Events
   * + *Bye Bye Birdie* was performed on March 8, 9 and 10. Consent Item G recognizes those involved in the musical.
     + The 8th grade trip to Washington D.C. is good to go. It will go from May 13 – 17, 2024 (consent item I).
2. Operations
   * + The open enrollment period begins April 1 (consent item H). We plan to continue with the same guidelines and procedures as previous years.
3. Consent Agenda Items

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

Motion by: Mrs. Stabler

Seconded by: Mr. Moore

1. to accept the resignation of Jennifer Dempsey as junior high cheer coach, effective immediately;
2. to accept the resignation of Seth Miller as JV Girls’ Basketball coach, effective immediately;
3. to accept the resignation of Elyssa Smart as 4th grade teacher at Payne Elementary effective at the end of the 2023-24 school year;
4. to approve the transfer of Kaleb O’Donnell from Music Teacher to the position of 5-12 Band Instructor effective the 2024-2025 school year;
5. to approve Jay Denny as a substitute bus driver for our district;
6. to commend Head Wrestling Coach George Clemens III, his assistant coaches and the following varsity wrestlers for winning individual Green Meadows Conference titles: Colton Kimmel, Corbin Kimmel and Graiden Troth;
7. to commend Head Wrestling Coach George Clemens III, his assistant coaches and the following varsity wrestlers for winning an individual sectional title: Corbin Kimmel;
8. 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, Nathan Osborn;
9. to commend Coach Jim Linder, the assistant coaches, and the varsity boys’ basketball players for capturing the sectional title;
10. to commend Joel Dunham, Jenna Dunham, and everyone who helped, and the cast and crew of *Bye Bye Birdie* on three spectacular performances;
11. to confirm that open enrollment applications will be accepted between April 1, 2024, and June 1, 2024, for the 2024-2025 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);
12. upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and JH/HS Principal to approve the 8th Grade Washington D.C. Trip from May 13 – 17, 2024;
13. to approve the MOU between the WTEA and the Wayne Trace Local Board of Education to change the contracted work days for sweepers.

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

Nay, none. Motion passed.

**Items Outside of the Consent Agenda:**

Motion by: Mr. Sinn

Seconded by: Mr. Moore

1. to approve the transfer of Annette Baumle to the position of cook/cashier at Grover Hill Elementary effective July 1, 2024.

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

Nay, none. Motion passed.

New Business – None.

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 April 8, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. in the Wayne Trace High School Lecture Room.

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