The Wayne Trace Local School District Board of Education met in Regular Session on March 10, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. in the Wayne Trace High School Lecture Room

The following members were present:

Mrs. Melanie Forrer

Mr. Jeremy Moore

Mr. Clint Sinn

Mrs. Rhonda Stabler

Absent: Mr. Patrick Baumle

The Pledge of Allegiance 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. Kelly Davis, Sub

Mr. Gus Davis, Bus Driver

Mrs. Megan Fitzwater, Instructor

Mrs. Angie Miesle, Instructor

Mr. Ed Stuart, Instructor

Mr. Jim Wright, Bus Mechanic

Mr. Greg Schultz, Maintenance/Transportation Supervisor

Mrs. Angie Miesle informed the board that she did not receive the Batelle Grant that was applied for. She also spoke about her meetings with community business owners and how well the Steam program is being received. A lot of ideas were thrown around about the program and possible grant funding. Mrs. Miesle talked about the new projection screen that was installed in the Payne Auditorium and how much it helped with the back drops for the school play production. It really added to the play and eliminated a lot of work on changing scenes. Board members were really impressed with the screen and the play the students put on.

Mr. Ed Stuart who works with students in the Steam Program creating different products by request wanted to know if Wayne Trace has a resource to contact about patenting. Mr. Jones said he would look into that.

Mr. Kelly Davis was in attendance to speak about the sub bus drivers. Mr. Davis had been told that the bus routes were going to be paid at a different rate of time. Asked if that was true and if the sub bus drivers were going to be included in that change? If not, why? Mr. Davis feels the sub bus drivers should be. Board President Jeremy Moore told Mr. Davis that once the board spoke on the subject, that he would let him know the outcome.

Report of the Treasurer

Treasurer, Mrs. Lori Davis updated the board on tax collections for the fiscal year. Property taxes were just received the first part of March. The estimate for income tax will need to be lowered. The collections that have come in so far have been under compared to collections in the past. The district did not receive its Foster student collections in February so the unrestricted grant in aid is under collected for the month. Personal services are trending higher than estimates at this time, so the estimate will be adjusted when updating numbers for the five year forecast. Mrs. Davis reported that the cafeteria reviews were going very good. DEW was in the Payne building and watched a day of operation and that went very smooth. The commodities are 73% used for the year. That is on target for 100% usage.

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 minutes of the February 10, 2025 board meeting;
2. to approve the investment report and payment of bills for February 2025 as presented by the Treasurer;
3. to approve the cash reconciliation for February 2025;
4. to approve the budget/revenue comparison for February 2025;
5. 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. Sinn, Mrs. Stabler, Mrs. Forrer, and Mr. Moore, aye.

Nay, none. Motion passed.

Vantage Report – Mr. Paul Jones announced the date for the All Boards Dinner and ask if anyone wanted to sign up to go.

Report of the Building Principals – All principals present and gave their reports.

Committee Reports - None

Superintendent’s Report

Mr. Paul Jones reported that Munger & Munger Architects sent their proposal to put together a plan for renovations at the High School building to incorporate the Steam program. A resolution to accept the proposal will be added to the end of the agenda.

Paulding Hospital is still interested in obtaining some property across from the Payne Elementary to build a new facility. They are wanting 2.5 acres. It is between the school and a private owner’s property.

There was discussion on the bus purchase resolution. Mr. Jim Wright said that the district is purchasing a bus every year to keep the fleet of 16 up. When we purchase a bus, the district takes one out of service. It is usually traded-in, but with this purchase the transportation department is looking at other avenues that could be more advantageous than trading in the old bus.

The resolution for the purchase of equipment for the cafeteria was discussed. The equipment is being paid for through a USDA grant that Marissa Coil wrote and was approved for.

1. Curriculum
   * + Ohio's State Testing in grades 3-12 will take place late April through early May. Students and staff have been working hard on preparing for these assessments. It is important that students are at school on these testing dates.
     + The Overwatch Esports team will be participating in regional competition at the Cedar Point Sports Center on April 5, 2025. Good luck to the team. May all of your hard work pay off.
     + Multi-Tiered Systems of Support (MTSS) is going well at the elementary buildings. Staff members are collecting and analyzing data to provide targeted interventions that student's need. We feel that this program is very beneficial and continue to look at ways to improve what the MTSS program is accomplishing.
     + We are going to begin discussions at the JH and HS about offering teachers the option to be credentialed for Project Lead The Way (PLTW). PLTW provides training and resources to staff members to more successfully teach and integrate STEAM into their courses. Students that complete eligible HS PTLW courses and pass the end-of-course assessment with a qualifying score, may be eligible for credit articulation from universities in Ohio.
2. Personnel
   * + Bill Lyons has resigned the position of junior high wrestling coach (consent item A).
     + Tom McCord has resigned the position of girl’s junior high basketball coach (consent item B).
     + Collen Saylor is moving to Payne to become the librarian replacing Carol Stoller who is retiring at the end of the school year (consent item C).
     + Kathy Denny is transferring from a GH aide position to GH librarian beginning the 2025/2026 school year (consent item D).
3. Buildings and Grounds

* The leaking pipes around the water heater at Payne were fixed on 3-5-2025.
* Concerning the window project at Grover Hill, 2 estimates are being submitted; one from Alexander & Bebout, and one from Tri-County. We would like to move forward with Tri-County as their estimate was better (consent item G).
* to approve the purchase of 4 new Rationale combi ovens and 1 stovetop range for a total of $92520.21.  $90440.86 will be paid by the HMI grant, so $2079.35 will come from the 006 account.  2 ovens will go to the high school, 1 oven and the stovetop range will go to Payne, and 1 oven will go to Grover Hill. The total for these items is $91,520.21. Marissa received quotes from Skelton's and Delphos Restaurant Equipment. Skelton's pricing is drastically cheaper (consent item H).

1. Events

* Congratulations to Coach Clemens and the wrestlers as they again have a wrestler representing Wayne Trace in the Stat Wrestling Tournament this year in Columbus (Consent items J, K & L).
  + - *Elf* was performed on February 28, March 1 and 2. Recognize those involved in the musical. (Consent Item M).
    - The 8th grade trip to Washington D.C. is good to go. It will go from May 5 – 9, 2025 (consent item O).

1. Operations
   * + The open enrollment period begins April 1 (consent item N). We plan to continue with the same guidelines and procedures as previous years.
2. Consent Agenda Items

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

Motion by: Mrs. Forrer

Seconded by: Mr. Sinn

1. to accept the resignation of Bill Lyons as head coach of junior high wrestling, effective immediately;
2. to accept the resignation of Tom McCord as girl’s junior high basketball coach, effective immediately;
3. to approve the transfer of Colleen Saylor to the position of librarian at Payne Elementary beginning the 2025/2026 school year.
4. to approve the transfer of Kathy Denny to the position of librarian at Grover Hill Elementary beginning the 2025/2026 school year.
5. to approve the transfer of Lisa Worden from Grover Hill Elementary Cafeteria Head Cashier to Grover Hill Elementary Head Cook beginning the 2025/2026 school year.
6. to approve the transfer of Joni Wenninger from Jr./Sr. High School Music Aide to Jr./Sr. High School Principal’s Secretary beginning the 2025/2026 school year.
7. to approve the bid from Tri-County for the window project at Grover Hill Elementary in an amount of $34,600.00 (quotes attached).
8. to approve the purchase of 4 new Rationale combi ovens and 1 stovetop range for a total of $92520.21.  ($90440.86 will be paid by the HMI grant.  $2079.35 will come from the 006 account).
9. to approve the purchase of a new bus from Cardinal. The purchase price of the bus is $143,038.00.
10. 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 and Corbin Kimmel (4 time GMC Champ);
11. to commend Head Wrestling Coach George Clemens III, his assistant coaches and the following varsity wrestlers for winning an individual sectional title: Colton Kimmel and Corbin Kimmel;
12. 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;
13. to commend Nicole Morehead, Kaleb O’Donnell, and everyone who helped, and the cast and crew of *Elf* on three spectacular performances;
14. to confirm that open enrollment applications will be accepted between April 1, 2025, and June 1, 2025, for the 2025-2026 school year, with such applications being accepted from qualifying students from anywhere in the state of Ohio according to section 3313.98 and 3313.97 of the Revised Code. (not simply just students who reside in contiguously bordering school districts);
15. upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and JH/HS Principal to approve the 8th Grade Washington D.C. Trip from May 5 – 9, 2025;
16. to move Jaime Kipfer to a paid high school assistant for Track, and move Robert Kennedy to a paid junior high track assistant replacing Jaime Kipfer for the 2024-2025 school year.
17. to approve an overnight trip to Sandusky for the Esports team to compete in regional competition April 4-5, 2025.

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

Nay, none. Motion passed.

**Items outside of the Consent Agenda**

Mr. Matt Evans spoke about the PBIS program and how the principals did not ask for a transfer at the beginning of the year. The PBIS program is a program that rewards students with good behavior.

Motion by: Mrs. Stabler

Seconded by: Mr. Moore

1. To transfer $3000.00 for each building into their respective PBIS accounts.

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

Nay, none. Motion passed.

New Business: None

**7:11 p.m. Executive Session**

Motion by: Mr. Moore

Seconded by: Mr. Sinn

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

Nay, none. Board in executive session.

**8:50 p.m. Regular session called back to order.**

Additional Resolutions:

Motion by: Mrs. Stabler

Seconded by: Mrs. Forrer

To approve the agreement between Wayne Trace Local Schools and Munger & Munger Architects for architectural services for the renovations of the high school for the Steam Program.

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

Nay, none. Motion passed.

Motion by: Mr. Sinn

Seconded by: Mr. Moore

To approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the Wayne Trace Local School District Board of Education and the Wayne Trace Education Association concerning the non-posting of bus routes and no process of bidding of routes performed for the 2024-2025 school year.

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

Nay, none. Motion passed

Motion by: Mrs. Stabler

Seconded by: Mrs. Forrer

To approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the Wayne Trace Local School District Board of Education and the Wayne Trace Education Association concerning posting a supplemental position and evaluating supplemental position holders.

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

Nay, none. Motion passed.

Adjournment

Motion by: Mrs. Forrer

Seconded by: Mr. Sinn

To adjourn the meeting.

All in favor. Meeting adjourned.

The next Board meeting will be held April 14, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. in the Wayne Trace High School Lecture Room.

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