

The Wayne Trace Local School District Board of Education met in Regular Session on May 8, 2023 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 to the Flag was led by Board Member, Mr. Jeremy Moore.

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: Angie Stokes, Instructor  
Danae Myers, Instructor  
Jamie Hughes, Blue Creek Township Trustee  
Bryce Mills, Blue Creek Township Trustee  
Calvin Sinn, Blue Creek Township Trustee

Blue Creek Township Trustees, Mr. Jamie Hughes, Mr. Bryce Mills, and Mr. Calvin Sinn were present to discuss a proposed TIF agreement. The Trustees would like the Board of Education to approve a 30 year TIF agreement for a large Biodigester that is being installed on Road 79 for manure management. The Biodigester system will separate the methane gases from the manure and inject them into the pipeline for renewable energy. The solids will then be processed and sold as compost. The final step will be to have the remainder of the manure product clean enough to spread onto fields without any restrictions. Blue Creek Township is asking for the TIF agreement so the local taxes will be redirected to the Township and be allocated for maintenance of Road 79. Road 79 is going to see a lot of truck traffic due to the manure being trucked in and then trucks hauling the final manure product out. It is estimated at this time that there will be 35 trucks coming and going out daily hauling 80,000 to 110,000 lbs. The Board of Education is concerned about the odor since the Digester is being built only 4 miles from the school in the direction of prevailing winds. Board President, Mr. Pat Baumle was quoted saying " Generally we are in favor of TIF agreements as they help strengthen the community and don't impact the educational process. This operation has the potential to have a significant negative impact on the educational environment and the board will need to discuss further before moving forward."

Report of the Treasurer

The highlight of the Treasurer's report was the Five Year Forecast. Treasurer, Mrs. Lori Davis reviewed the forecast with the Board. The financial outlook for the next five years is good for Wayne Trace Local Schools.

Consent Agenda Items:

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

Motion by: Mrs. Stabler

Seconded by: Mrs. Forrer

- A. to approve the minutes of the April 10, 2023 Board meeting;
- B. to approve the investment report and payment of bills for April 2023 as presented by the Treasurer;
- C. to approve the cash reconciliation for April 2023;
- D. to approve the budget/revenue comparison for April 2023;
- E. to approve the amended appropriations/revenues for FY23;
- F. to approve the 5 year forecast as presented by the Treasurer;

\*Are there any consent agenda items the Board would like to move down into “Other New Business” for further discussion and/or for separate voting purposes?

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

Nay, none. Motion passed.

Vantage Report –Mr. Pat Baumle reported that the Vantage Board reviewed the Five Year Forecast. The outlook is good. The Adult Education program is really growing. The high school programs are very strong. The school year is going well.

Report of the Building Principals – All principals present to give their building reports except for Mr. Matt Evans who was absent.

Committee Reports – Mr. Dick Swary reported that the music committee is still gathering information. The communications committee is researching social media on Wayne Trace and has found at least 20 Wayne Trace Facebook pages. The question now is, who is maintaining them and are they official Wayne Trace pages. Mr. Jeremy Moore reported that the courtyard committee is conducting a survey to see how the courtyards at the JH/HS and Grover Hill are being used or any ideas on how they can be used differently.

Superintendent’s Report

A. Curriculum

- Testing is coming to a close, everything has gone well.
- Amounts for the purchasing of textbooks (item M).

B. Personnel

- In consent item A through G, those personnel have resigned from the positions they held. All expressed gratitude for the opportunity.
- Mandy Whitman will fill the role of summer school instructor this year as we offer students the opportunity to make up missed credits (item H).
- In consent item I, I am asking for you to approve the rehiring of retired personnel, Jim Linder, for a one-year limited contract.
- In items J, K and L, I am asking you to approve our fall supplemental contracts as well as several academic supplemental contracts.

C. Buildings and Grounds

- We continue to work through the Planning Process.

#### D. Events

- Our last day with students will be Thursday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- Graduation practice is May 18<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 AM.
- Our graduation ceremony will be on Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup> at 2:30 p.m.
- In item O, the varsity girls' basketball will be participating in a shootout at Baldwin Wallace University on June 22<sup>nd</sup>. They plan on leaving the day before.

#### E. Operations

- Our Seniors last day is May 12<sup>th</sup>.
- In consent item N, I am recommending that non-classified substitutes be paid at step 0 on the salary schedule.
- In consent item P, the Wayne Trace Marching Band would like to purchase 65 new marching band uniforms (jacket, pants, shoulder drape and hat). The last time new band uniforms were purchased was approximately 12 years ago.

#### I. Consent Agenda Items

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

Motion by: Mr. Swary

Seconded by: Mr. Moore

- A. to accept the resignation for Jason Laukhuf from his current position as girls freshman volleyball coach;
- B. to accept the resignation for Treg Lymanstall from his current position as boys 7<sup>th</sup> grade basketball coach;
- C. to accept the resignation for Lyn Etzler from her current position as ½ junior high concessions manager at the end of the school year;
- D. to accept the resignation for Abby Hornish from her current position as ½ junior high concessions at the end of the school year;
- E. to accept the resignation for Tisha Parrish from her current position as 7<sup>th</sup> grade volleyball coach at the end of the school year;
- F. to accept the resignation for Rhonda Walters from her current positions as student council advisor, freshman class advisor and sophomore class advisor at the end of the school year;
- G. to accept the resignation for Tyler Showalter from his current position as paid varsity football assistant;
- H. upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and the JH/HS Principal and Assistant JH/HS Principal to employ Mandy Whitman as a summer school aide during the summer of 2023;
- I. upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to offer a one-year limited contract for the 2023-2024 school year to the following certified personnel:
  - Jim Linder

J. upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, JH/HS Principal, and Athletic Director (for coaching positions only), to offer one-year supplemental contracts for the 2023-2024 school year to the following certified personnel:

- Jim Linder – Athletic Director
- Matt Holden – Head HS Football and Weight Room Supervisor
- Tyler Iwinski – Assistant HS Football
- Cassidy Posey– Head HS Volleyball
- Anne Myers – Assistant HS Volleyball
- Kayla Gawronski – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Volleyball
- Teresa Homier – Scholastic Bowl Advisor
- Kim Miller – Junior High Student Council Advisor
- Kerry Gudakunst –Washington D.C. Trip Advisor
- Joni Klopfenstein – National Honor Society Advisor
- Sharon Spinner – ½ Marching Band, Concerts, Contests (Music), Lessons, & Pep Band
- Kaleb O’Donnell - ½ Marching Band, Concerts, Contests (Music), Lessons, & Pep Band
- Kaleb O’Donnell – Marching Band Assistant
- Claudia Sinn - HS Student Council Advisor
- Marta Wilder – WTPE Student Council Advisor
- Jessica Davis – WTGHE Student Council Advisor
- Sarah Franz – Senior Class Advisor
- Christina Sinn – Yearbook
- Elizabeth Nichols – Spanish Club
- Angie Stokes – Art Club
- Megan Chapman – Robotics Club
- Alayna Kistler – Junior Class Prom Advisor

K. upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, JH/HS Principal, and Athletic Director (for coaching positions only), to offer one-year supplemental contracts for the 2023-2024 school year to the following classified personnel:

- Austin Speice – Assistant HS Football
- Devin Wenzlick – Assistant HS Football
- Tom McCord – Head JH Football
- Brian Yenser – Assistant JH Football
- Chris Rosswurm – Head HS Boys Golf
- Jeremy Daeger – Head HS Girls Golf
- Terry Campbell – Head HS Cross Country
- Jaime Kipfer – Head JH Cross Country
- Hailey McDaniel – HS Cheerleading (Fall)
- Michelle Daeger – Boys Faculty Manager (Fall)
- Michelle Daeger – Girls Faculty Manager (Fall)
- Joni Wenninger – Band and Choir Assistant
- Camille Myers –District Information Specialist
- Lynn Etzler – High School Concessions Manager
- Jennifer Dempsey – Junior High Cheerleading

L. upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, JH/HS Principal, and Athletic Director, to approve the following individuals as volunteer coaches/advisors for the 2023-2024 school year:

- Tyler Showalter – Football

- Jayden Sherry – Football
- Aaron Stoller – Football
- Kim Bickford - Football
- Michelle Daeger– Girls Golf
- Alexa Campbell – Cheerleading (Fall)

M. upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and the Curriculum Director to approve the purchase of the following textbooks in the amounts listed:

- Spanish I, II, III, and IV for an amount not to exceed \$26,000
- Grover Hill Band and Choir - an amount not to exceed \$12,000
- Payne Band and Choir - an amount not to exceed \$10,000
- Payne and Grover Hill Elementary Art - an amount not to exceed \$10,500
- Payne and Grover Hill Elementary Physical Education - an amount not to exceed \$5,000
- JH/HS Band and Choir - an amount not to exceed \$8,500

N. to change the rate of non-classified substitutes to step 0 on the salary schedule;

O. to approve Girls Varsity Basketball for an overnight stay at Baldwin Wallace University, June 21-22.

P. To approve the purchase of marching band uniforms at a cost of \$38,850.00

\*Are there any consent agenda items the Board would like to move down into “Other New Business” for further discussion and/or for separate voting purposes?

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

Nay, none. Motion passed.

New Business

**7:51 p.m. Executive Session**

Motion by: Mrs. Stabler

Seconded by: Mr. Swary

“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. Swary, Mr. Baumle, Mrs. Forrer, and Mr. Moore, aye.

Nay, none. Board in executive session.

**8:20 p.m. Regular Session called back to order.**

The board had further discussion about the Digester Project and the proposed 30 year TIF agreement. It is agreed that the board will wait and see the final details before any vote is taken on the TIF agreement.

There was more discussion on the results of the building walk-throughs. Mr. Swary is concerned about the the condition of the Ag Shop at the high school and the basement at the Payne building. What can be done to improve these areas.

**8:37 p.m.**      **Executive Session**

Motion by: Mrs. Forrer  
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: Mrs. Forrer, Mrs. Stabler, Mr. Baumle, Mr. Moore, and Mr. Swary, aye.

**9:12 p.m.**      **Regular Session called back to order.**

**Adjournment**

Motion by: Mrs. Forrer  
Seconded by: Mrs. Stabler

to adjourn the meeting.

All in favor.                      Meeting adjourned.

The next Board meeting will be held June 19, 2023 at 4:30 p.m. in the Wayne Trace High School Lecture Hall.

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President

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Treasurer