

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

The following members were present:

Mrs. Melanie Forrer
Mr. Jeremy Moore
Mr. Clint Sinn
Mrs. Rhonda Stabler

Absent: Patrick Baumle (Joined the meeting virtually. Did not vote)

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: Mrs. Angie Miesle, Instructor
Mr. Ed Stuart, Instructor
Mr. Greg Schultz, Transportation/Maintenance Supervisor

Report of the Treasurer

Treasurer, Lori Davis informed the board that the FY24 audit was complete and it will be released to the public in a couple of weeks. Everything went very well with the audit. There was discussion on open enrollment students and the amount the district receives and disburses for special needs/foster students. The district hopes to bring in more open enrolled students in the future through the Steam Program.

Consent Agenda Items:

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

Motion by: Mr. Sinn

Seconded by: Mrs. Stabler

- A. to approve the minutes of the January 13, 2025 board meeting;
- B. to approve the investment report and payment of bills for January 2025 as presented by the Treasurer;
- C. to approve the cash reconciliation for January 2025;
- D. to approve the budget/revenue comparison report for January 2025;

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

Nay, none.

Motion passed.

Vantage Report – Mr. Pat Baumle reported that Vantage had a very successful Sophomore Day. So far there is 338 students signed up to be incoming Juniors for the 25-26 school year. Vantage has done some creative logistics with the academic classes to be able to service the record breaking enrollment. Vantage has also changed some programs to be more appealing to the generation that is coming in. It appears that there is momentum to build a new street from SR127 to Franklin St. Vantage has interviewed and chosen Munger & Munger as their architect to renovate the building that will house the medical programs.

V. Report of the Building Principals

VI. Committee Reports

VII. Superintendent's Report

A. Curriculum

- Looking to finish up our Social Studies review and bring a proposal to the BoE in the near future.
- Spring state testing is coming up and we are preparing the students for these tests.
- The Career Connections Program continues to grow each year. This year we currently have 12 seniors participating in the program.
- We purchased new and updated VR goggles for the district. These work better than the old ones and are able to provide out K-12 students with many virtual experiences that tie into the learning that is happening in class.

B. Personnel

- I am recommending the approval of Julie Manz's transfer to Guidance Secretary/EMIS for the 2025-2026 school year (consent item A).
- I am recommending Jennifer Rust and Sarah Sennebogen for the position of Junior High Concessions Manager for the 2024-2025 school year (consent item B). They will split position 50/50.
- To approve Jim Linder as Athletic Director for the 2024-2025 school year (consent items C). The supplemental AD was not on agenda when he was approved as a teacher.
- To approve Jessica Holden (consent items D) the position as varsity volleyball coach for 2025-26 season.
- To accept the resignation of Katelyn Price from the position of Jr. High cheer coach (consent item E). She thanked the school for the opportunity, but her full time job has become more demanding.

C. Buildings and Grounds

D. Operations

- Asking for approval to compete in the OHSAA. This is an annual thing (consent item G).

- The school calendar as developed by the association for the school year 2025-2026 (consent item H).

VIII. Consent Agenda Items

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

Motion by: Mrs. Forrer

Seconded by: Mr. Moore

- A. upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and JH/HS Principal to approve the transfer of Julie Manz from Library Aide to Guidance Secretary/EMIS position for the 2025-26 school year;
- B. upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve Jennifer Rust and Sarah Sennebogen as ½ Junior High Concessions Manager, respectively for the 2024-2025 school year;
- C. upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve Jim Linder as Athletic Director for the 2024-2025 school year;
- D. upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, JH/HS Principal, and Athletic Director, to approve Jessica Holden as Varsity Volleyball Coach for the 2025-2026 season;
- E. to accept the resignation of Katlyn Price as Jr. High Cheer coach effective at the end of the Jr. High Basketball season;
- F. upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, and JH/HS Principal to approve Audrea Mancinotti for a one year contract for the 2025-2026 school year as Guidance Counselor.
- G. to authorize membership in the OHSAA for the 2025-2026 school year;
- H. to approve the calendar for the 2025-2026 school year;

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

Nay, none. Motion passed.

Items outside of the Consent Agenda

New Business – Discussion on concession stands and how to generate more income for them.

6:56 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, Mrs Forrer, and Mr. Moore, aye.

Nay, none. Board in executive session.

7:08 p.m. Regular Session called back to order.

The board discussed the Steam Program. Steam is using equipment to allow students to actively solve problems in a collaborative environment through the applications of traditional learning skills. Mrs. Angie Miesle and Mr. Tim Manz applied for a grant to support the Steam Program which the district was awarded in the amount of \$2,413,590.54 in March 2024. \$1,754,999.69 is to be used for additions/renovations to create room for the Steam Program and future growth. Since the bond levy failed in November 2024, the district must move forward with the limited funds from the State to create space for the Steam Program initiative. There was much discussion on where to house the program in the existing high school. The library area makes the most sense, so that is where the focus is. The board has taxed Mr. Jones to find out exactly what square footage the program needs. Then to contact Munger & Munger Architects to have them come in and look at the area. The State grant funds need to be allocated by June 30, 2025.

Adjournment

Motion by: Mrs. Forrer

Seconded by: Mr. Sinn

To adjourn meeting.

All in favor. Meeting adjourned.

The next Board meeting will be held March 10, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. in the High School Lecture Room.

President

Treasurer