

The Wayne Trace Local School District Board of Education met for the Organizational and Regular Session on January 9, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. in the Wayne Trace 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 recited.

Call to Order by President Pro Tem Rhonda Stabler

Roll Call was taken by Treasurer, Lori Davis

New Business

Nomination and Election of Officers

**A. President of Wayne Trace Board for 2023**

President Pro Tem called for nominations for President.

Mr. Richard Swary nominated Mr. Patrick Baumle

No other nominations.          Nominations closed.

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

Abstain, Mr. Baumle.          Nay, none.          Motion passed.

Mr. Patrick Baumle sworn into office by Treasurer, Mrs. Lori Davis.

**B. Vice President of Wayne Trace Board for 2023**

President, Mr. Patrick Baumle called for nominations for Vice-President

Mrs. Rhonda Stabler nominated Mrs. Melanie Forrer.

No other nominations.          Nominations closed.

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

Abstain, Mrs. Forrer          Nay, none.          Motion passed.

Mrs. Melanie Forrer sworn into office by the Treasurer, Mrs. Lori Davis.

V. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

One resolution to approve the following consent agenda items:

Motion by: Mr. Swary

Seconded by: Mr. Moore

- A. to establish the second Monday of each month at 6:30p.m. in the High School lecture room as the date, time, and location of the regularly held monthly Board meetings for the 2023 calendar year;
- B. to forego the reading of the prior board meeting minutes at each monthly meeting;
- C. to confirm that the number of Board meetings at which Board members may be compensated at unlimited at a set salary of \$100 per Board member per meeting;
- D. to authorize the treasurer to:
  - 1. make transfers within the General Fund accounts to pay outstanding bills within the limits of Appropriations as presented (when merchandise has been received in good condition) and to make General Fund transfers as funds are available;
  - 2. secure advances from the county auditor when such funds are available and payable to the school district; and
  - 3. invest active, inactive, or interim funds at the most productive rate of interest according to law whenever these funds are available;
- E. to authorize the superintendent:
  - 1. as the program administrator in making the decision to take part in any local, state, or federal program deemed advantageous to the school district;
  - 2. to approve staff members' attendance at professional meetings;
  - 3. to attend and represent Wayne Trace Local Schools at all professional meetings;
  - 4. to employ such temporary and/or substitute personnel as needed for emergency purposes and otherwise;
  - 5. to approve all regular field trips and vocational field trips; all out-of state trips and trips involving more than 1 overnight's stay, however, must have prior Board approval;
  - 6. to sign salary notices on behalf of the Board of Education; and
  - 7. to approve all extra-curricular activity budgets.
- F. to authorize the Board President and treasurer to borrow money if needed;
- G. to establish the service fund for the Board of Education and to allocate \$3,500.00 to this fund (presently \$3,500.00);
- H. to authorize the superintendent as purchasing agent for the school district and to establish \$25,000.00 as the limit at which the purchasing agent may make purchases/expenditures without prior Board approval (presently \$25,000.00);
- I. to approve SORSA employee dishonesty and faith performance coverage as an alternate to the Surety Bond for the Treasurer and Board President with a blanket limit of \$1,000,000. This replaces the Surety bonds;

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- J. to confirm that the substitute teacher rate should remain at its current rate of \$100.00;
- K. to authorize membership in the Ohio School Boards Association for calendar 2023;
- L. to recognize the following legal counsel: Attorneys Scott Scriven LLP and Attorneys Dinsmore and Shohl;
- M. to authorize the Superintendent and Treasurer to apply for and receive grants or subgrants and enter into associated contracts;
- N. to designate positions as cashiers for the Wayne Trace Local School Board of Education and authorize the individuals holding these positions to make bank deposits for Wayne Trace Local Schools:

- Assistant Treasurer
- Superintendent Secretary
- Building Secretary
- Concessions Manager
- Ticket Manager
- Cafeteria Staff
- Building Librarian

- O. to set petty cash funds as follows:
  - Athletic Department – Tickets \$1,700.00
  - Concessions - \$600.00
  - Athletic Checking \$4,000.00
  - Custodian of each petty cash fund shall be the supervisor or advisor in charge
- P. to authorize the superintendent, during periods when this board is not in session, to make offers of employment directly to candidates for either teaching or non-teaching positions on behalf of this board, and to acknowledge acceptance of such offers on behalf of this board, subject to a subsequent vote of ratification by this board; provided however, that upon ratification by this board, the employment shall be deemed effective as of the date and time of the employee’s acceptance of the superintendent’s offer.

Nothing in this resolution shall require the board of education to employ or continue to employ an individual who has not provided a criminal records check satisfactory to the board or who has not satisfied any other prerequisite to employment created by law or board policy.

And on behalf of the board, to accept resignations which have been submitted by employees during times when this board is not in session, subject to ratification by this board; provided however, that upon ratification by this board, such resignations shall be deemed effective as of the date and time of the superintendent’s acceptance.

\*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 Mrs. Stabler, aye

Nay, none. Motion passed.

OTHER NEW BUSINESS

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

- A. Resolution to designate Board President as legislative liaison and Board Vice President as the alternate for this position for this calendar year.

Motion by: Mr. Moore  
Seconded by: Mrs. Forrer

- B. Resolution to appoint the following committees and to utilize the following Board members to serve on these committees during 2023:

Audit Committee (all 5): Patrick Baumle, Melanie Forrer, Jeremy Moore, Rhonda Stabler and Richard Swary

Building and Grounds (2) Rhonda Stabler and Melanie Forrer

Transportation & Food Services (2) Patrick Baumle and Richard Swary

Finance, Insurances, and P.I. Fund (all 5) Patrick Baumle, Melanie Forrer, Jeremy Moore, Rhonda Stabler and Richard Swary

Personnel (2) Patrick Baumle and Melanie Forrer

Policy (2) Richard Swary and Rhonda Stabler

Extracurricular (2) Melanie Forrer and Rhonda Stabler

Student Achievement & Technology (2) Melanie Forrer and Jeremy Moore

Levy Planning (2) Melanie Forrer and Richard Swary

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

Nay, none. Motion passed.

**Regular Session called to order.**

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. Jason Dunham, Community Member  
Ms. JulieAnn Densmore, Paulding Progress  
Mr. Jack Baumle, Instructor  
Ms. Angie Stokes, Instructor  
Miss Danae Myers, Instructor  
Mr. Brandon Wobler, Transportation/Maintenance Supervisor

Mr. Jason Dunham addressed the board about his concerns at the Payne Elementary Building. Mr. Dunham helps out with the school musical and said that the facility really needs some work and wondered what the status was on getting some repairs done. Mr. Dunham gave some examples of his concerns and how the district has people coming in for the musicals from all over. He also wanted to know where the board was on the assessment that had been done on all the district facilities. Mr. Dunham wanted to know if the community will be updated as decisions are made on the facilities.

Ms. Angie Stokes gave a presentation on Steam Programs and Technology. Ms. Stokes talked on how these programs could be implemented into our district. The learning standards for media production has changed and how these programs would meet those standards. She would like some updated equipment. She would like to write 2 grants for \$25,000 each to fund the start-up cost of equipment. The grants are matching funds and is seeking out partners in the community to help. If she doesn't get all of the funds raised, she asked the board if they would be on board to help. Space will be an issue and some discussion has taken place on repurposing part of the library.

#### Report of the Treasurer

Treasurer, Lori Davis reviewed the new effective tax rates with the board. She explained how voted millage is rolled into an effective rate. The effective rate then is used to calculate how much the district will receive in local tax dollars. It was reported that the district will receive an additional \$409,000. in local tax revenue for 2023 calendar year.

Treasurer, Lori Davis also spoke about the ESSER funds and how the district plans to spend those dollars on funding the after school tutoring programs at the JH/HS and elementary buildings. Letters Training for dyslexia required training. Replace the carpet in the Grover Hill gym and hallways and renovate the media center space for the Steam Programs and E-Sports. There were no comments from the public.

#### 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 from the December 12, 2022 board meeting;
- B. to approve the investment report and payment of bills for December 2022 as presented by the Treasurer;
- C. to approve the cash reconciliation for December 2022;
- D. to approve the budget/revenue comparison report for December 2022;

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

Nay, none. Motion passed.

Vantage Report – Mr. Baumle reported that the Vantage board will have a new member starting for 2023 from Ft. Jennings. There is nothing to report since Vantage’s board doesn’t meet until 1/12/23 this month.

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

Committee Reports – Mr. Baumle reported on the meeting that was held with Garmann Miller to review the assessment of the facilities. He also said that he was working with Mr. Wobler on cleaning of the restrooms.

### Superintendent’s Report

Mr. Paul Jones, Superintendent recognized the board members for their service and passed out appreciation certificates to each of the members.

#### A. Curriculum

- Before we left for break our staff wrapped up the first semester with students including the completion of semester exams.
- Mr. Manz has been busy working with our staff on Dyslexia training and what is best for our students.

#### B. Personnel

- School Board Member recognition – January is School Board Members Recognition Month in the state of Ohio. Thank you to each member who diligently serves the students in the Wayne Trace Local School District (consent item A).
- Mr. Derrick Miller as freshman basketball coach. Our numbers are high enough to play a schedule and tournament (consent item B).
- Mr. Kenny Speice has applied to be the custodian at Grover Hill Elementary (consent item C).
- Jaime Kipfer and Jacob Keysor as volunteer track coaches in junior high and high school (consent items D and E).
- Move of Emilie Foor from volunteer to paid assistant softball 50% and Mark Crosby from volunteer to paid assistant softball 50% (consent items F and G).
- Move Corey Adams from volunteer to paid assistant in baseball (consent item H).
- Klaudia Neer is recommended for the Payne Sweeper position. She comes with experience and has been helping already as a substitute at Payne (consent item I).

#### C. Buildings and Grounds

- Garmann Miller will be calling on January 9<sup>th</sup> to discuss updating our facilities.

- Payne Elementary had some water damage December 24<sup>th</sup> due to a power outage and extreme cold temperatures. Ray Speice and Bill Childs were present to help deal with the issue. They are to be commended for the work in taking care of the building under extreme conditions (consent item L).

#### D. Events

- Our winter sports seasons have hit the mid-way point. Our student athletes are working very hard each day to improve and all enjoying some success.

#### E. Operations

- It is our recommendation to move forward with the eSports program as soon as possible. We will utilize ESSR funds for the initial set-up costs (consent item J).
- I am asking for the approval of the 2023-2024 school calendar which we conducted our hearing on at the November meeting (consent item K). (see attachment)
- Enrollment: Our current enrollment is 974 (see attachment).

### III. Consent Agenda Items

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

Motion by: Mrs. Forrer

Seconded by: Mrs. Stabler

- upon the recommendation of the Superintendent to publically recognize each of our Board Members for their continued service to the Wayne Trace Local School District as January is School Board member recognition month;
- upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and the Athletic Director to approve Derrick Miller for boys' freshman basketball coach;
- upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and the Transportation Director/Maintenance Supervisor to approve the transfer of Kenneth Speice to the Custodial/Maintenance position at Grover Hill Elementary effective January 9, 2023;
- upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and the Athletic Director to approve Jaime Kipfer as a volunteer high school track coach;
- upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and the Athletic Director to approve Jacob Keysor as a volunteer junior high track coach;
- upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and the Athletic Director to approve the move of Emilie Foor from volunteer to paid assistant softball 50%;
- upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and the Athletic Director to approve the move of Mark Crosby from volunteer to paid assistant softball 50%;
- upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and the Athletic Director to approve the move of Corey Adams from volunteer to paid assistant baseball;

- I. upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and the Transportation Director/Maintenance Supervisor to approve Klaudia Neer as Sweeper at Payne Elementary effective January 10, 2023;
- J. upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and Curriculum Director to approve the start-up of an eSports program;
- K. upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the 2023-2024 school calendar as presented;
- L. to commend Brandon Wobler, Ray Speice and Bill Childs for being present Christmas Eve at Payne Elementary when there was a power outage and extreme frigid temperatures. Their presence kept water damage to a minimal.

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

Nay, none. Motion passed

New Business - None

**7:17 p.m. Executive Session**

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

Nay, none. Motion passed.

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

Amend letter J from the Organizational Meeting.

Motion by: Mr. Swary  
Seconded by: Mrs. Stabler

To correct Letter J from the Organizational agenda to read "to confirm that the substitute teacher rate should remain at its current rate of \$100.00".

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

Abstain: Mr. Moore      Nay, none.      Motion passed.

Adjournment

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

To adjourn the meeting.

All in favor.            Meeting adjourned.

The next Board meeting is a Special Session scheduled for January 30, 2023 at 4:00 p.m. A special meeting to discuss district planning. It will be held in the High School Lecture Room.

The next Regular meeting will be February 13, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. to be held in the High School Lecture Room.

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President

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Treasurer