

The Wayne Trace Local School District Board of Education met for the Organizational and Regular Session on January 13, 2025 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  
Mr. Clint Sinn  
Mrs. Rhonda Stabler

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was recited.

Call to Order by President Pro Tem Jeremy Moore.

Terri Overmyer was presented with a retirement clock. Mrs. Overmyer retired December 31, 2024 from being the Study Hall Monitor and will be missed.

Updates from the Maintenance and Transportation department.

Mr. Greg Schultz announced the electrical work at the Payne Elementary building has been completed for the new projector system that is being installed. The elevator parts are still on back order. The Grover Hill Elementary building south windows are in need of being replaced. Quotes are being received for the replacement. The basketball backboard hoists in the High School gym are not in working order and will need replaced. Mr. Schultz is working with Farnham to get that done. Tablets are being installed in all busses. There has been good feedback on the tablets that have already been installed.

Superintendent, Paul Jones recognized the Board members for their service by presenting them with a certificate.

Roll Call was taken by Treasurer, Mrs. Lori Davis

New Business

Nomination and Election of Officers

**A. President of Wayne Trace Board for 2025**

President Pro Tem calls for nominations for President.

Mr. Patrick Baumle nominated Mr. Jeremy Moore and Mrs. Melanie Forrer seconded that nomination.

No other nominations.          Nominations closed.

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

Nay, none.          Motion passed.

Mr. Jeremy Moore sworn into office by Treasurer, Mrs. Lori Davis

**B. Vice President of Wayne Trace Board for 2025**

President, Mr. Jeremy Moore called for nominations for Vice-President

Mr. Jeremy Moore nominated Mr. Clint Sinn and Mrs. Rhonda Stabler seconded that nomination.

No other nominations. Nominations closed.

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

Nay, none. Motion passed.

Mr. Clint Sinn sworn into office by Treasurer, Mrs. Lori Davis.

### CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

One resolution to approve the following consent agenda items:

Motion by: Mr. Baumle

Seconded by: Mr. Sinn

- A. to establish the second Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the High School lecture room as the date, time, and location of the regularly held monthly Board meetings for the 2025 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;

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- 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;
- J. to confirm that the substitute teacher rate should remain at its current rate of \$100;
- K. to approve the hourly rates for the following positions  
After School Supervision \$20 per hour  
E-Sports Supervision \$20 per hour  
Groundskeeper 90% of the Step 0 Custodian rate listed in the WTEA negotiated contract;
- L. to approve the substitute rates for classified positions as Step 0 on the salary schedule of the position rate listed in the WTEA negotiated contract;
- M. to approve any classified sub/temporary/seasonal employee (cafeteria, bus driver, teacher aide, elementary library aide, secretary, custodian/sweeper, study hall, groundskeeper) who works 120 or more days in a fiscal year in the same position will be placed at the next step on the salary schedule of the position rate listed in the WTEA negotiated contract to determine the hourly rate for the next fiscal year. Once a step is earned, the employee remains on that step until they earn another step. The maximum step that can be earned is Step 5;
- N. to authorize the Superintendent to be able to declare a state of impracticability of transportation;
- O. to authorize membership in the Ohio School Boards Association for calendar 2025;
- P. to recognize the following legal counsel: Attorneys Scott Scriven LLP and Attorneys Dinsmore and Shohl;
- Q. to authorize the Superintendent and Treasurer to apply for and receive grants or sub grants and enter into associated contracts;
- R. 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  
Accounts Payable/Athletic Dept. Secretary  
Building Secretary  
Concessions Manager  
Ticket Manager

Cafeteria Staff  
Building Librarian

- S. to set petty cash funds as follows:  
Athletic Department – Tickets \$1,700.00  
Concessions - \$800.00  
Custodian of each petty cash fund shall be the supervisor or advisor in charge
- T. 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. Baumle, Mr. Sinn, Mrs. Forrer, Mr. Moore, and Mrs. Stabler, aye.

Nay, none. Motion passed.

OTHER NEW BUSINESS

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

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

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

Nay, none. Motion passed.

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

- B. Resolution to appoint the following committees and to utilize the following Board members to serve on these committees during 2025:

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

Building and Grounds (2) Jeremy Moore and Rhonda Stabler

Transportation & Food Services (2) Patrick Baumle and Clint Sinn

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

Personnel (2) Patrick Baumle and Jeremy Moore

Policy (2) Clint Sinn 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 Clint Sinn

Roll call vote: Mrs. Stabler, Mrs. Forrer, Mr. Baumle, Mr. Moore, and Mr. Sinn, 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: Angie Miesle-Instructor  
Ed Stuart-Instructor  
Greg Schultz-Maintenance/Transportation

#### Report of the Treasurer

Treasurer, Mrs. Lori Davis informed the Board that the district received \$4,843.67 in credit from Paulding Putnam. These are capital credits that are given back annually. Mrs. Davis announced that the district will be receiving \$47,000 more in tax collections for the 2025 calendar year. The district has seen a small increase in valuation. Mrs. Davis also informed the board that the ARP ESSER funds have all been spent. These funds were federal funds due to COVID. The district received a Wellness grant in the amount of \$5,100. The money will be used to purchase more water coolers, ice machines, and picnic tables for each of the buildings for staff. Mrs. Davis also informed the board that the FY24 audit has went very well and anticipate the draft audit to be distributed by the February meeting for the board's review. Mrs. Davis also reminded the board that the ¾% renewal income tax levy will need to be on the November 2025 ballot.

Consent Agenda Items:

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

Motion by: Mr. Sinn

Seconded by: Mr. Moore

- A. to approve the minutes from the December 9, 2024 board meeting;
- B. to approve the investment report and payment of bills for December 2024 as presented by the Treasurer;
- C. to approve the cash reconciliation for December 2024;
- D. to approve the budget/revenue comparison report for December 2024;

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

Nay, none.

Motion passed.

Vantage Report – Mr. Baumle reported the open house is scheduled for February 24, 2025. Vantage will be hosting the Skills USA competition for 20 schools in March. Vantage is in the process of picking an architect for the renovations for the Medical Arts Academy.

Report of the Building Principals – All present and reports given

Committee Reports –No reports

Superintendent's Report

A. Curriculum

- We have begun our last unit of LETRS training (8 total units). This has been a great opportunity for our staff and there has been a lot of very positive feedback. Some of the feedback that we have received is that this is the best PD that we have ever offered, and they wish that they had known this information years ago.
- We have begun EVAAS training for the teachers in grades 4-6, and look to provide this training to staff members in grades 7-12 that teach a state-tested subject. EVAAS is the company that provides us with district, building, teacher, and student-level value added data each year that is based on our state test scores. This allows us to determine whether our students are making yearly growth in comparison to other students throughout the state, when it comes to the state tests.
- We are up and running with three Esports teams this year. We have two Fortnite teams and one Overwatch II team. We are excited to get this season started, and are hopeful for great results.
- We are continuing to add STEAM equipment to our STEAM Center. Ed and Angie are doing a fabulous job and the students' interest and engagement level is extremely high. We are also planning to apply for some more grants and some programs that will provide us state-wide recognition for the great things that our STEAM program is doing.

## 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. Matt Holden is our recommendation for the weight room supervisor supplemental in consent item B.
- To approve the following for spring sports (consent items C through F).

## C. Buildings and Grounds

- Greg Schultz, Transportation/Maintenance Supervisor, will give his report.

## 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 are enjoying some success. Consent items G & H includes 3 dates for overnight trips the wrestling team will and could possibly take. We did not have these dates when we approved the other trips for the wrestlers.

## E. Operations

- We have use 3 calamity days up to this point.

It was requested by Mrs. Rhonda Stabler to remove item D and F for further discussion.

## III. Consent Agenda Items

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

Motion by: Mrs. Forrer

Seconded by: Mr. Sinn

- 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 WTJH/HS Principal to approve Matt Holden for the weight room supervisor supplemental;
- upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, Athletic Director and the WTJH/HS Principal to approve Anne Schultz for ½ assistant varsity softball;
- ~~upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, Athletic Director and the WTJH/HS Principal to approve Travis Tumblin for volunteer varsity baseball;~~
- upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, Athletic Director and the WTJH/HS Principal to approve transferring Jeff Morman from varsity baseball assistant to JV baseball coach;

~~F. upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, Athletic Director and the WTJH/HS Principal to approve transferring Corbin Vance from baseball volunteer coach to paid assistant baseball coach;~~

G. upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and the JH/HS Principal to approve overnight trip for the high school wrestling team on January 10, 2025: Reading High School, Reading, Ohio;

H. upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and the JH/HS Principal to approve overnight trips for the high school wrestling team if necessary on February 28, 2025: Districts; March 7, 2025: State;

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

Nay, none. Motion passed.

New Business – Angie Mielse asked the board for some direction on what the plans are for the Steam Center. The board is working on a plan.

**6:48 p.m. Executive Session**

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

Nay, none. Board in executive session.

7:05 p.m. **Regular Session called back to order.**

**Items outside the consent agenda:**

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

I. upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, Athletic Director and the WTJH/HS Principal to approve Travis Tumblin for volunteer varsity baseball;

J. upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, Athletic Director and the WTJH/HS Principal to approve transferring Corbin Vance from baseball volunteer coach to paid assistant baseball coach;

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

Nay, none. Motion passed.



The board discussed steps to get started on planning for the Steam program. Mr. Baumle is going to meet with Mr. Jones to create a plan.

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 February 10, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. in the High School Lecture Room.

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President

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Treasurer