

The Wayne Trace Local Schools District Board of Education met in Regular Session on November 18, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. in the Wayne Trace High School Lecture Room

Members Present

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

Absent: Mr. Patrick Baumle

Public hearing for the purpose of discussing the proposed 2025-2026 School Calendar.

No comments

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: Angie Miesle, Instructor
Ed Stuart, Instructor
Greg Schultz, Maintenance/Transportation
Allison Noggle, Student
Erika and Matt Noggle, parents
Jack Baumle, Instructor
Ali McClure, Community
Kelly Stouffer, Instructor

Allison Noggle presented letters of support from local newspapers on starting up the school newspaper, The Tracer. Allison said the students would like to have monthly publications and Joe Shouse and Zach Boyer have volunteered to be the supervisors of the publications. Allison asked for the board's support to move forward with the newspaper.

Ali McClure and Kelly Stouffer were in attendance to speak about the Life House church and its donations to the district as well as several students. Matt Evans, Payne Principal informed the board that on November 2, 2024 25 students from Wayne Trace were bussed to Life House Church where they were partnered up with an adult to go shopping. Each student was allowed \$200. to spend. Ali McClure informed the board that this is the 4th year the church has done this project and is happy that the church added Wayne Trace students this year. \$25,000. is spent on student shopping from the area schools. The students go shopping at Shoe Sensation, Maurice's, and Wal-Mart. Kelly Stouffer said it was an amazing experience because the students who were able to shop were so thankful to have the experience. In addition, the church donated food for the students to take home and donated a check in the amount of \$10,365.71 to the school for needy students. The date for next year is set for 11/8/25 and Wayne Trace will be included again. The board expressed their Thanks to Life House.

Report of the Treasurer

Treasurer, Lori Davis reviewed the 5 year forecast with the board who also serve as the finance committee.

Consent Agenda Items:

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

Motion by: Mrs. Stabler

Seconded by: Mr. Sinn

- A. to approve the minutes from the October 21, 2024 board meeting;
- B. to approve the investment report and payment of bills for October 2024 as presented by the Treasurer;
- C. to approve the cash reconciliation for October 2024;
- D. to approve the budget/revenue comparison report for October 2024;
- E. to approve the 5 year forecast;
- F. to approve the amended appropriations/revenues for FY25.

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

Nay, none. Motion passed.

Vantage Report – Pat Baumle absent, no report

Report of the Building Principals-all building reports given

Committee Reports – No reports

Discussion on the levy results. The board discussed what direction should be taken now. Steam Program and its space is a priority. Wrestling space is a concern especially with a girls and boys team this year. Long Term planning was discussed. Strategic Planning process was discussed to figure out what is the best direction for the district. Getting the community more involved in the planning process. It was asked of Mr. Jones to reach out to Garmann/Miller to get the strategic planning organized. It was discussed to work on getting the Income Tax renewal passed in 2025 and then work on the strategic planning.

Superintendent's Report

A. Curriculum

- Testing: We have completed our third grade reading testing for the fall and are preparing for our retakes of testing at the high school level.
- We continue to move forward with MTSS (Multi-Tiered System of Supports).
- Starting to review Social Studies curriculum.

B. Personnel

- Terri Overmyer, Greg Davis, and Jeff Tempel have submitted their resignations. Wayne Trace thanks them for their service and commitment to Wayne Trace during their employment (consent item C thru E).
- Jack Baumle has asked to be rehired for the 2025-2026 school year. If approved, Jack would like to retire at the end of this school year (consent item F).

C. Buildings and Grounds

- The first estimate to replace the rooftop unit on the gym at Payne Elementary came from All Temp and was \$179,960.00. We are still waiting on other bids.
- T&D Interiors was here to look at the boys' varsity locker room floor where a large section of tile has come loose. They will get an estimate to us next week. They will also be doing a warranty repair in one of our classrooms.
- Concrete work at the flagpole and sidewalk is scheduled to begin Monday at Grover Hill.
- All 3 buildings had boiler inspections last week, all went well!
- The issues we have been having with the elevator at Payne have mostly been because of the door, and with issues due to damage from weather related incidents in which our insurance were involved. A complete update to the elevator door (consent item M) is needed.
- Scott Miller Lawn Care of Grover Hill was the low bid for our snow removal (consent item B).

D. Events

- Our Boys Golf team completed a very successful year. Kyle Sutton finished 3rd at the State Golf tournament (consent item J).
- Overnight Wrestling Tournaments: We are recommending approval for this year's trips (consent item K and L).
- National Honor Society inducted 12 new members on November 1st. As usual, Joni Klopfenstein put on an amazing ceremony (consent item H).

E. Operations

- School Calendar for 2025-2026: A copy of the calendar the association has approved is attached. We cannot approve the calendar until we've had a public hearing and waited at least thirty days. You will note on the agenda the public hearing will occur just prior to our meeting.

V. Consent Agenda Items

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

Motion by: Mr. Sinn

Seconded by: Mr. Moore

- upon the recommendation of the superintendent and the WTGH principal to approve the transfer of Julie Manz to Library Aide at GH Elementary effective January 6, 2025;
- to approve the quote from Scott Miller Lawn Care for snow removal from all three campuses;

- C. to accept the resignation of Terri Overmyer for the purpose of retirement as study hall monitor, effective December 31st, 2024;
- D. to accept the resignation of Greg Davis for the purpose of retirement as Bus Driver, effective April 1st, 2025;
- E. to accept the resignation of Jeff Tempel for the purpose of retirement as Bus Driver, effective at the end of his contracted year 2024-2025;
- F. to accept the resignation of Jack Baumle for the purpose of retirement from his teaching position of high school math at the end of his contract year for 2024-2025, and is contingent upon being reemployed by the district for the 2025-2026 school year;
- G. upon the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve Jacob Keysor as a volunteer Indoor Track Assistant;
- H. to commend the newest members of the Wayne Trace National Honor Society. New NHS members include: Whitney Boroff, Olivia Franklin, Estrella Martinez-Sandoval, Riley Manz, Caitlyn Mead, Aubree Miller, Lexi Moore, Natalie Richie, Torree Sinn, Addison Stoller, Clay Stoller, and Emma Stouffer. Thanks also to NHS advisor Miss Joni Klopfenstein for coordinating a nice NHS induction ceremony;
- I. to commend the students, teachers and principals for organizing and leading the Veterans' Day assemblies at all three buildings;
- J. to commend Kyle Sutton for finishing 3rd overall at the State Golf tournament. Congratulation on this accomplishment in 2024!
- K. upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and the JH/HS Principal to approve overnight trips for the high school girls wrestling team if necessary on January 8th, 2025: Port Clinton, Ohio; January 24th, 2025: Bellefontaine, Ohio;
- L. upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and the JH/HS Principal to approve overnight trips for the high school boys wrestling team if necessary on January 3rd, 2025: Troy, Ohio; January 17th, 2025: Van Buren, Ohio; January 31st, 2025: Carey, OH; February 28th, 2025: Districts, March 6-7, 2025: State;
- M. upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and the Transportation/Maintenance Director, to approve the quote from All Pro Elevator to perform door operator modernization front and rear on the elevator at Payne Elementary, at a cost of \$38,211.14
- N. to approve a memorandum of understanding between the Board of Education and the Wayne Trace Education Association amending the 2024-2026 master contract regarding AP instructor compensation;
- O. to approve the purchase of the following STEAM equipment; Intec Flatbed Cutter, Rhino Binder, and Triumph Cutter, at a cost of \$25,108. This purchase will utilize grant money.

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

Nay, none. Motion passed.

Outside the Consent Agenda

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

- A. Board of Education resolution to amend Treasurer's contract.
Be It Resolved, that the Wayne Trace Local School District Board of Education and Lori A. Davis agree to modify the Treasurer Contract with effective dates of August 1, 2024 through July 31, 2027, effective immediately, as presented in the "Addendum to Contract of Treasurer."

- B. Board of Education resolution to employ Treasurer of Schools (Retire-Rehire)
Be It Resolved, that the Wayne Trace Local School District Board of Education accepts the resignation of Treasurer Lori Davis as presented, effective at 11:59 p.m. on November 30, 2024;
Be It Further Resolved, the Board of Education hereby employs Lori Davis as Treasurer of Schools (retire-rehire), effective December 2, 2024 through July 31, 2027;
Be It Further Resolved, that the Board of Education hereby approves the written "Treasurer's Contract" for Lori Davis, effective December 2, 2024 through July 31, 2027 as presented.

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

Nay, none. Motion passed.

New Business – Mr. Jeremy Moore brought up a concern about videos that are being shown in the classroom that has inappropriate language in them. Mr. Moore emailed Mr. Mike Myers with the concern and asked that Mr. Myers investigate how many videos are being shown that has the inappropriate language in them. Mr. Moore asked it be investigated if there is some sort of software that can bleep the inappropriate language.

8:26 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.

9:05 p.m. Regular session called back to order.

Adjournment

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

To adjourn the meeting.

All in favor. Meeting adjourned.

The next Board meeting will be held December 9, 2024 at 5:30 p.m. in the High School Lecture Room.

President

Treasurer