

The Wayne Trace Local School District Board of Education met in Regular Session on September 9, 2024 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
Mr. Clint Sinn
Mrs. Rhonda Stabler

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.

There were several guests at the meeting. Among the guests, there was community members, staff members, township trustees, and the Paulding Progress were all in attendance.

New staff members were introduced to the Board. Claire Sinn and Phoebe Tomac are new at the Payne building. Claire McClure is a new staff member through the Western Buckeye ESC at the Payne building. Matt Kennicutt is the new choral director at the High School building. Each staff member told a little bit about themselves.

Board President, Jeremy Moore asked the rest in attendance if anyone else was in attendance for anything other than the 4.91 mill bond levy. As no one said they were, Mr. Moore proceeded to step those in attendance through the decision making process to approve putting the 4.91 bond levy on the ballot. Mr. Moore spoke about community meetings where it was asked of those in attendance what they saw as the needs of the district. These meetings evolved into a task force committee being formed who did a questionnaire mailing to the community. There were several meetings to analyze the information that was returned. Board meetings were held in each of the school buildings to narrow down the needs and how to address them. It was decided that the elementary buildings would be updated using existing funds. Painting, new flooring, new ceiling tile are a few things that have already been accomplished. The board also decided the JH/HS would have to be handled differently. The concerns of not enough parking, the wrestling and weight rooms taking up instructional space as well as the music department having to set up and tear down equipment every period they change from band to choir, was a bigger challenge. With that, the Board decided to look into building, additions, and renovations coming up with the 4.91 mill bond levy. The addition being a Community Wellness Center that will house the wrestling program, the weight room, all purpose gym, and community room that will be accessible to the public. There will also be locker rooms for the football field as well as new rest rooms. This will restore those areas in the JH/HS back into classrooms for the Steam program. The addition of the band and choir classrooms and auditorium will fix the space limits for the music department and give them a performance venue.

There were several in attendance that raised questions about the 4.91 mill bond levy on the ballot on November 5, 2024. A concerned parent, Arthur Stoller asked several questions on why we needed to build what was being proposed and if other alternatives had been explored to satisfy the needs of the

students for the Steam and Music programs and the wrestling program. Mr. Stoller gave several examples of how he saw the existing building could possibly be used by relocating to the balconies of the high school gym and the stage in the junior high gym. The parent also wanted to know if the Steam program was being developed for all students through grades K-12 or just at the JH/HS level. Superintendent Jones spoke up and said that yes other alternatives were explored on relocating the students involved in these programs. In fact, Wayne Trace is already doing that by utilizing the library and study hall room for the Steam program. But, with the equipment that is already purchased and will be purchased through a State Grant there is not enough room to house and ventilate all the equipment and give adequate educational instruction space. The music department has several students in the program and they need a performance space. Mr. Jones also addressed the question about housing wrestling in the balcony area. It is extremely inconvenient and unsanitary with the constant rolling up of the mats as it coincides with home basketball games and bleacher deployment. Instructor, Angie Miesle spoke up and addressed the question on how the Steam program would work at the elementary levels. The group of township trustees were the next to ask questions about the 4.91 mill bond levy. The biggest concern was how the addition of millage for Wayne Trace would affect each of the township revenues from the wind farms. Treasurer, Lori Davis presented a spreadsheet showing the affects the millage will have on each entity. She discussed how the revenues are distributed to each entity within the wind farm and how those revenues can fluctuate each year depending on the millage changes. There were several questions about why now for the project with construction cost being high as well as interest rates. The time is now for the district's needs. It has been several years in the making. Who can tell the future, is construction cost going to come down? Interest rates are moving downward now which will be in the district's favor. It was also mentioned and commended by most in attendance that the board made this proposal on a presidential election year to ensure our district had the greatest potential voter turnout to better represent the entirety of its citizens. It was also asked why the project wasn't broken into 2 projects. If not done as one project, the student's needs are not met. Why not an income tax levy, the law prohibits the district from asking for an income tax levy for building and additions. That is why the Board has decided to allocate existing and future renewable energy revenues to the cost of this project. The allocation is 37% of the total project. Mrs. Jennifer Dempsey spoke up and said that she was in total agreement with the project. Mrs. Dempsey said I have only heard about money concerns and that sometimes you have to forget about the money and do the right thing for the students. She has children in the music program and has had family in the drama program in the past. The students need the facilities. There are a good number of students in these programs. Mrs. Dempsey also spoke of the difficulty of attending the Payne auditorium for those who are handicapped. Mr. Stanford also spoke up from the Paulding Progress as a parent and how the Wayne Trace music program has benefited his daughter. After the discussion, Treasurer, Lori Davis passed out a copy of the spreadsheet that was presented during the meeting to each township.

Report of the Treasurer

Treasurer, Mrs. Lori Davis discussed the resolution on the agenda for a venmo account. The account is for the yearbook to be able to collect payments for their picture fundraiser. Parents, Grandparents, other family, friends, etc can purchase pictures of their students from the yearbook. It is the best solution at this time. A separate bank account is being set up for the venmo account so the general fund is not at risk.

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 August 5, 2024 Board meeting;

- B. to approve the investment report and payment of bills for July 2024 and August 2024 as presented by the Treasurer;
- C. to approve the cash reconciliation for July 2024 and August 2024;
- D. to approve the budget/revenue comparison report for July 2024 and August 2024;
- E. to approve creating a Venmo account for Wayne Trace Local Schools.

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

Nay, none. Motion passed.

Vantage Report –Mr. Patrick Baumle informed the board that there are 562 high school students enrolled at Vantage. Mr. Baumle presented a hand out of the enrollment in each program. Among other topics the CDL lot will be ready here soon and the adult education classes for the CDL will be able to be done in the evenings now. Vantage will take full ownership of a 2nd building from Thomas Edison for the Medical Arts program.

Report of the Building Principals – Reports were given by each principal. Asst. Principal, Holly Jones was absent.

Committee Reports - None

Superintendent's Report

A. Curriculum

- We have completed our initial training and have begun the Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS) process at the elementary buildings, and have started to have MTSS meetings. We are excited about this process which involves addressing all student needs including academic, socioemotional, and behavioral. We will plan to start this process at the JH/HS level soon.
- Our two new Career and Technical Education (CTE) classes are up and running. This has allowed us to expand our STEAM offerings to the students and there is a lot of excitement surrounding these courses and opportunities. Both Angie Miesle and Ed Stuart are doing a great job with the students and the programs. We will continue to add CTE and STEAM classes and equipment as space and time allows.
- Our K-3 teachers continue to be hard at work with their LETRS training. They have spent a lot of extra time on this program and we thank them for this. We are starting to see some big improvements as the teachers begin to implement what they are learning in this program, and we look forward to even more improvement in the future.
- This year we will review our Social Studies curriculum to determine if it is meeting the needs of our staff and students, or if it needs to be updated.

B. Personnel

- In consent items A and B, I am asking you to approve the resignations of Vicky Noffsinger and Terry Ulm. Both wished to thank the Board of Education for the wonderful opportunity in allowing them to work at Wayne Trace Local Schools;

- In consent item C, I am asking you to approve an administrative contract for Gregory Schultz as our Director of Maintenance and Transportation;
- In consent item D, I am recommending Lana Addis for Cook/Cashier at Payne Elementary;
- In consent item E, I am recommending Patrice Sullivan as an Intervention Teacher at Divine Mercy;
- In consent item F, I am asking for approval of Tim Manz to be compensated as a van driver at the activity rate of pay for activity trips. Mr. Manz helped Wayne Trace out and drove for a golf match as we didn't have anyone to drive the trip;
- In consent items G, J, K, and L, I am asking for approval of various supplemental and volunteer positions.

C. Buildings and Grounds

- Greg Schultz is getting acclimated to his new position. We look forward to working with Mr. Schultz moving forward.

D. Events

- Graduation: We are recommending this event to be held on May 18, 2025 (consent item H).

E. Operations

- We have moved forward with a tentative plan for the 8th grade Washington D.C. trip which is now scheduled for May 5 to 9, 2025. (Consent item I)
- Our policy for services to our gifted students is attached.

It was asked by Mr. Jeremy Moore to remove Letter C from the consent agenda for separate voting.

V. Consent Agenda Items

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

Motion by: Mr. Baumle

Seconded by: Mrs. Forrer

- upon the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the resignation of Librarian Aide at Grover Hill, Vicky Noffsinger, effective at the end of the day, December 31, 2024;
- upon the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the resignation of Head Cook Terry Ulm, effective at the end of the 2024-25 school year;
- ~~upon the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the following administrative contract, effective 8/16/2024, for Gregory Schultz as Maintenance/Transportation Director;~~
- upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and the Director of Food Services to approve the following certified contract, effective 8/8/2024, for Lana Addis as Payne Elementary cook/cashier;

- E. upon the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve Patrice Sullivan as Intervention Teacher at Divine Mercy, effective 2024-2025 school year, with payment for this position coming from the IDEA federal funds;
- F. to approve Tim Manz as a van driver and to be compensated at the activity rate of pay for activity trips;
- G. upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and the JH/HS Principal to approve the following supplemental contracts:
- a. Drama Club Advisor – Nicole Morehead
 - b. High School Concessions Manager – Shannon Dewaard
 - c. Boys’ Faculty Manager Winter 50% - Michelle Daeger
 - d. Boys’ Faculty Manager Winter 50% - Amber Showalter
- H. upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and Wayne Trace Junior/Senior High Principal to approve May 18, 2025 as our graduation date;
- I. to approve the 8th grade Washington D.C. trip dates of May 5 to 13, 2025;
- J. upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and the WTJH-HS Principal to offer one-year supplemental contracts for the 2024-2025 school year to the following certified personnel:
- Jim Linder – Head Boys’ Basketball
 - Noah Goodrich – JV Boys’ Basketball
 - Bethany DeJarnett – Head Girls’ Basketball
- K. upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, WTJH-HS Principal, to offer one-year supplemental contracts for the 2024-2025 school year to the following classified personnel:
- Jeremy Daeger - Assistant Varsity HS Boys’ Basketball
 - Angela Pierce – JV Girls’ Basketball
 - Justin Davis – 8th Grade Boys’ Basketball
 - Jake Davis – 7th Grade Boys’ Basketball
 - Tom McCord – 7th Grade Girls’ Basketball
 - Kelly Davis – 8th Grade Girls’ Basketball
 - George Clemens – Head Wrestling
 - Dennis Stabler – Assistant Varsity HS Wrestling
 - William Lyons – JH Wrestling
 - Ashley Collins – Varsity Girls’ Wrestling
- L. upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, WTJH-HS Principal, to approve the following individuals as volunteer coaches for the 2024-2025 school year:
- Kevin Hornish – Wrestling
 - Brian Yenser – Wrestling
 - Jimmie Wright – Wrestling
 - Ruger Goetzenleuchter – JH Girls Wrestling
 - Corbin Linder – Boys’ Basketball
 - Kyle Stoller – Boys’ Basketball
 - Derrick Miller – Boys’ Basketball

- Allison McElroy – HS Cheer Assistant
- Alyse Bidlack – JH Cheer Assistant
- Robert Kennedy – JH Football
- Mitch Kipfer – Cross Country

M. upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the Wayne Trace Local Schools Policy and Plan for the Identification and Service of Children who are Gifted.

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

Nay, none. Motion passed.

Outside the consent agenda

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

upon the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the following administrative contract, effective 8/16/2024, for Gregory Schultz as Maintenance/Transportation Director;

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

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

VI. New Business – Moved to after executive session
 Resolution to Authorize issuance of notice to public.

8:12 p.m. Executive Session

Motion by: Mr. Moore
 Seconded by: Mr. Sinn

“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. Sinn, Mr. Baumle, Mrs. Forrer, and Mrs. Stabler, aye.

Nay, none. Board in executive session.

8:34 p.m. Regular Session called back to order.

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

BE IT RESOLVED by the Wayne Trace Local School District Board of Education that the Treasurer issue the following notice, on behalf of the Board, to the public in the same manner in which special meetings of the Board are publicized:

Lori Davis intends to retire effective December 1, 2024. The Wayne Trace Local School District Board of Education and Lori Davis are considering her reemployment as Treasurer beginning December 2, 2024. The Board will hold a public meeting/hearing on the issue of the reemployment of Lori Davis as

the Treasurer following her retirement. That public meeting/hearing will be held on October 21, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. at the Wayne Trace High School Lecture Room, located at 4915 US 127, Haviland, OH 45851.

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

Nay, none. Motion passed.

Administrative/Central Office Increases

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

To approve the administrative/central office staff wage increases as presented by the Superintendent.

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

Nay, none. Motion passed.

Adjournment

Motion by: Mr. Moore
Seconded by: Mr. Baumle

To adjourn the meeting.

All in favor. Meeting adjourned.

The next Board meeting will be held October 21, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. in the high school lecture room. The November meeting has been changed to November 18, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. in the high school lecture room.

President

Treasurer