WAYNESBORO SCHOOL BOARD
MINUTES
January 9, 2024

The Waynesboro School Board met for the Public Hearing on the Budget on Tuesday January 9, 2024 at Central Office. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Dr. Cassell.

Board Members:	Mrs. Erika Smith, Mrs. Diana Williams, Mrs. Debra Freeman-Belle, Mr. Rick Wheeler, Mrs. Amber Lipscomb
Student Representative:	Ms. Addison Copeland
Administration:	Dr. Jeff Cassell, Dr. Ryan Barber, Mrs. Vonda Hutchinson
Other Staff:	Mr. DeWayne Moore, Mrs. Kendra Jones-Carter, Mrs. Teresa Floyd, Mrs. Jennifer Sturm

1. CALL TO ORDER
   Dr. Cassell called the Waynesboro School Board meeting to order.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
   Dr. Cassell then led in the *Pledge of Allegiance*.

3. PUBLIC HEARING
   Dr. Cassell opened the public hearing on the FY25 School Board budget. Kathryn Brown and Laura Riggan, WEA President and Vice-President, presented salary information to the School Board. They encouraged the School Board to continue that work to improve our ability to be competitive.

4. CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING
   Dr. Cassell closed the public hearing at 6:45 p.m. There was a recess until 7:00 p.m.

5. CALL TO ORDER – RECONVENE AFTER RECESS
   Dr. Cassell called the Waynesboro School Board meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. for the regularly scheduled monthly meeting.

6. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
   Dr. Cassell then led in the *Pledge of Allegiance*.

7. PUBLIC RECOGNITION
   A. 2024-2025 Student Representative to the School Board
      The Waynesboro School Board and Principal Bryan Stamm recognized rising senior, Bella Klemm as the new student representative to the school board for the 2024-2025 school year.

   B. 2023 Latin Convention Recognition
      The Waynesboro School Board recognized Mrs. Mihaela Sati, WHS Latin Sponsor, and the following students who attended the 71st Virginia Junior Classical League Convention in Richmond at the end of November and brought home numerous awards. From 102 schools, Waynesboro High School was the only one from the Valley attending the convention. Our

students competed with almost 1200 students from Virginia in academics, arts, crafts, and creative competitions.
Senetha Edwards - WHS 10th grade - 2nd place in making a Roman Doll, 7th place in Mosaic, 8th place in designing a Roman game
Gerry Irungu - WHS 10th grade - 9th place in Ancient Geography, 10th place in Large Model
Katherine Lasher - WHS 11th grade - 8th place in Latin Mottos, Abbreviation and Quotations, 8th place in Roman Life, 9th place in Derivatives, 9th place in Mythology
Alexis Morales - WHS 10th grade - 2nd place in Small model, 6th place in Large Model, 6th place in Ancient Geography, 9th place in Pentathlon
Colton Redifer - WHS 11th grade - 7th place in Roman History
Emina Sati - WHS 10th grade - 4th place in Storytelling, 6th place in Traditional Photography, 7th place in Large Model, 8th place in Pentathlon, 10th place in Derivatives
Ben Capps - WHS 11th grade - 5th place in Derivatives, 8th place in Pentathlon, 9th place in Latin Mottos, Abbreviation and Quotations

8. ORGANIZATION OF THE SCHOOL BOARD
   A. Election of Vice-Chairperson
      Dr. Cassell opened the floor for nominations for School Board Chair for 2024 calendar year. Mr. Wheeler nominated Mrs. Erika Smith and Mrs. Williams nominated Mrs. Freeman-Belle. With there being no more nominations, the nominations were closed. With the vote, Mrs. Smith received two votes. Mrs. Freeman-Belle received two votes. Mrs. Lipscomb abstained. With there being no majority vote, both nominations died on the floor.

      Mr. Wheeler nominated Mrs. Amber Lipscomb for Chair. Mrs. Williams nominated Mrs. Debra Freeman-Belle for Chair. With the vote, Mrs. Lipscomb received two votes and Mrs. Freeman-Belle received three votes. Mrs. Freeman-Belle was elected Chair for 2024.

   B. Election of Vice-Chairperson
      Mrs. Freeman-Belle opened the floor for nominations for School Board Vice-Chair for 2024 calendar year. Mrs. Williams nominated Mrs. Amber Lipscomb for Vice-Chair. With there being no other nominations, Mrs. Lipscomb was nominated by unanimous voice vote.

   C. School Board Meeting Calendar
      The School Board discussed the different options for the meeting calendar. After the discussion, Mrs. Lipscomb moved the School Board meet at Central Office, except for May being held at the High School. Mrs. Williams seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous voice vote.

9. PUBLIC COMMENT
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      Andrea Jackson addressed the School Board on the access to the School Board meetings.

10. CONSENT AGENDA
    Mr. Wheeler moved that the Waynesboro School Board approve the consent agenda as presented. Mrs., Williams seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous voice vote.
    A. Accept the School Board Agenda as presented
    B. Approval of minutes for the School Board meeting of December 12, 2023
    C. Monthly Petty Cash Report
    D. Approval of Personnel Agenda

E. Approval of an Additional Appropriation for PROJECT HOPE Grant
Dr. Ryan Barber, Assistant Superintendent, requests an additional appropriation in the amount of $50,000.00 for the PROJECT HOPE GRANT. These additional funds will be used to help support our homeless students. These funds are fully reimbursable.
F. Acceptance of Gift to Berkeley Glenn Elementary School
G. Acceptance of Gift to Wenonah Elementary School
H. Acceptance of Gift to Wenonah Elementary School
I. Acceptance of Gift to Wenonah Elementary School
J. Acceptance of Gift to Westwood Hills Elementary School
K. Acceptance of Gift to William Perry Elementary School
L. Acceptance of Gift to Kate Collins Middle School
M. Acceptance of Gift to Waynesboro High School
N. Approval of an Overnight Fieldtrip
Mr. Tim Teachey, Executive Director of Instruction, requests an overnight field trip to Hampton Roads on February 9-10, 2024 for the Sr. Beta Club at Waynesboro High School.

11. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT
A. Building Renovations Update
Dr. Cassell updated the School Board on the Wenonah Elementary and Wayne Hills Center renovations, which are nearing completion.
B. FY2025 Budget Development-Revenue Projections
Dr. Cassell presented to the School Board the revenue projections for the FY25 budget. The local contribution is based on the completed FY23 audit and increases their contribution to the School Board by close to a million dollars. The Governor's proposed budget for FY25 includes an increase to Waynesboro for approximately $900,000. The one-time revenue sources include the funding for *All in Virginia* and the state reimbursement for transitioning the Pygmalion program to Waynesboro. Dr. Cassell will present a budget to the School Board in February and will ask for the budget to be adopted in March.

12. FINANCIAL REPORT
A. Financial Reports
Mrs. Hutchinson presented the financial reports to the School Board. The reports are through the first half of the year, FY24.

13. OTHER REPORTS
A. Operations Report
Mr. Moore updated the School Board on several projects in the division. He updated the progress on the Zoom phone installation. New windows and doors at Wenonah were installed over the Christmas break. The painting at Wayne Hills was completed. We are preparing for Pygmalion to start in our division in January.

14. DISCUSSION ITEMS
There were no discussion items at this time.

15. SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER REPORTS, QUESTIONS, DISCUSSIONS, COMMENTS OR CONCERNS
The School Board members, the student representatives, Dr. Cassell, Dr. Barber and Mrs. Hutchinson reported on their activities for the month.

16. ACTION ITEMS

A. VSBA Code of Conduct for School Board Members

Mrs. Williams moved that the Waynesboro School Board approve the VSBA Code of Conduct for School Board Members as presented. Mrs. Lipscomb seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous voice vote.

17. ADJOURNMENT

With there being no further business, Mrs. Williams moved that the meeting adjourn. Mrs. Lipscomb seconded the motion. It passed by unanimous voice vote and the meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

Submitted by Vonda A. Hutchinson.

Debra Freeman-Belle, Chair

Vonda A. Hutchinson, Clerk