

# Board Minutes January 9, 2017

WESTERN WAYNE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
ADMINISTRATION OFFICE  
1970C Easton Turnpike  
LAKE ARIEL, PA 18436

The regular monthly meeting of the Western Wayne Board of Education was held on January 9, 2017 in the Western Wayne Administration Building located at 1970C Easton Turnpike, Lake Ariel, PA 18436.

The meeting was advertised in the legal section of the December 28, 2016 edition of the Wayne Independent.

Board President Donald Olsommer called the meeting to order at 7:05 P.M.

Mr. Olsommer announced that the Board of Education met in executive session prior to the public meeting for personnel matters.

Miss Faliskie offered a prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board Secretary Rose Emmett took roll call. Nine (9) Board Members were present and are listed as follows:

Board President – Donald Olsommer Jr.	Board Member – Andrew Gaudenzi
Board Vice President – Donald McDonough	Board Member – William Gershey
Board Treasurer – Jeffrey Gogolski	Board Member – Rick Hoch
Board Member – Gary Enslin	Board Member – Roger Shaffer, Jr.
Board Member – Bernice Fiorella	

Administrators Present: Superintendent Joseph W. Adams, Assistant Superintendent Dr. Matthew Barrett, Business Manager/Board Secretary Rose Emmett, High School Principal Paul Gregorski, Middle School Principal Kristen Donohue, EverGreen Elementary Principal Ellen Faliskie, Robert D. Wilson Principal Maria Miller, Assistant High School Principal Justin Pidgeon, Assistant Middle School Principal Elizabeth Watson, Director of Special Education Cynthia LaRosa, Assistant Director of Special Education Mary Jo Price, Food Service Director Maria Liptak, and Technology Director Brian Seaman.

Administrators Excused: Early Intervention Supervisor Elizabeth Gregory.

## Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Mr. Gershey and seconded by Mr. Hoch to accept the minutes generated from the Reorganization Meeting on December 5, 2016; Regular Board Meeting on December 5, 2016 and the Special Meeting for General Purposes on December 21, 2016.

The motion carried with all affirmatives.

### **Treasurer's Report**

A motion was made by Mr. Gogolski and seconded by Mrs. Fiorella to accept the Treasurer's reports generated from the General Account and the Food Service Account.

The motion carried with seven affirmatives and two no votes from Mr. Gaudenzi and Mr. Shaffer.

### **Approval of Bills**

A motion was made by Mr. Gogolski and seconded by Mr. Hoch to pay the bills generated from the General Account, the Food Service Account, and the Construction Account.

The motion carried with seven affirmatives and two no votes from Mr. Gaudenzi and Mr. Shaffer.

### **Accounting of Taxes**

There were no questions regarding the Accounting of Taxes.

### **Student Recognition**

January - School Board Recognition Month – Student Government Officer Derek Ortman thanked the Board of Education for their dedicated service to the District.

High School Principal Paul Gregorski introduced two outstanding students Julianna Cruz and Desirae Garnett. Mr. Adams thanked all the students and wished them the best in the future.

### **Recognition of Public**

Amanda Johnson presented the Board members with a petition to recognize and honor our military veterans by naming the auditorium at Western Wayne High School the Veterans Memorial Auditorium. She has about 60 signatures so far and also additional signatures on an on-line petition. Mr. Adams stated they would defer discussions on this topic to future meetings.

Enrollment Report:  
 ENROLLMENT - DAY #74 - 2016-2017 SCHOOL YEAR

GRADE	EVERGREEN	SN	P	RDW	SN	P	MS	SN	P	HS	SN	P	TOTAL
EARLY INT.		12			8								20
PRE K	60			31									91
KDG	76	8		29	9								122
GR. 1	61	14		36	6								117
GR. 2	71	9		35	10								125
GR. 3	54	13		41	12								120
GR. 4	87	10	2	33	9	4							145
GR. 5	67	19	1	36	12	2							137
GR. 6							103	19	0				122
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>477</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>241</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>996</b>
GR. 7							121	31	2				154
GR. 8							113	34	5				152
GR. 9										131	26	2	159
GR. 10										145	25	2	172
GR. 11										128	25	3	156
GR. 12										120	27	3	150
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>477</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>241</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>337</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>524</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>1,939</b>

Key: SN – Special Needs, P – Placement outside of District  
 Totals: EverGreen-561; RDW-313; MS-428; HS-637 TOTAL: 1,939  
 Last meeting total: 1,932

**Budget Resolution**

A motion was made by Mr. Enslin and seconded by Mr. Hoch to adopt the attached resolution regarding no increase in the rate of any tax for the support of its public schools for the 2017-2018 fiscal year by more than the index established by the Department of Education for the District. The index for the District is 2.5%. ATTACHMENT I

Mr. McDonough discussed the millage for the 2017-18 school year. He would like to see a zero mill increase for our next budget as a thank you to the tax payers. The State should be funding 50% of our budget but they only fund around 35% at this time. It was noted that this is not a millage vote, only a resolution to agree to stay at or below the millage for the 2017-2018 school year.

The motion carried with five affirmatives and four no votes from Mrs. Fiorella, Mr. Gaudenzi, Mr. McDonough, and Mr. Shaffer.

**Audit**

A motion was made by Mr. Gogolski and seconded by Mr. Olsommer to accept the Audit Report of the Western Wayne School District for the year ended June 30, 2016 as prepared by Brian T. Kelly, CPA.

The motion carried with all affirmatives.

### **Fund Balance Designation**

A motion was made by Mr. Gershey and seconded by Mr. Gogolski to approve the recommendation of the Business Manager to designate a portion of our ending 2015-2016 Fund Balance to manage future budgets as per Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement Number 54 (GASB 54). Committed: \$756,019.50; Assigned: \$2,757,593.00; and Unassigned: \$2,693,288.50.

Mr. McDonough discussed the PSERS % for next school year will be higher and the State needs to fix the pension system. All Board members agreed that something needs to be done with the system.

The motion carried with eight affirmatives and one no vote from Mr. Gaudenzi.

### **E-Rate Funding Application**

A motion was made by Mrs. Fiorella and seconded by Mr. McDonough to allow the Technology Department to apply for E-Rate funding to purchase 14 Cisco Switches, 24 Wireless Access Point Packs, 5 SmartUPS backups, and fiber optic upgrades. If awarded, E-Rate funding will cover approximately 77% (\$71,000) of the \$92,000 cost of the listed items. Final purchase will be contingent on receiving the E-Rate funding.

Mr. Gaudenzi asked if we received this funding in the past few years. Mr. Seaman stated that we have.

The motion carried with all affirmatives.

### **Curriculum Guide Approval**

A motion was made by Mr. Shaffer and seconded by Mr. Olsommer to approve the Western Wayne High School Curriculum Guide for the 2017-2018 school year.

Mr. Shaffer thanked Mr. Lodini for taking some of his suggestions for the math curriculum.

The motion carried with all affirmatives.

### **Transportation Drivers and Substitutes**

A motion was made by Mr. McDonough and seconded by Mr. Gershey to approve the following list of Western Wayne School District Transportation Drivers and Substitutes for the listed contractor for the 2016-2017 school year as follows contingent upon receipt of necessary paperwork, as listed:

Contractor Cavage Transit, Inc. – Driver Thomas Derrick  
Contractor Caruth Bus Lines, Inc. – Driver James Thomas  
Contractor Jennifer Pappas – Driver Thomas Pranzo

The motion carried with all affirmatives.

## **Transportation Contract Extension**

A motion was made by Mrs. Fiorella and seconded by Mr. McDonough to approve the following Transportation Contract Extension at State Formula for the 2016-2017 school year:

RBeam Transportation LLC – Van #91 – South Canaan to WWHS/WWMS and Canaan Christian Academy to EverGreen Early Intervention effective December 20, 2016.

The motion carried with all affirmatives.

## **Personnel**

### **Appointment**

A motion was made by Mr. Enslin and seconded by Mr. Hoch to appoint Kristen Donohue as Curriculum Director/Middle School Principal effective February 1, 2017 at the agreed upon Stipend in accordance with the Act 93 Agreement.

Mr. Adams thanked Ms. Donohue for her commitment and looks forward to her contributions.

The motion carried with all affirmatives.

### **Appointment**

A motion was made by Mr. Shaffer and seconded by Mr. McDonough to approve an agreed upon stipend for additional duties for Elizabeth Watson, Middle School Assistant Principal in accordance with the Act 93 Agreement effective February 1, 2017.

Mr. Adams thanked Ms. Watson for a great job in her short time here.

The motion carried with all affirmatives.

## **District Substitute List**

A motion was made by Mr. McDonough and seconded by Mr. Gershey to approve the following personnel to be added to the District Substitute List for the 2016-2017 school year per Certification, Act 24/34/151/114/153/168 Guidelines, Employment Eligibility Verification – U.S. Department of Justice, Contingent upon receipt of clearances as listed:

1. Deborah Merrigan-Croneo – Area: Custodial
2. Melissa Glucksnis – Area: Teacher Aide/Cafeteria
3. John VanLeuven – Area: Custodial

The motion carried with all affirmatives.

### **Coaching Reassignment**

A motion was made by Mr. McDonough and seconded by Mr. Gogolski to approve the reassignment of John Boardl, Baseball, Assistant coach to Baseball, Jr. High Coach at the salary listed in the Professional Employees Contract of \$3,306.00 for the 2016-2017 school year.

The motion carried with all affirmatives.

### **Appointment of Spring Coach**

A motion was made by Mr. McDonough and seconded by Mr. Gershey to appoint the following to the listed coaching position for the 2016-2017 school year at the salary listed in the Professional Employees Contract:

Tim Hess	Baseball, Assistant	\$3,374.12
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The motion carried with all affirmatives.

### **Volunteers**

A motion was made by Mr. McDonough and seconded by Mrs. Fiorella to approve the following to the list of volunteers for the 2017-2018 school year contingent upon receipt of clearances:

Sarah Skirpan – Cross Country  
Trina Carito – Cross Country  
Justin Collins – Cross Country  
Donald Foote – Cross Country  
Laura Rusnak – Cross Country  
Mark A. Bell – Cross Country

The motion carried with all affirmatives.

### **Addendum**

#### **Resolution – PDE (esignature)**

A motion was made by Mr. McDonough and seconded by Mr. Hoch to adopt the resolution identifying and authorizing Superintendent Matthew Barrett, Ed.D. to sign electronic agreements with the Pennsylvania Department of Education effective February 1, 2017.

The motion carried with all affirmatives.

### **Memorandum of Understanding**

A motion was made by Mr. Hoch and seconded by Mr. Gershey to approve the following Memorandum of Understanding between Western Wayne School District and the Western Wayne Education Association:

1. MOU Co-Teacher position

Mr. McDonough thanked the Association for working this out with the District.

The motion carried with all affirmatives.

### **Informational Items**

### **Upcoming Dates**

6th Grade Band & Chorus Concert – January 5, 2017 – 7:00 PM

Winter Keystone Exams – January 9-23, 2017

PMEA District Chorus – January 11-13, 2017

High School Curriculum Night – January 17, 2017 – 6:00 PM (snow date: January 24, 2017)

The IRS mileage rate is decreasing to 53.5 cents per mile effective January 01, 2017.

### **Correspondence**

An email was received from Victoria Barcarola thanking the Board and Administration for the music/theatre programs.

### **Superintendent's Report**

Mr. Adams discussed CM3's ESCO project extension and provided a list of potential projects that the board needs to review and decide which will be done in the near future. Mr. McDonough praised CM3 for the work they did this past summer.

### **Assistant Superintendent's Report**

No questions

### **Principal's Report**

No questions

### **Federal Program Report**

Miss Faliskie stated that we will be having a Federal Audit this spring.

### **Other Business**

None.

### **Future Meetings**

Monday, January 30, 2017 - 6:00 P.M. Board Committee Meeting, District Board Room, Administration Building, 1970C Easton Turnpike, Lake Ariel, PA 18436

Monday, February 06, 2017 - 7:00 P.M. Public Board Meeting, District Board Room, Administration Building, 1970C Easton Turnpike, Lake Ariel, PA 18436

**Meetings held**

December 21, 2016 – 6:00 P.M. Special Board Meeting for General Purposes, Library, EverGreen Elementary School, 739 Easton Turnpike, Lake Ariel, PA 18436

December 21, 2016 – Executive Session for Personnel immediately following Special Board Meeting, Library, EverGreen Elementary School, 739 Easton Turnpike, Lake Ariel, PA 18436

January 3, 2017 – 6:00 P.M. Board Committee Meeting, Board Room, Western Wayne Administration Office, 1970C Easton Turnpike, Lake Ariel, PA 18436

**Adjournment**

A motion was made by Mr. McDonough and seconded by Mr. Hoch to adjourn the regularly scheduled meeting of the Western Wayne Board of Education at 7:56 P.M.

The motion carried with all affirmatives.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rose E. Emmett  
Board Secretary

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_