

Board Minutes

June 10, 2020

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 June 10, 2020 via Zoom due to the COVID-19 pandemic and was live broadcast over YouTube.

The meeting was advertised in the legal section of the June 9, 2020 edition of the Tri-County Independent.

Board President Bernice Fiorella called the meeting to order at 6:01 P.M.

Mrs. Fiorella offered a prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

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| Board President – Bernice Fiorella | Board Member – William Gershey |
| Board Vice President – Rick Hoch | Board Member - Joseph Gombita |
| Board Treasurer – Jeffrey Gogolski | Board Member – Michael Ochlan |
| Board Member – Dana DeSiato | Board Member – Ethan Wood |
| Board Member – Gary Enslin | |

Solicitor Matthew Meagher was excused, but did arrive at 6:40 PM for remainder of the meeting.

Administrators Present: Superintendent Dr. Matthew Barrett, Assistant to Superintendent Cindy LaRosa, and Business Manager/Board Secretary Rose Emmett.

All other Administrators were excused.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Mr. Gershey and seconded by Mr. Hoch to accept the minutes generated from the Work Session of May 6, 2020, the Regular Board Meeting of May 6, 2020, the Special Meeting for the Presentation of the Narrative Budget of May 13, 2020, and the Special Meeting for the Adoption of the 2020-2021 Tentative Budget and General Purposes.

The motion carried with all affirmatives.

Treasurer's Report

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

The motion carried with all affirmatives.

Approval of Bills

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

The motion carried with all affirmatives.

Public Recognition

Amanda Johnson asked this via our email account: The official PA government website lists the ESSER allocation per the CARES Act for Western Wayne School District at \$349,148.00. Also posted is the Governor's 2020-2021 Education budget. Our allocations will be identical to the 2019-2020 Education budget. With confirmed allocations from Harrisburg/ESSER, will the Western Wayne Board of Education still require residents pay a tax increase? Can't the Board show special consideration during a pandemic and terrible civil unrest? Dr. Barrett and Miss Emmett answered in regards to our Tentative Budget and the restricted use of the ESSER funds to pandemic related expenses only.

Mr. Gershey made a motion to approve items 9 through 26. Together the motion was seconded by Mr. Hoch.

The motion carried will all affirmatives

9. Year End Bills

The Board of Education authorized the Board Treasurer and Business Manager to review purchase orders and bills payable for the end of this fiscal year and approve the payment of 2019-2020 purchase orders or contracts which are in order and ready for payment. Bills processed under this authorization will be reported to the Board of Education at the August Board Meeting.

10. July Accounts Payable

The Board of Education authorized the Board Treasurer and Business Manager to approve payment of the July 2020 General Fund Accounts Payable and Payroll with a report to the Board of Education at the August Board Meeting.

11. Fund Balance Designation

The Board of Education approved the recommendation of the Business Manager to designate a portion of our ending 2019-2020 Fund Balance, if necessary, to manage future budgets as per Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement Number 54 (GASB 54). Amount to be determined based on final adjusted balances as reflected in our Annual Financial Report.

12. Resolutions

The Board of Education approved the following resolutions:

- a. Principles for Governance and Leadership
- b. Charter School Reform

13. Intergovernmental Agreement for Special Education Services IU#19

The Board of Education approve an agreement with NEIU #19 for Special Education Services for the 2020-2021 school year as needed as the Special Education population requires, at an estimated cost of \$180,000.00 and to approve the Northeastern Educational Intermediate Unit Resolution pursuant to said contract.

14. Federal Program Allocations

The Board of Education approved filing applications for Federal Program allocations for the 2020-2021 school year as follows:

- a. Title I
- b. Title IIA
- c. Title III
- d. Title IV

15. Memorandum of Understanding

The Board of Education approved the Memorandum of Understanding between Western Wayne School District and NEIU#19 for the Title III Consortia for the 2020-2021 school year.

16. Early Intervention Assurance

The Board of Education approved the Early Intervention Assurance for the Operation of Special Education Services and Programs for the 2020-2021 program year.

17. Memorandum of Understanding

The Board of Education approved a Special Education Memorandum of Understanding among the Wayne Highlands, Wallenpaupack Area, and Western Wayne School Districts.

18. School Lunches/Breakfast

The Board of Education approved the Cafeteria meal prices for the 2020-2021 school year as listed:

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| Breakfast, Elem | \$1.35 with milk |
| Breakfast, M.S. | \$1.35 with milk |
| Breakfast, H.S. | \$1.35 with milk |
| Reduced(PreK-12) | \$.30 with milk |
| Adult | \$2.25 with milk |
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| Lunch, Elementary | \$2.55 with Milk |
| Lunch, Middle School | \$2.85 with Milk |
| Lunch, High School | \$2.85 with Milk |
| Reduced(PreK-12) | \$.40 with Milk |
| Adult | \$3.75 with Milk or Bottled Water |

19. 'A la Carte Price List

The Board of Education approved the Cafeteria `A la Carte Prices for the 2020-2021 school year: **(ATTACHMENT I)**

20. Agreement

The Board of Education approved a contract between Western Wayne School District and Carol R. Lienert, C.R.N.P., to provide the required medical review of the IEP students who are eligible for the medical Access Program, confirming that services are needed, and further that they are being provided, at the rate of \$10.00 for each Access Medical Practitioner Authorization form effective July 1, 2020 for the 2020-2021 school year.

21. Agreement – Merakey Pennsylvania

The Board of Education approved an agreement between Western Wayne School District and Merakey Pennsylvania for educational services at a rate of \$181.80 per day as needed and \$103.12/day for Extended School Year services effective August 1, 2020 through July 31, 2021.

22. Agreement – Friendship House

The Board of Education approved an Agreement between Western Wayne School District and Friendship House at an hourly rate of \$52.00 for educational services for the 2020-2021 school year.

23. Agreement – Northeast Pennsylvania Center for Independent Living

The Board of Education approved an Agreement between Western Wayne School District and Northeast Pennsylvania Center for Independent Living at an Annual fee of \$14,000.00 ½ day services per student for the 2020-2021 school year.

24. Agreement - Geisinger

The Board of Education approved the continued Service Agreement between Western Wayne School District and Geisinger-Community Medical Center for services of an Athletic trainer and a marketing partnership for a five year period as follows: Year 1 2020-2021 - \$36,344, which will be donated back to the school to cover the cost of the stadium scoreboard and upgrades to the Athletic Training Room; Year 2 2021-2022- \$25,335; Year 3 2022-2023 – \$26,490, Year 4 2023-2024 - \$27,678; Year 5 2024-2025 - \$28,899.

25. Sale of Equipment

The the Board of Education approved the sale of the attached list of items which were advertised and bid. **(Attachment II)**

26. Personnel

a. District Dentist

The Board of Education appointed Dr. Cathy Salak, DMD, as the District Dentist to examine students upon original entry and in Grades Kdg or 1, 3 and 7 at the rate of \$5.00 per student for the 2020-2021 school year. This fee will include the dental equipment needed for the screenings, with possible additional expenses due to COVID 19 requirements

b. District Physician

The Board of Education appointed Drs. Frank Moro and Nathan Greczek as District Physicians for the 2020-2021 school year, duties as defined per Pennsylvania School Code for District Policy as duly licensed by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania – Department of Health and in compliance with Acts 24/34/151/114 Guidelines as follows:

1. Mandated Physicals for grades Kindergarten, 6 & 11 and sports physicals at a rate of \$20.00 per physical for the 2020-2021 school year.
2. Physician coverage for home football games.

c. Appointments – Summer ESY (Extended School Year) Program & Summer School – 2020

The the Board of Education approved the following appointment for the Summer ESY Program 2020 contingent upon enrollment and clearances. Hours are not to exceed 9 hours per week for a total of 27 hours at the following rates:

1. Special Education Teachers - \$35.08/hour – Katie McElhenny, Jessica Shelp, and Cheryl Shimkosky
2. Early Intervention Teachers - \$35.08/hour – Susan Larkin, Michelle Mistishin,
3. EI Speech and Language Therapist(s) - \$35.08/hour – Mara Cianfichi, Julie Conklin, and Danielle Vokes.
4. EI Occupational Therapy – \$35.08/hour - Kristin Williams
5. Occupational Therapy – Sarah Queipo (Wallenpaupack employee)
6. Behavioral Health Specialist – \$35.08/hour - Melissa Cottone
7. Social Worker - \$35.08/hour – Susan Schlasta
8. Physical Therapist - Bill Conklin (Wallenpauack employee)
9. Speech Therapist - \$35.08/hour – Megan Morrell

d. Professional Staff Transfer

The Board of Education approved the transfer of Dorisa Ferraro, Temporary Professional Employee from part time to full time Art Teacher effective the start of the 2020-2021 school year.

e. Appointment – Temporary Professional Employee

The Board of Education approved the recommendation of the Superintendent and District Administrators in the following appointment:

1. Jennifer Motichka - Temporary Professional Employee – Early Intervention Service Coordinator – Salary \$53,123.00 - Step 1B – with applicable Fringe Benefits effective the beginning of the 2020-2021 school year with an additional 10 days per year.

f. Appointment – Summer School 2020

The Board of Education approve the following appointments as instructors of the Summer School Program 2020 contingent upon enrollment at the rate listed in the Professional Employees Contract of \$35.08 per hour:

1. Rebecca Banik – ELA
2. Andrew McCaffery - Math
3. Justin Collins – Social Studies
4. Vincent Tomassoni – Science
5. Annette Fox – Special Education

Informational Items

President Bernice Fiorella – Chelsey Frazier and Susan Larkin have attained Tenure in the Western Wayne School District. Mrs. Fiorella and the Board of Education wished them congratulations.

Student Teacher/Intern: Marywood University – Ryan Samsell – Intern Robert D. Wilson Guidance Department – August 2020 to May 2021 – Erica Germani; Eastern University – Will Jonas – Student Teacher Robert D. Wilson Elementary – September 2, 2020 to December 11, 2020 – Julia Farley.

IMPORTANT DATES

June 12, 2020 – LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

June 12, 2020 – GRADUATION

Correspondence

None.

Superintendent's Report

No questions.

Assistant to Superintendent's Report

No questions.

Principal's Report

No questions.

Federal Program Report

No report.

Other Business

Dr. Barrett asked the Board to consider the PDE/PIAA guidelines that may allow our sports teams to begin to conditioning immediately. Dr. Barrett emailed the Board a copy of the guidelines for Western Wayne School District.

Mr. Hoch made a motion and Mr. Enslin seconded it for temporary approval on the guidance for sports teams to resume and then finalize at our June 24, 2020 meeting after legal review by Attorney Meagher.

Mrs. Fiorella asked if we can hold for review because she had not had the time to review the document and thought some of the other Board members may not have either. Attorney Meagher stated he would review the document. Dr. LaRosa asked if this plan needed to be approved as part of the full Pandemic Plan for the school. At this point, Mr. Hoch withdrew his motion and the Board of Education agreed to hold a special meeting on June 15, 2020 at 7:00 PM to vote on the guidelines after legal review.

Future Meetings:

July Regular Monthly Meeting – The Board of Education will recess for the month of July.

July 29, 2020- 6:00 P.M. - Board Committee Meeting, District Board Room, Administration Building, 1970C Easton Turnpike, Lake Ariel, PA 18436.

August 5, 2020 - 7:00 P.M. Public Board Meeting, District Board Room, Administration Building, 1970C Easton Turnpike, Lake Ariel, PA 18436

Meetings held

May 13, 2020 – 6:00 P.M. Presentation of the 2020-2021 Fiscal Year Narrative Budget Via Zoom video conferencing, Administration Building, 1970C Easton Turnpike, Lake Ariel, PA 18436.

May 20, 2020 – 6:00 P.M. Adoption of the 2021-2022 Fiscal Year Tentative Budget and General Purposes - Via Zoom video conferencing, Administration Building, 1970C Easton Turnpike, Lake Ariel, PA 18436.

June 3, 2020 – 6:00 P.M. Board Work Session – an Executive Session for Personnel and Safety & Security Coordinator’s Report was held immediately following the Work Session - Via Zoom video conferencing, Administration Building, 1970C Easton Turnpike, Lake Ariel, PA 18436.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Mr. Hoch and seconded by Mr. Gombita to adjourn the regularly scheduled meeting of the Western Wayne Board of Education at 6:55 P.M.

The motion carried with all affirmatives.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rose E. Emmett
Board Secretary

ATTEST: _____

APPROVED: _____