

Board Minutes

September 2, 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 September 2, 2020 via Zoom due to the COVID-19 pandemic and was broadcast over YouTube.

The meeting was advertised in the legal section of the August 20, 2020 edition of the Tri-County Independent.

Board President Bernice Fiorella called the meeting to order at 7:00 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 listed as follows:

Board President – Bernice Fiorella
Board Vice President – Rick Hoch
Board Treasurer – Jeffrey Gogolski
Board Member – Dana DeSiato
Board Member – Gary Enslin

Board Member – William Gershey
Board Member - Joseph Gombita
Board Member – Michael Ochlan
Board Member – Ethan Wood

Solicitor Matthew Meagher present.

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

All other Administrators were excused.

Mr. Hoch made a motion to approve items 6 through 20 all together; Mr. Gogolski seconded the motion.

The motion carried with all affirmatives.

6. Approval of Minutes

The Board of Education accepted the minutes generated from the Board Work Session – July 29, 2020 and the Regular Board Meeting - August 5, 2020.

7. Treasurer's Reports

The Board of Education accepted the Treasurer's Reports generated from the General Account, and the Food Service Account.

8. Approval of Bills

The Board of Education approved the payment of bills generated from the General Account, Food Service Account, and the Construction Account.

10. Amendment to Western Wayne Health & Safety/Reopening Plan

The Board of Education approved an amendment of Western Wayne Health and Safety/Reopening Plan by including the District Athletic and Marching Band Health and Safety Plan. This plan is subject to change and allowing the Superintendent the ability to review and revise the Plan as needed.

11. Change Order #2

The Board of Education approved the following Change Order related to the Athletic Complex Renovations:

- a. Deluxe Athletics – Asphalt remediation to area surrounding the field house (\$65,555.00) and area on south side of the home bleachers (\$11,455.00) for an additional sum of \$77,010.00.

12. Real Estate Tax Rebate

The Board of Education approved a Real Estate Tax Rebate in the amount of \$46.24 on property # 22-0-0002-0267 in Salem Township. The rebate is due to an assessment correction.

13. Transportation Contracts

The Board of Education approved the Transportation Contracts for the 2020-2021 school year. ATTACHMENT I

14. Transportation Contractors, Drivers and Substitutes

The Board of Education approved the attached list of Western Wayne School District Transportation Contractors, Drivers, and Substitutes for the 2020-2021 school year. ATTACHMENT II

15. Service Agreement – Wayne County Drug & Alcohol Commission

The Board of Education approved an agreement between Western Wayne School District and Wayne County Drug & Alcohol Commission for Prevention Services on a program-funded basis for the sum of \$5,000.00 effective for the 2020-2021 school year.

16. Agreement – Children’s Service Center

The Board of Education approved an Agreement between Western Wayne School District and Children’s Service Center, Milford E. Barnes Jr. School at daily educational rate of \$126.50 and Therapeutic Education Program at \$167.00 per day for the 2020-2021 school year.

17. PROSPER Participation

The Board of Education will allow Western Wayne School District to participate with Penn State Extension in PROSPER (Promoting School, Community, University Partnership to Enhance Resilience)

18. Agreement – Wayne Pike Shine Program

The Board of Education approved an Agreement between Western Wayne School District and the Wayne Pike Workforce Alliance Shine Program to provide students with services authorized by the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) effective October 5, 2020 to June 30, 2021.

19. Facility Use Requests

The Board of Education approved the listed facility use requests for the 2020-2021 school year with the understanding that the buildings are unavailable if the school is closed for Covid 19 regulations, weather, other emergencies or holidays:

- a. EverGreen Elementary - North Pocono Preschool-Hamlin LEAP After-school care –Gail Laskowski, Director.
- b. Robert D. Wilson Elementary - Ages and Stages School Age Enrichment Program - Alexis DuPlessis, Director.
- c. EverGreen Elementary - Wayne Pike Workforce Alliance – WP SHINE – October 5, 2020 to June 30, 2021.

20. Amended Agreement - edmentum

The Board of Education approved an amended contract between Western Wayne School District and edmentum to add an approximate cost of \$450.00 per student for the 2020-2021 school year for the Western Wayne Virtual Academy program. This amendment will add seats for our Elementary Virtual students.

Recognition of Public - There were no questions from the public.

21. Personnel

a. District Substitute List

A motion was made by Mr. Gogolski and seconded by Mr. Hoch to approve the following personnel to be added to the District Substitute List for the 2020- 2021 school year per Certification, Act 4/34/151/114/153/168 Guidelines, Employment Eligibility Verification - U.S. Department of Justice:

1. Kaelyn Jacques – Guest Teacher

The motion carries with all affirmatives.

b. Sabbatical Request

A motion was made by Mr. Gombita and seconded by Mr. Wood to approve the following Sabbatical Leave of Absence requests for the 2020-2021 school year:

1. PS#03-20-21 – 2nd semester – Restoration of Health
2. PS#04-20-21 – 1st semester – Professional Development

The motion carries with all affirmatives.

c. Resignation

A motion was made by Mr. Ochlan and seconded by Mr. Gombita to approve the resignation of Angela E. Geyer, Ed.D., Ass't Director of Special Education effective August 10, 2020.

The motion carries with all affirmatives.

d. Resignation/Retirement

A motion was made by Mr. Enslin and seconded by Mr. Gombita to approve the resignation for retirement purposes of Marianne Morgan, teacher effective September 3, 2020.

The motion carries with all affirmatives.

e. Resignations

A motion was made by Mr. Hoch and seconded by Mr. Gogolski to approve the following resignations:

1. Debra Roberts, custodian effective August 18, 2020.
2. Kathleen Gershey, Administrative Assistant Transportation effective September 4, 2020.

The motion carries with all affirmatives.

f. Appointment – TPE

A motion was made by Mr. Ochlan and seconded by Mr. Hoch to approve the recommendation of the Superintendent and District Administrators in the following appointment:

1. Amanda Jenkins – Professional Employee – English – Step 14M -\$69,673.00

Pro-rated with applicable fringe benefits effective upon release of current employment.

The motion carries with all affirmatives.

g. Appointment – Long Term Substitutes

A motion was made by Mr. Gogolski and seconded by Mr. Hoch to approve the recommendation of the Superintendent and District Administrators in the following appointments:

1. Lindsey Crean – Long Term Substitute – English – Step 1B - \$53,123.00 with applicable fringe benefits effective for the 2020-2021 school year.
2. P. Douglas Posten – Long Term Substitute – Science – Step 1M - \$57,673.00 Prorated – with applicable fringe benefits effective for the first semester of the 2020-2021 school year.
3. Nicole Weber – Long Term Substitute – Elementary – Step 1B - \$53,123.00 with applicable fringe benefits effective for the 2020-2021 school year.
4. Katherine Getz – Long Term Substitute – Elementary – Step 1B - \$53,123.00 with applicable fringe benefits effective for the 2020-2021 school year.

The motion carries with all affirmatives.

h. Appointment – Food Service Worker

A motion was made by Mr. Ochlan and seconded by Mr. Gombita to appoint Danielle Schumacher as a part time Food Service Worker at the starting rate of \$11.00 per hour effective the beginning of the 2020-2021 school year.

The motion carries with all affirmatives.

i. Resolution

A motion was made by Mr. Gombita and seconded by Mr. Wood to approve the payment to Employee PS#05-20-21 in the gross amount of \$6,311.13 (subject to applicable taxes and Pennsylvania Public School Employees' Retirement System withholdings), representing payment for time worked at the District as a day-to-day substitute teacher from October 13, 2013 through December 20, 2013.

The motion carries with all affirmatives.

j. Settlement Agreement

A motion was made by Mr. Ochlan and seconded by Mr. Hoch to adopt the proposed Settlement Agreement and Release relating to the following, in accordance with the terms thereof.

1. PS#02-19-20

The motion carries with all affirmatives.

k. Volunteers

A motion was made by Mr. Enslin and seconded by Mr. Gombita to approve the following Volunteers for the 2020-2021 school year contingent upon receipt of clearances and COVID 19 regulations. Attendance by request of the Building Principal:

1. Hope Jezowski – Band
2. Joseph Jezowski – Band
3. Katie Millen - Band

The motion carries with all affirmatives.

Informational Items

Upcoming Dates

September 2-3, 2020 – Teacher In-Service, No School for Students

September 8, 2020 – FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

The Fuel Oil Bid was accepted from Petroleum Traders at a fluctuating price of + \$0.0244 per gallon above the unit price-per-gallon posted by the reseller price at the supplier’s refinery terminal for the 2020-2021 school year.

Western Wayne School District would like to thank H&R Block Hamlin Branch for their generous donation of 200 backpacks for our students.

Correspondence

None.

Superintendent's Report

No questions.

Assistant Superintendent's Report

No questions.

Principal's Report

No questions.

Federal Program Report

No report.

Other Business

Mr. Gombita said he had some ideas for senior projects if any students were looking for a project. Mr. Hoch thanked everyone for all the hard work to get our schools open.

Future Meetings

Wednesday, September 30, 2020 - 6:00 P.M. Board Committee Meeting, Via ZOOM, Administration Building, 1970C Easton Turnpike, Lake Ariel, PA 18436

Wednesday, October 07, 2020 - 7:00 P.M. Public Board Meeting, Via ZOOM, Administration Building, 1970C Easton Turnpike, Lake Ariel, PA 18436

Meeting held

Wednesday, August 26, 2020 - 6:00 P.M. Board Committee Meeting, Via ZOOM, Administration Building, 1970C Easton Turnpike, Lake Ariel, PA 18436

Adjournment

A motion was made by Mr. Hoch and seconded by Mrs. Fiorella to adjourn the regularly scheduled meeting of the Western Wayne Board of Education at 7:20 P.M.

The motion carried with all affirmatives.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rose E. Emmett
Board Secretary

ATTEST: _____

APPROVED: _____