

Board Minutes

November 4, 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 November 4, 2020 via Zoom due to the COVID-19 pandemic and was broadcast over YouTube.

The meeting was advertised in the legal section of the October 22, 2020 edition of the Tri-County Independent.

Board President Bernice Fiorella called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

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

Miss Emmett took roll call. Eight (8) Board Members were present and are 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 - Michael Ochlan
Board Member – Ethan Wood

Board member Joseph Gombita was excused.

Solicitor Matthew Meagher was present.

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

All other Administrators were excused.

5. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Mr. Gershey and seconded by Mr. Hoch to accept the minutes generated from the Board Work Session – September 30, 2020 and the Regular Board Meeting – October 7, 2020.

The motion carried with all affirmatives.

6. Treasurer's Reports

A motion was made by Mr. Gogolski and seconded by Mr. Wood to accept the Treasurer's Reports generated from the General Account, the Food Service Account, and the Student Activities Account – July, August and September 2020.

The motion carried with all affirmatives.

7. Approval of Bills

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

The motion carried with all affirmatives.

8. Accounting of Taxes

No questions on the Accounting of Taxes.

9. Student Recognition

High School Principal Paul Gregorski introduced two outstanding students, Madison McGlone and Lenny Maiocco. Each student recorded a video message that was played during the meeting. Mrs. Fiorella congratulated both of them and wished them well.

10. Recognition of Public

No public comment was received during the meeting.

11. Enrollment: Day #36 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR

| GRADE | EVERGREEN | SN | P | RDW | SN | P | MS | SN | P | HS | SN | P | TOTAL |
|--------------|------------|------------|----------|------------|-----------|----------|------------|------------|----------|------------|------------|-----------|--------------|
| EARLY INT. | | 14 | | | 8 | | | | | | | | 22 |
| PRE K | 37 | | | 37 | | | | | | | | | 74 |
| KDG | 62 | 13 | | 48 | 10 | | | | | | | | 133 |
| GR. 1 | 70 | 16 | | 34 | 9 | | | | | | | | 129 |
| GR. 2 | 60 | 14 | | 34 | 8 | | | | | | | | 116 |
| GR. 3 | 74 | 18 | | 28 | 9 | | | | | | | | 129 |
| GR. 4 | 67 | 21 | | 30 | 8 | | | | | | | | 126 |
| GR. 5 | 62 | 29 | | 30 | 8 | | | | | | | | 129 |
| GR. 6 | | | | | | | 97 | 40 | 0 | | | | 137 |
| TOTAL | 432 | 125 | | 241 | 60 | | 97 | 40 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 995 |
| GR. 7 | | | | | | | 100 | 35 | 1 | | | | 136 |
| GR. 8 | | | | | | | 117 | 27 | 4 | | | | 148 |
| GR. 9 | | | | | | | | | | 97 | 34 | 2 | 133 |
| GR. 10 | | | | | | | | | | 111 | 24 | 3 | 138 |
| GR. 11 | | | | | | | | | | 125 | 31 | 3 | 159 |
| GR. 12 | | | | | | | | | | 109 | 28 | 6 | 143 |
| TOTAL | 432 | 125 | 0 | 241 | 60 | 0 | 314 | 102 | 5 | 442 | 117 | 14 | 1,852 |

Key: SN - Special Needs, P - Placement outside of District
Totals: EverGreen-557; RDW-301; MS-421; HS-573 Total 1,852
Last Month's Total 1,838

Mr. Gershey made a motion to approve items 12 through 18, with the exclusion of items 18 a, c and d, all together, the motion was seconded by Mr. Hoch. Items 18a, 18c, and 18d will be voted on individually as well as the addendum 18 i.

The motion carried with all affirmatives.

12. Transportation – New Contract

The Board of Education approved the following New Transportation Contract at State Formula for the 2020-2021 school year:

- a. Contractor Scottie Swingle & Sons – Van #119 Waymart to EverGreen effective October 14, 2020.

13. Transportation Drivers and Substitutes

The Board of Education approved the following list of Western Wayne School District Transportation Drivers and Substitutes for the listed contractor for the 2020-2021 school year as follows contingent upon receipt of necessary paperwork:

- a. Contractor Teresa Pappas dba Ledge Dale Recreation Area – Driver Alia Haig

14. Dual Enrollment Agreement

The Board of Education approved the Dual Enrollment Agreement between Western Wayne School District and the following school for the 2020-2021 school year:

- a. Johnson College

15. Waiver of Expulsion Hearing and Stipulation

The Board of Education adopted the proposed Waiver of Expulsion Hearing and Stipulation relating to the following student, thereby excluding the student from the Western Wayne School District in accordance with the terms thereof.

- a. S#02-20-21

16. Agreement – Apple Tree Educational Associates

The Board of Education approved an agreement with Apple Tree Educational Associates, LLC for contracted school psychological services at a fee of \$900.00 per evaluation for the 2020-2021 school year. The funding for these services are part of the Special Education COVID-19 Mitigation Equity Grant that we were awarded from the Federal Government's emergency education relief funds (GEER).

17. Agreement – Scenario Learning, LLC

The Board of Education approved an agreement with Scenario Learning, LLC d/b/a Vector Solutions for K-12 Safety & Professional Growth Solutions at a cost of \$10.50 per employee for an approximate total of \$2,730.00 for a 12-month term.

18. Personnel

b. Sabbatical Leave of Absence

The Board of Education approved the following Sabbatical Leave of Absence for Restoration of Health request for the 2nd and 3rd marking periods of the 2020-2021 school year:

1. PS#06-20-21

e. Resignation

The Board of Education accepted the resignation of Megan Hand, Jr. High Soccer Coach effective October 7, 2020.

f. Appointment - Winter Head Coaches

The Board of Education appointed the following to the listed coaching positions for the 2020-2021 school year at the salary listed in the Professional Employees Contract contingent upon receipt of updated clearances and required employment paperwork:

| | | |
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| 1. Adam Holtzer | Basketball, Head Coach Boys | \$8,441.00 |
| 2. Michael Judge | Basketball, Head Coach Girls | \$8,441.00 |
| 3. Scott Rush | Wrestling, Head Coach | \$8,431.32 |

g. Appointment – Advisors

The Board of Education appointed the following to the listed advisor positions for the 2020-2021 school year at the salary listed in the Professional Employees Contract contingent upon receipt of clearances and required employment paperwork:

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| 1. Jessica McLaughlin | Co-Drama Advisor-4th yr | \$ 781.32 |
| 2. Joyce Covaleski | Co-Drama Advisor-1st yr | \$ 766.00 |
| 3. Ann Marie Rainey | Vocal Director, Musical-2nd yr | \$3,681.00 |
| 4. Noreen Ofner | Costumer, Musical-9th yr | \$ 759.11 |
| 5. Chelsee Robbins | Assistant Director, Musical-1st yr | \$1,228.00 |
| 6. Maria Arneil | Technical Director, Musical-1st yr | \$ 737.00 |
| 7. Elaine Ort | Pit Director, Musical-7th yr | \$2,021.89 |
| 8. Marty Ort | Accompanist, Musical-6th yr | \$ 759.11 |
| 9. Chelsee Robbins | Set Construction, Musical-2nd yr | \$ 737.00 |
| 10. Marty O’Hora | Yearbook Advisor – 7th yr | \$2,541.01 |

h. Volunteers

The Board of Education approved the following to the list of volunteers for the 2020-2021 school year contingent upon receipt of required clearances and request of the Building Principal:

1. Amy DeCandis – Middle School and Band
2. Frank DeNunzio – Band

Items 18 a, c, d and the addendum (18i) were voted on individually:

a. District Substitute List

A motion was made by Mr. Hoch and seconded by Mr. Gershey to approve the following personnel to be added to the District Substitute List for the 2020-2021 school year per Certification, Act 24/34/151/114/153/168 Guidelines, Employment Eligibility Verification - U.S. Department of Justice and contingent upon receipt of employment paperwork:

1. Katie Kingston – Area of Certification: Elem K-6; EC N-3; Sp Ed N-12
2. Amanda Martyn – Area: Guest Teacher
3. Brittnee Podunajec – Area: Guest Teacher
4. Robert Ussia – Area: Guest Teacher

The motion carried with all affirmatives.

c. Appointment – Long Term Substitute

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

1. Alizabeth Takacs – Long Term Substitute – English – Step 1B - \$53,123.00 pro-rated with applicable fringe benefits effective for the 2nd and 3rd marking periods of the 2020-2021 school year.

The motion carried with all affirmatives.

d. Appointments - Custodial

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

1. Suzanne Sloan - Custodian – full time - \$11.00 per hour – with applicable fringe benefits – effective upon release of current employment.
2. Jeremy Briscese - Custodian – full time - \$11.00 per hour – with applicable fringe benefits – effective upon release of current employment.

The motion carried with all affirmatives.

i. Retirement (from addendum)

A motion was made by Mrs. Fiorella and seconded by Mr. Hoch to accept the retirement of Karen Fisher, Food Service employee effective November 13, 2020.

The motion carried with all affirmatives.

Informational Items

American Education Week – November 16-20, 2020

Parent/Teacher Virtual Conferences are scheduled for Tuesday, November 24, 2020 in all District Buildings. Virtual Conferences are scheduled for the afternoon of the 24th beginning at 1:00 PM and ending at 8:00 PM. District Administrators and teachers strongly urge all parents to participate in these conferences. This will be a noon Early Dismissal day for students for the Thanksgiving Holiday.

Dates to Remember

1. November 06, 2020 – ASVAB Testing
2. November 11, 2020 – Noon Dismissal – Teacher Act 80 Day
3. November 19, 2020 - Robert D. Wilson Virtual PTA meeting – 6:30 PM
4. November 20, 2020 – High School Picture Retake Day
5. November 24, 2020 - Early Dismissal Virtual Parent/Teacher Conferences – 12:00 Noon with parent/Teacher Conferences – 1:00 PM to 8:00 PM
6. November 25-30, 2020 – NO SCHOOL/Thanksgiving Break

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

Dr. Barrett asked Mrs. Fiorella if she would consider meeting on December 2, 2020 for the Work session, the Board Reorganization meeting and the regular December meeting, starting at 6:00 PM for the Work session and having the meetings to follow immediately after. The Board agreed to this provided they have an agenda for the meetings as early as possible.

Also, Dr. Barrett informed the Board of Education that the Administration will be sending a notice to Parents in the near future about hybrid and virtual learning models. We are not moving to either of those scenarios now, but wanted to get some information out to parents in case it happens in the future.

Future Meetings:

~~* Monday, November 23, 2020 – 6:00 PM – Board Work Session, Via ZOOM, Administration Building, 1970C Easton Turnpike, Lake Ariel, PA 18436.~~ **This will now be held at 6:00 PM, Wednesday, December 2, 2020.**

* Wednesday, December 2, 2020 - ~~6:00 P.M.~~ **(Now immediately following the 6:00 PM Work session).** The Western Wayne Board of Education Reorganization and Regular Monthly Meeting, Via ZOOM, Administration Building, 1970C Easton Turnpike, Lake Ariel, PA 18436

Meeting Held

October 28, 2020 – 6:00 PM - Board Work Session, Via ZOOM, Administration Building, 1970C Easton Turnpike, Lake Ariel, PA 18436. An Executive session for personnel was held immediately after the Work session.

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 6:25 P.M.

The motion carried with all affirmatives.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rose E. Emmett
Board Secretary

ATTEST: _____

APPROVED: _____