

Board Minutes

January 13, 2021

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 13, 2021 via Zoom meeting and in the LGI of the High School due to the COVID-19 pandemic and was live broadcast over YouTube.

The meeting was advertised in the legal section of the December 31, 2021 edition of the Tri-County Independent.

Board President Bernice Fiorella called the meeting to order at 6:05 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 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 was excused, but gave Ethan Wood his proxy to vote for him during the meeting this evening. A copy of that proxy is attached to the official minutes.

Solicitor Matthew Meagher was present.

Administrators Present: Superintendent Dr. Matthew Barrett, Assistant to the 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. Wood to accept the minutes generated from the Reorganization Meeting - December 2, 2020, Regular Board Meeting – December 2, 2020, Special Board Meeting for General Purposes – December 9, 2020, Special Board Meeting for General Purposes – December 28, 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, and the Food Service Account.

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, and the Food Service Account.

The motion carried with all affirmatives.

8. Accounting of Taxes

No questions on the Accounting of Taxes.

9. Student / Community Recognition

January - School Board Recognition Month - Thank you to the school directors for your hard work and dedication.

Lenny Maiocco, Student Council representative, thanked the Board of Education for their dedication and the work they do on the school's behalf through a video message that was played during the meeting.

Student Recognition

High School Principal Paul Gregorski introduced outstanding student Jamie Bryan. Jamie recorded a video message that was played during the meeting.

10. Recognition of Public

The Board of Education received 16 emails mostly in regards to virtual versus in-person learning. The emails were forwarded to each Board member and are attached to the official minutes of the meeting.

11. Enrollment Report

ENROLLMENT - DAY #73

2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR

GRADE	EVERGREEN	SN	P	RDW	SN	P	MS	SN	P	HS	SN	P	TOTAL
EARLY INT.		20			8								28
PRE K	40			37									77
KDG	62	12		47	11								132
GR. 1	70	16		32	10								128
GR. 2	57	17		32	10								116
GR. 3	71	17	1	28	8								125
GR. 4	67	20		29	9								125
GR. 5	61	28	1	30	8								128
GR. 6							100	39	0				139
TOTAL	428	130	2	235	64		100	39	0	0	0	0	998
GR. 7							98	35	1				134
GR. 8							115	26	6				147
GR. 9										98	31	2	131
GR. 10										113	24	5	142
GR. 11										123	28	6	157
GR. 12										107	29	6	142
TOTAL	428	130	2	235	64	0	313	100	7	441	112	19	1,851

Key: SN – Special Needs, P – Placement outside of District
Totals: EverGreen-563; RDW-297; MS-420; HS-575 TOTAL: 1,855
Last meeting total: 1,855

Mr. Gershey made a motion to approve items 12 through 14 and 16 through 19 all together; the motion was seconded by Mr. Ochlan.

The motion carried with all affirmatives.

12. Budget Resolution

The Board of Education adopted the attached Resolution regarding no increase in the rate of any tax for the support of its public schools for the 2021-2022 fiscal year by more than the index established by the Department of Education for the District. The index for the District is 3.0%. ATTACHMENT I

13. Audit

The Board of Education accepted the Audit Report of the Western Wayne School District for the year ended June 30, 2020 as prepared by Brian T. Kelly, CPA.

14. 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 to manage future budgets as per Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement Number 54 (GASB 54). Committed: \$1,047,102; Assigned: \$7,614,828 and Unassigned: \$3,193,942.

16. Alternative Learning Day (ALD)

The Board of Education approved Alternative Learning Days (ALD's) as an alternate form of instruction in place of a day otherwise cancelled due to inclement weather or building emergency in accordance with 24 P.S. §5-520.1 and Section 520.1 of the School Code Resolution and to provide flexibility to meet minimum instructional time requirements.

17. Geisinger Contract Amendment

The Board of Education approved an amendment to the Geisinger Community Medical Center Athletic Trainer services agreement to revise Section 2.2 Student Records. Western Wayne agrees that Geisinger may use a software application from Healthy Roster, Inc. to facilitate communication for parents, athletes, coaches, administrators, and athletic trainers.

18. Waiver of Expulsion Hearing and Stipulation

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

a. S#08-20-21

The following motions were voted on individually:

15. District Instructional Mode to be determined

A motion was made by Mr. Ochlan and seconded by Mrs. DeSiato to remain with in-person learning for all buildings, subject to change as needed.

The motion happened after a discussion on current pandemic conditions. Dr. Barrett discussed the change in guidance from PDE in regards to students in Pre-K through 6th grade. They now recommend in person learning when possible.

The motion carried with Mrs. Fiorella, Mr. Hoch, Mr. Gogolski, Mrs. DeSiato, Mr. Gombita and Mr. Ochlan voting yes and Mr. Enslin, Mr. Gershey and Mr. Wood voting no.

19. Pupil Transportation Subsidy Option

A motion was made by Mr. Hoch and seconded by Mr. Gogolski to choose option 1 under Act 136 of 2020 for pupil transportation subsidy. Under option 1, each contractor must certify to our district the total amount of variable costs incurred for the 2020-2021 school year per day per run. Once received from all contractors, the district will then certify to PDE and be eligible to receive at minimum the same pupil transportation subsidy calculated during the 2020-2021 school year (based on the 2019-2020 school year actual expenses).

The motion carried with all affirmatives.

20. Personnel

a. District Substitute List

A motion was made by Mr. Gombita and seconded by Mr. Wood 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, contingent upon receipt of clearances and employment paperwork:

1. Amanda Johannes – Area: Cafeteria
2. *Claudia Pregmon – Area of Certification: Early Childhood PreK-4
3. *Danielle Ree – Area: Guest Teacher
4. Jill Anne Scaduto – Area: Custodial
5. Nicole Williams – Guest Teacher

*pending required paperwork

The motion carried will all affirmatives.

b. Sabbatical Request

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

1. PS#08-20-21 – 2nd semester – Restoration of Health

The motion carried will all affirmatives.

c. Appointment – Long Term Substitutes

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

1. Erin Schane - Long Term Substitute - Elementary – Step 1B - \$53,123.00 pro-rated with applicable fringe benefits effective November 2, 2020 for the 2020-2021 school year.
2. Danielle Ree - Long Term Substitute - Elementary – Step 1B - \$53,123.00 pro-rated with applicable fringe benefits effective for the 2nd semester of the 2020-2021 school year effective upon receipt of required paperwork and PDE certification.

The motion carried with all affirmatives.

d. Resignations

A motion was made by Mr. Gombita and seconded by Mr. Wood to approve the following resignations:

1. Custodian Jeremy Briscese effective January 1, 2021.
2. Transportation Administrative Assistant Jennifer Adams effective January 8, 2021.

The motion carried with all affirmatives.

e. Volunteers

A motion was made by Mr. Hoch and seconded by Mr. Gogolski to approve the following to the list of volunteers for the 2020-2021 school year contingent upon receipt of necessary clearances and request of the Building Principal:

1. David Macart – Girls Basketball
2. Lamont Tillery – Boys Basketball

The motion carried will all affirmatives.

Informational Items:

Upcoming Dates:

1. January 13, 2021 – Virtual High School Curriculum Night – 6:00 PM
2. January 18, 2021 - NO SCHOOL – Martin Luther King Day
3. February 1-March 31, 2021 – Winter Wave 2 Keystone Exams

Informational

The IRS mileage rate is decreasing to 56 cents per mile effective January 01, 2021.

The Wayne County Community Foundation awarded full funding of \$625.00 for the Music Department's software subscription (\$500.00) and Mrs. Grandinetti's 4th Grade Science Class Generation Genius subscription (\$125.00).

Mr. Gershey added that the two students who spoke tonight are members of the Youth Advisory Committee who helped determine which programs receive these grants.

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. Hoch said he was thankful for all the Board members and their dedication to Western Wayne School District. Mrs. Fiorella thanked all the RDW students who sent many cards for "Thankful Day". Mr. Gombita commented on all the emails received from the public. He wants everyone to know he reads every one of them and values everyone's input.

Future Meetings:

Wednesday, January 27, 2021 - 6:00 P.M. Board Committee Meeting; District Board Room Administration Building, 1970C Easton Turnpike, Lake Ariel, PA 18436

Wednesday, February 3, 2021 – 6:00 PM. – Public Board Meeting, District Board Room, Administration Building, 1970C Easton Turnpike, Lake Ariel, PA 18436

Meetings held:

Wednesday, December 9, 2020 – 6:00 P.M. Special Meeting for General Purposes, Executive Session for Personnel followed, Via Zoom, 1970C Easton Turnpike, Lake Ariel, PA 18436.

Monday, December 28, 2020 – 6:00 P.M. Special Meeting for General Purposes, Via Zoom, 1970C Easton Turnpike, Lake Ariel, PA 18436.

Wednesday, January 06, 2021 – 6:00 P.M. Board Work Session, Executive Session for Personnel immediately following Work Session, via Zoom, 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 6:47 P.M.

The motion carried with all affirmatives.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rose E. Emmett
Board Secretary

ATTEST: _____

APPROVED: _____