

# Board Minutes

## February 3, 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 February 3, 2021 via Zoom meeting due to the COVID-19 pandemic and was live broadcast over YouTube.

The meeting was advertised in the legal section of the January 23, 2021 edition of the Tri-County Independent.

Board President Bernice Fiorella called the meeting to order at 6:15 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:

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 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. Hoch to accept the minutes generated from the Regular Board Meeting – January 13, 2020 and the Work Session – January 6, 2021.

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 Activity Account for October, November and December 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, and the Food Service 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, Noelle Cruz and Lena Piccolino. Noelle and Lena recorded video messages that were played during the meeting. Mrs. Fiorella said she was encouraged by these seniors and wishes them the best in the future.

**10. Recognition of Public**

Dawn Oliver asked (via email) if anyone checked all the bus routes for road conditions and can the buses safely turn around with enough room due to all the snow? Dr. Barrett noted that he has been checking on them and will do additional check-ins with the Townships and surrounding Districts after our meeting before making a final decision about school for Thursday.

Jeff Tscheschlog asked (via email) when will the Board resume in person board meetings? Dr. Barrett let him know that the Board sometimes meets in our High School LGI, but because of the government restrictions in place during the pandemic, we are limited to the number of people who can attend. The restrictions are different for school board meetings than they are for the educational day.

**11. Enrollment Report:**

ENROLLMENT – DAY #87 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
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>428</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>235</b>	<b>64</b>		<b>100</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>998</b>
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
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>428</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>235</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>313</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>441</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>1,851</b>

Key: SN – Special Needs, P – Placement outside of District  
Totals: EverGreen-560; RDW-299; MS-420; HS-572 TOTAL: 1,851  
Last Month-January Total: 1,855

Mr. Gershey made a motion to approve items 12 through 20 all together as a consent block; the motion was seconded by Mr. Hoch.

The motion carried with all affirmatives.

## **12. Real Estate Tax Rebate**

The Board of Education approved a Real Estate Tax Rebate in the amount of \$214.12 on property # 22-0-0320-0116.0007 in Salem Township. The rebate is due to a previously approved Homestead Act application.

## **13. Memorandum of Understanding/Resolution - COVID 19**

The Board of Education approved the following MOU's and Resolution in regards to COVID-19 paid leave:

- a. Western Wayne Education Association MOU
- b. Western Wayne Education Support Professional Association MOU
- c. Western Wayne Non-Union Employees Resolution

## **14. District School Calendar for the 2021-2022 School Year**

The Board of Education approved the 2021-2022 School District Calendar.

## **15. Act 80 Days 2021-2022 School Year**

The Board of Education approved the listed early dismissal days for students in order to conduct Act 80 activities with the Professional Staff:

- a. November 23, 2021
- b. February 18, 2022
- c. March 18, 2022

## **16. E-rate Funding Application**

The Board of Education approved the E-Rate Funding Application as follows:

- a. Category 1 – This motion covers the fiber-optic connections to Evergreen and Robert D. Wilson Elementary schools with Adams Cable. This E-Rate submission allows payment for year two of a three year contract. If awarded, E-rate funding will cover approximately \$1,216.00 of the \$1,520.00 monthly payment, contingent on receiving the E-rate funding. The total of \$304.00 monthly will be owed by Western Wayne to Adams Cable.

## 17. Agreement – Transfinder Software

The Board of Education approved an agreement with Transfinder Corporation of Schenectady, NY for the purchase and use of their transportation software at an initial cost of \$12,990 with a yearly maintenance fee after the first year of \$4,950.00. Also, allow the administration to explore their stop finder communication option and if needed, allow the additional cost of \$1,200.00 per year.

## 18. Transportation – New Contract

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

- a. Contractor Josh Swingle – Van #121A – Lake Ariel to Merakey effective January 25, 2021.

## 19. Waivers of Expulsion Hearing and Stipulation

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

- a. S#09-20-21
- b. S#10-20-21
- c. S#11-20-21

## 20. Personnel

### a. District Substitute List

The Board of Education approved 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, and Employment Eligibility Verification - U.S. Department of Justice:

1. Nathan Chamberlain\* – Area: Custodial
  2. Tracy Kwiatkowski – Area: Cafeteria/Custodial/Secretary
  3. Kathryn Taylor – Area: Guest Teacher
- \*pending paperwork

### b. Assignment

The Board of Education assigned District transportation duties to Robert Black effective February 1, 2021 to June 30, 2021 at a monthly stipend of \$1,000.00.

### c. Appointment – Advisors

The Board of Education approved the following advisors for the 2020-2021 school year:

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| 1. Memory Book – Todd Pauler 1st semester – 4th yr   | \$ 804.27 |
| 2. Memory Book – Melinda Maros 2nd semester – 1st yr | \$ 788.50 |

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| 3. MS Student Council – Todd Pauler 1st semester -6th yr       | \$1,165.96 |
| 4. MS Student Council – Jessica Frazier – 2nd semester -1st yr | \$1,132.00 |

**d. Resignation – Winter Coach**

The Board of Education approved the resignation of 8th Grade Boys’ Basketball Coach Todd Pauler effective immediately with salary pro-rated for completion of 50% of the season - \$2,237.35.

**e. Appointment – Winter Coach**

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 clearances:

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| 1. David Leslie – Jr High Wrestling  | \$3,757.00 |
| 2. Kevin Karabin – 8th Grade Boys Basketball<br>(Completing 50% season from Todd Pauler) | \$2,141.00 |

**f. Appointment – Spring Coaches**

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

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| 1. John Boandl        | Baseball, Head-6th yr             | \$6,347.89 |
| 2. Richard Ferraro    | Baseball, Assistant-3rd yr        | \$3,832.14 |
| 3. Kevin Karabin      | Baseball, Jr. High-1st yr         | \$3,757.00 |
| 4. Joseph Romanowski  | Softball, Head-7th yr             | \$6,347.89 |
| 5. Glen Fiorella      | Softball, Assistant-2nd yr        | \$3,757.00 |
| 6. Leonard Maiocco Jr | Tennis, Boys-3rd yr               | \$3,780.12 |
| 7. Justin Collins     | Track, Head Coach-17th yr         | \$7,006.73 |
| 8. Corey Foote        | Track, Assistant-8th yr           | \$3,630.75 |
| 9. Robert Amos        | Track, Assistant-7th yr           | \$3,630.75 |
| 10. Mark A. Bell      | Track, Assistant-3rd yr           | \$3,595.50 |
| 11. R. Darren Thorpe  | Volleyball, Head Boys-16th yr     | \$4,525.90 |
| 12. Shannon Boandl    | Volleyball, Boys Assistant-2nd yr | \$2,654.00 |

**g. Approval – Volunteer**

The Board of Education approved the following to the list of volunteers for the 2020-2021 school year contingent upon receipt of clearances and COVID 19 regulations. Attendance by request of the Building Principal:

1. Sarah Skirpan – Track and Field

**Upcoming Dates**

1. February 02-03, 2021 – Senior Cap & Gown Photo Make-ups
2. February 12, 2021 - Noon Dismissal - Act 80 Day
3. February 15, 2021 – No School – President’s Day

4. February 26, 2021 - Noon Dismissal – Asynchronous Day

**Informational**

Pre-kindergarten and Kindergarten registration for the Western Wayne School District will be held the week of March 22, 2021.

STUDENT TEACHERS: UNIVERSITY OF SCRANTON – February 10, 2021 to May 7, 2021 at EverGreen Elementary:

1. Katie DeTreuX – Elementary K-4 – Mary Beth Grandinetti
2. Katheryn Hickey – Elementary K-4 – Stacey Lutkowski
3. Lauren Ottomanelli – Special Education K-8 – Katie McElhenny

**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**

None

**Future Meetings**

February 24, 2021 – 6:00 P.M. Board Work Session, via ZOOM, Administration Building, 1970C Easton Turnpike, Lake Ariel PA 18436

March 03, 2021 - 6:00 P.M. Public Board Meeting, via ZOOM, Administration Building, 1970C Easton Turnpike, Lake Ariel PA 18436

The Board of Education went into Executive session immediately after the February 3, 2021 meeting for legal purposes.

**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 6:30 P.M.

The motion carried with all affirmatives.

Respectfully Submitted,



Rose E. Emmett  
Board Secretary

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

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