

# Board Minutes

## March 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 March 3, 2021 in the High School LGI and 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 February 20, 2021 edition of the Tri-County Independent.

Board President Bernice Fiorella called the meeting to order at 6:25 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 (arrived 6:35PM)	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. Wood to accept the minutes generated from the Regular Board Meeting of February 3, 2020 and the Work Session of February 3, 2021.

The motion carried with all affirmatives.

### **6. Treasurer's Reports**

A motion was made by Mr. Wood and seconded by Mr. Gombita 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. Wood and seconded by Mr. Hoch 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 Mr. Gregorski announced the Principal's list for the second marking period:

9 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Rhayni Carroll and Allie Pauler
10 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Evan Peirce and Kylie Merring
11 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Sarah Collins and Kaeli Romanowski
12 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Leonard Maiocco III and Jeremiah Pauler

High School Principal Paul Gregorski introduced two outstanding students, Celeste Orchard and Matthew Stone. Celeste and Matthew recorded video messages that were played during the meeting.

Mr. Gregorski also recognized several students for their extra-curricular and sports accomplishments and awards. Chorus students who attended PMEA District 9 Chorus Festival; band and orchestra students who placed in the top of their sections at District Band and Orchestra; FBLA members who placed in the top 5 of the virtual Regional Leadership Conference; wrestlers who competed in District 2 Competition; many of them received medals; Girls Basketball team clinched the first League/Divisional title in 30 years and Kaeli Romanowski reached her 1,000<sup>th</sup> point on March 2. Kaeli is the 10<sup>th</sup> girl in Western Wayne history to reach that plateau.

Mrs. Fiorella said it was a true honor to have all of these students recognized and she wished them the best. Congratulations to all of them.

## **10. Recognition of Public**

None.

## **11. Enrollment Report:**

ENROLLMENT - DAY #102

2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR

GRADE	EVERGREEN	SN	P	RDW	SN	P	MS	SN	P	HS	SN	P	TOTAL
EARLY INT.		21			8								29
PRE K	41			37									78
KDG	63	11		47	12								133
GR. 1	70	16		33	10								129
GR. 2	57	16		32	10								115
GR. 3	71	17	1	29	8								126
GR. 4	68	20		29	9								126
GR. 5	61	28	1	30	8								128
GR. 6							98	39	0				137
TOTAL	431	129	2	237	65		98	39	0	0	0	0	1,001
GR. 7							101	35	1				137
GR. 8							119	24	5				148
GR. 9										99	30	3	132
GR. 10										112	25	4	141
GR. 11										122	29	6	157
GR. 12										107	27	6	140
TOTAL	431	129	2	237	65	0	318	98	6	440	111	19	1,856

Key: SN – Special Needs, P – Placement outside of District

Totals: EverGreen–562; RDW–302; MS–422; HS–570 TOTAL: 1,856

Last Meeting Total: 1,851

Mr. Gershey made a motion to approve items 12 through 18e all together as a consent block. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hoch.

The motion carried with all affirmatives.

## 12. NEIU #19 Budget

The Board of Education approved the NEIU #19 Budget for the 2021-2022 school year with the estimated share from Western Wayne School District at \$50,651.26.

## 13. Fuel Oil Purchase

The Board of Education authorized the Business Manager to solicit bids for the purchasing of fuel oil for the 2021-2022 school year.

## 14. Retainer

The Board of Education approved the Consultative Retainer Agreement and the Section 125 Qualification and Administration of Cash Exchange Plan Agreement being offered by Dehey McAndrew, Scranton, PA for employee benefit plans and related personnel/human resource issues, for the one-year period commencing January 1, 2021 at a total cost of \$7,550.00 for both agreements.

## 15. 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 Henwood Busing – Driver Paul Piotrowski

## 16. Building Use Request

The Board of Education approved a request from Waymart Police and K-9 Unit for the use of the Robert D. Wilson Elementary School grounds, specifically the parking lot on July 3, 2021 from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM for a Car Show to benefit the K-9 Unit. All fees to be waived. Waymart Police will be present at all areas during the event.

## 17. Agreement

The Board of Education agreed and authorized IU#18 & IU#19 to enter into master service agreements on behalf of Western Wayne School District. These service agreements are the recommended, cost-effective, service providers for the district's wide area network and internet access services. With this motion, the Western Wayne School District agrees to pay for their respective services in accordance with the terms of the Regional Wide Area Network Service Order. The motion also approves the execution of the Regional Wide Area Network Service Order and E-rate Letter of Agency to be in effect for the initial term through June 30, 2026 or if extended, through June 30, 2028.

## 18. 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, Acts 24/34/151/114/153/168 Guidelines, Employment Eligibility Verification – U.S. Department of Justice:

1. JoAnne Caruth – Area: Cafeteria
2. James Diehl – Area: Custodial
3. Douglas Posten – Area of Certification: Biology
4. Karla Smith – Area: Custodial

### b. Appointment of Spring Coaches 2020-2021

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 employment clearances:

1. Kristi Kromko	Softball, Assistant	\$3,757.00
2. Stephen Rovinsky	Baseball, Assistant	\$3,869.71
3. Samantha Atcavage*	Track, Assistant	\$2,350.00
4. Edward Sledzinski*	Track, Assistant	\$2,350.00

5. William Schumacher\*                      Track, Assistant                      \$2,350.00  
    \*two positions split three ways

**c. Appointment**

The Board of Education approved participation in the Special Olympics PA Interscholastic Unified Track and Field program. Melissa Williams and Sienna Cardamone will be the 2020-2021 Co-Ed Inclusive Unified Track and Field Co-Advisors at a rate of \$750.00 each for Western Wayne. Special Olympics PA will provide funding and resources for this program.

**d. Resignation**

The Board of Education accepted the resignation of JoAnne Caruth, Food Service effective March 10, 2021.

**e. Approval – Volunteers**

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

1. Suzette Basile – Junior High Track and Field
2. Carly Thorpe – Track and Field

**IMPORTANT DATES – March 2021**

1. March 1-5, 2021 – Read Across America – Robert D. Wilson
2. March 12, 2021- Noon Dismissal – Act 80 Teacher In-Service
3. March 26, 2021 – Noon Dismissal – Asynchronous Day
4. March 22-26, 2021- PreK/Kindergarten Registration – RDW & EverGreen

STUDENT TEACHERS: Keystone College – Jenna Black – Social Studies – March 5, 2021 to approximately April 26, 2021 – Tim McClure, High School. Clarks Summit University – Clara Gensiak – Language Arts – March 8, 2021 to April 16, 2021 – Jessica Frazier – Middle School.

**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**

Wednesday, March 31, 2021 - 6:00 P.M. - Board Work Session, via ZOOM, Administration Building, 1970C Easton Turnpike, PA 18436

Wednesday, April 07, 2021 - 6:00 P.M. - Public Board Meeting, via ZOOM, Administration Building, 1970C Easton Turnpike, PA 18436

The Board of Education went into Executive session immediately after the March 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 6:45 P.M.

The motion carried with all affirmatives.

Respectfully Submitted,



Rose E. Emmett  
Board Secretary

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

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