

# Board Minutes

## June 9, 2021

WESTERN WAYNE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
ADMINISTRATION OFFICE  
1970C Easton Turnpike  
LAKE ARIEL, PA 18436

The special meeting was held on June 9, 2021 at 6:00 PM in the District Office Board Room. The meeting was open to the public.

The meeting was advertised in the legal section of the June 8, 2021 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 – Joseph Gombita  
Board Member – Michael Ochlan  
Board Member – Ethan Wood

Solicitor Matthew Meagher was present.

Board Member – William Gershey was excused but did provide a voting proxy to Mr. Wood for this meeting.

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

All other Administrators were excused.

Wrestling Coach Scott Rush and Assistant Coach Kevin Roginsky spoke to the Board of Education asking them to consider recognizing and sanctioning a girls wrestling team for PIAA. They are not asking for additional coaches, they will coach the girls along with the boys team with existing staff. The state is looking to have 100 schools sanction girls wrestling, once they have that, PIAA will recognize them.

Sandra Summers, High School Teacher, presented the Board of Education with copies of the 2020-21 Literary Magazine created by our very talented high school students.

### **Health and Safety Plan**

A motion was made by Mrs. Fiorella and seconded by Mr. Ochlan to alleviate the mask mandate outdoors. Allow staff and students to remove masks while outdoors if they choose to do so.

Mr. Wood opposes this motion, he sees it as a potential problem with future funding and he thinks it is irresponsible.

Dr. Barrett also opposes this motion, stating we are still under a masking order at this time. The current order is set to expire on June 28, 2021, but until then, he does not recommend this change.

The motion carried with five affirmatives and four no votes from Mr. Hoch, Mr. Gershey (via proxy to Mr. Wood), Mr. Gombita and Mr. Wood.

Mrs. Fiorella asked about modifying our current contact tracing procedures. Dr. Barrett stated that Pennsylvania still recommends a fourteen day quarantine, but he will look into this.

Mr. Hoch thanked the administration, staff and students for their hard work and cooperation this year in regards to safety.

**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 6:23 P.M.

The motion carried with all affirmatives.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rose E. Emmett  
Board Secretary

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

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