

**WESTERN WAYNE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
ADMINISTRATION OFFICE  
1970C EASTON TURNPIKE  
LAKE ARIEL, PA 18436**

**MEMORANDUM**

TO: All School Board Members

FROM: Matthew Barrett, Ed.D., Superintendent

DATE: May 6, 2026

SUBJECT: AGENDA - Board Meeting  
**WEDNESDAY, May 6, 2026**  
Western Wayne Administration Building, District Board Room,  
1970C Easton Turnpike, Lake Ariel, PA 18436

1. Call to Order William Gershey, Board President
2. Prayer
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Roll Call

**BOARD**

\_\_\_ William Gershey, President  
\_\_\_ Joseph Gombita, Vice President  
\_\_\_ Dana DeSiato, Treasurer  
\_\_\_ Angela Booths  
\_\_\_ James Collins  
\_\_\_ Christina Hinz  
\_\_\_ Matthew Nied  
\_\_\_ Kerin Weinberger  
\_\_\_ Ethan Wood

**ADMINISTRATION**

\_\_\_ Matthew Barrett, Ed.D., Superintendent  
\_\_\_ Cynthia LaRosa, Ph.D., Ass't Superintendent  
\_\_\_ Rose Emmett, Business Manager/Board Secretary  
\_\_\_ Robert Black, High School Ass't Principal  
\_\_\_ Jennifer DeNike, Ed.D., Dir. of Special Education  
\_\_\_ Kerrie Fitzsimmons, EverGreen Ass't Principal  
\_\_\_ Elizabeth Gregory, Early Intervention Supervisor  
\_\_\_ Paul Gregorski, High School Principal  
\_\_\_ Mary Hoover, TNG Food Service Director  
\_\_\_ Tyler Jakes, Athletic Director  
\_\_\_ Michael Motsko, Ass't Dir. of Special Education  
\_\_\_ Casey Newcomer, Middle School Principal  
\_\_\_ Justin Pidgeon, EverGreen Principal  
\_\_\_ Brian Seaman, Technology Director  
\_\_\_ Elizabeth Watson, Ed.D., Robert D. Wilson Principal  
\_\_\_ Curt Yenchik, Middle School Ass't Principal

**SOLICITOR**

\_\_\_ Brendan Ellis

5. Approval of Minutes  
    Board Work Session - April 1, 2026  
    Regular Board Meeting - April 1, 2026  
    Narrative Budget Meeting - April 22, 2026
6. Treasurer's Reports  
    General Account  
    Food Service Account  
    Student Activities Account - January, February, March 2026
7. Approval of Bills

General Account  
 Food Service Account  
 Construction Account

8. Student Recognition  
 Principal's List Students

9. Recognition of visitors and comments on Agenda items only - 15 minutes

10. Enrollment Report:

ENROLLMENT - DAY # 151

2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR

GRADE	EG	RDW	MS	HS	TOTAL
EARLY INT.	12	7			19
PRE-K	48	41			89
KDG	66	63			129
GR. 1	89	59			148
GR. 2	71	41			112
GR. 3	79	52			131
GR. 4	75	46			121
GR. 5	68	58			126
GR. 6			137		137
GR. 7			123		123
GR. 8			122		122
GR. 9				128	128
GR. 10				131	131
GR. 11				142	142
GR. 12				149	149
<b>TOTAL</b>	508	367	382	550	1807

Totals: EverGreen - 508; RDW - 367; MS - 382; HS - 550 **TOTAL: 1807**  
**APRIL TOTAL: 1813**

11. Policy - First Reading

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the first reading of the following policy:

Section: **800 Operations**  
805.3 Use of Force

12. Adoption of the 2026-2027 Fiscal Year Tentative Budget

It is recommended that the Board of Education adopt the 2026-2027 Fiscal Year Tentative Budget showing estimated available resources of \$65,737,488.00 and Estimated expenditures and ending fund balance in the amount of \$65,737,488.00 establishing real estate tax millage of 13.2193 with a 2.00% discount if the whole amount of the tax is paid within two months after the date of the tax notice; payment at face if the tax is paid within two months following the end of the discount period; penalty of 10.00% on all taxes not paid within four months after the date of the tax notice. **ATTACHMENT I**

13. Adoption of the 2026-2027 Tax Resolutions

It is recommended that the Board of Education adopt the attached 2026-2027 Tax Resolutions. **ATTACHMENT II**

14. Approval of the 2026 Graduate List

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the attached list for 2026 Graduation as presented by High School Principal Mr. Paul Gregorski contingent upon each having satisfactorily completed all school and state requirements by Graduation. **ATTACHMENT III**

15. Legislative Representative/Liaison

It is recommended that the Board of Education appoint the Board President as PSBA Legislative Representative/Liaison for the 2026-2027 school year.

16. PSBA Voting Delegate

It is recommended that the Board of Education appoint Director Dana DeSiato as voting delegate to the PSBA 2026 Delegate Assembly.

17. Election of Board Treasurer

- a. Solicit nominations for Board Treasurer
- b. Election of Board Treasurer - in accordance with Section 404 of the Public School Code

18. Board Treasurer's Salary

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the amount of \$3,000.00 for the Board Treasurer's salary for the 2026-2027 school year.

19. Board Treasurer's Bond

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the Public Official's Treasurer's Bond at \$25,000.00 for the 2026-2027 school year at an estimated cost of \$250.00.

20. Donation of Board Treasurer's Salary

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the donation of the Board Treasurer's salary to the following in the amounts listed:

a. Track and Field	\$1,000.00
b. Girls Tennis	\$ 500.00
c. Golf	\$ 500.00
d. Boys Basketball	\$ 500.00
e. Girls Basketball	\$ 500.00

21. Exoneration of Municipal Tax Collectors

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the exoneration of the Municipal Tax Collectors from the collection of the 2025 Duplicates.

22. Appointment of Tax Collectors

It is recommended that the Board of Education appoint the following elected Tax Collectors to serve the District for the 2026 duplicates:

a. Canaan Township	Linda Davis, 456 O'Connell Road, Waymart, PA 18472
b. Clinton Township #1	Marianne Thorpe, 1095 Belmont Tpke, Waymart, PA 18472
c. Lake Township	Maureen Barry, PO Box 72, Lake Ariel, PA 18436
d. Salem Township	Laura Roos, PO Box 818, Hamlin, PA 18427
e. South Canaan Township	Paula Herzog, 467 St. Tikhon's Rd., Waymart, PA 18472
f. Sterling Township	Cindy Hefty, PO Box 99, Sterling PA 18463
g. Waymart Borough	Lauren Coolbaugh, 51 Myrtle St., Waymart, PA 18472

23. Acceptance of Deputy Tax Collectors

It is recommended that the Board of Education accept the following as Deputy Tax Collectors for their Townships during the term of January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2030:

a. Canaan Township	Daniel Davis, 456 O'Connell Road, Waymart, PA 18472
b. Clinton Township #1	Christine Kwiatkowski, 129 Lillie Rd., Waymart, PA 18472
c. Lake Township	Gerald Powell, 1338 Fernwood Rd., Lake Ariel, PA 18436
d. Salem Township	Christopher Roos, 56 Cemetery Rd., Moscow, PA 18444
e. South Canaan Township	David J. Herzog, 467 St. Tikhons Rd, Lake Ariel, PA 18436
f. Sterling Township	Stephanie Oltmann, PO Box 100, Sterling, PA 18463
g. Waymart Borough	Nickolas Robinson, 51 Myrtle St., Waymart, PA 18472

24. Appointment - District Solicitor

It is recommended that the Board of Education appoint Ellis Law Group as District Solicitor at an annual retainer fee of \$1,000.00 and an hourly rate of \$200.00 for the 2026-2027 school year.

25. Memorandum of Understanding

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve a Memorandum of Understanding between Western Wayne School District, Wayne County District Attorney's Office and Pennsylvania State Police.

26. Food Service Management extension

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve an extension with The Nutrition Group for a cost reimbursable contract to provide food service management services to the Western Wayne School District for a period of one year beginning on July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027, which may be renewed by mutual agreement for up to three additional one-year periods as per the Request for Proposal specifications.

27. Agreement Addendum - ESS Northeast, LLC

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve an addendum to the current agreement with ESS Northeast, LLC to cover the hourly professional rate of \$41.82 per hour for Teachers and Nurses and \$15.00 per hour for Paraprofessionals for the Extended School Year program. Any summer program positions not filled by Western Wayne School District staff will be filled through ESS Northeast, LLC.

28. Card Access System - Acceptance of Bid

It is recommended that the Board of Education award a bid to NRG Controls to furnish and upgrade our AX Vykon Security (Card Access System) as per their bid dated April 15, 2026. The total award is \$49,048.00, (we are accepting their \$3,200 deduct for the server from original bid amount of \$52,248.00). This upgrade will be funded partially by our 24-25 PCCD grant (\$30,203.50) and the remaining with 2025 construction funds (\$18,844.50).

29. Contract - Finals site

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve a contract between Western Wayne School District and Finals site for the mass communication blackboard connect program at a cost of \$5,923.00 effective July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027.

30. Service Agreement - Taylor A. Hunter

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve an agreement between Western Wayne School District and Taylor A. Hunter for Sign Language Interpreting Services at a rate of \$50.00 per hour during the regular school day; \$52.00 per hour for after school activities; and \$53.00 per hour for weekend services for the 2026-2027 school year.

31. Service Agreement - Merakey Pennsylvania

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve an agreement between Western Wayne School District and Merakey Pennsylvania for educational services at a rate of \$252.40 per day as needed and \$168.24 per day for extended school year services, effective August 1, 2026 through and including July 31, 2027.

32. Agreement - Johnson College Dual Enrollment

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the Dual Enrollment

Agreement between Western Wayne School District and Johnson College effective July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027.

33. Textbook - AP Environmental Science

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the Superintendent's recommendation to adopt the *Advanced Placement Environmental Science* textbook *Environmental Science for the AP Course*, published by Bedford, Freeman & Worth.

34. Building Use

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the following Building Use request for the 2026-2027 school year:

- a. Craft Fairs For A Cause - Annual Craft Fair - Saturday, October 24, 2026 - Robert D. Wilson Cafeteria, Gym, LGI and Stage areas - 7:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Event time 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

35. Settlement Agreement and Release

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the Settlement Agreement and Release between Western Wayne School District and the following:

- a. S# 10-25-26

36. Waiver of Expulsion Hearing and Stipulations

It is recommended that the Board of Education adopt the proposed Waiver of Expulsion Hearing and Stipulations relating to the following students, thereby excluding the students from the Western Wayne School District in accordance with the terms thereof:

- a. S# 08-25-26
- b. S# 09-25-26
- c. S# 11-25-26

37. Approval - Non-Resident Student Enrollment

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve enrollment for the following students under Board Policy 202 for the 2026-2027 school year:

- a. NRS # 01-26-27
- b. NRS # 02-26-27
- c. NRS # 03-26-27
- d. NRS # 04-26-27
- e. NRS # 05-26-27
- f. NRS # 06-26-27
- g. NRS # 07-26-27
- h. NRS # 08-26-27

38. Personnel

- a. Retirement

It is recommended that the Board of Education accept the following retirement:

1. Karen Misiura - Paraprofessional - Robert D. Wilson - Effective June 8, 2026.

b. Resignation

It is recommended that the Board of Education accept the following resignation:

1. Meghan Diehl - Food Service Worker - Middle School - Effective May 8, 2026.

c. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve a correction to the number of years of experience from three to four for Elizabeth Sandrowicz, Foreign Language Department Chairperson for the 2025-2026 school year and to correct the years of experience factor for the 2024-2025 year to three.

d. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve a correction to the number of years of experience from four to five for Carrie Wittenbrader, 10<sup>th</sup> Grade Class Advisor for the 2024-2025 school year and from five to six for the 2025-2026 11<sup>th</sup> Grade Class Advisor.

e. Appointment - Advisors

It is recommended that the Board of Education appoint the following to the listed advisor position for the 2026-2027 school year at the salary listed in the Professional Employees Contract. **Attachment IV**

f. Appointment - Department Chairperson & SAP Team Members

It is recommended that the Board of Education appoint the following to the listed Department Chairperson positions and Student Assistance Program (SAP) Team for the 2026-2027 school year at the salary listed in the Professional Employees Contract. **Attachment IV**

g. Appointment - Extended School Year

It is recommended that the Board of Education appoint the following to the listed position for the 2026 extended school year, contingent upon enrollment, at the rate listed in the Professional Employees Contract. **Attachment V**

h. Appointment - Summer School

It is recommended that the Board of Education appoint the following as instructors for the 2026 summer school program, contingent upon enrollment, at a rate of \$41.82 per hour as listed in the Professional Employees Contract:

1. Andrew McCaffery - Math 7-12
2. Vincent Tomassoni - Science
3. David Shimkosky - Social Studies
4. Carrie Wittenbrader - English - 2 weeks
5. Rebecca Banik - English - 2 weeks

i. Appointment - Spring Coaching

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the following to the listed coaching position (split) for the 2025-2026 school year at the salary listed in the Professional Employees Contract:

1. Sarah Korty\* - Track and Field, Jr. High (7,8,9) - 1<sup>st</sup> year \$2,043.00/split
2. David Elias, III - Track and Field, Jr. High (7,8,9) - 1<sup>st</sup> year \$2,043.00/split  
Effective upon receipt of employment paperwork.

\*Was previously approved.

j. Appointment - Fall Coaching

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the following to the listed coaching position for the 2026-2027 school year at the salary listed in the Professional Employees contract:

1. Steven Gregorski - Girls Tennis, Head Coach - 1 <sup>st</sup> year	\$4,435.00
2. Heather Fedoryk - Jr. High (7,8,9)Girls Soccer - 2 <sup>nd</sup> year	\$3,027.00
3. Alex Iovacchini - Boys Soccer, Head Coach - 3 <sup>rd</sup> year	\$6,910.50

k. Letters of Assurance

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the authorization of Reasonable Assurance of Employment letters to be sent out by the Superintendent's Office by May 29, 2026 to 10-month Secretaries, Cafeteria workers and Teacher Aides.

l. District Dentist

It is recommended that the Board of Education appoint Dr. Cathy Salak, DMD, as the District Dentist to examine students in Grades Kindergarten, 3 and 7 for the 2026-2027 school year. The fee of \$13.00 per student will include the dental equipment needed for the screenings.

m. District Physician

It is recommended that the Board of Education appoint Dr. Nathan Greczek as District Physician for the 2026-2027 school year, duties as defined per Pennsylvania School Code for District Policy as duly licensed by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania - Department of Health and in compliance with Acts 24/34/151/114 guidelines as follows:

1. Mandated Physicals for grades Kindergarten, 6 & 11 and sports physicals at a rate of \$20.00 per physical for the 2026-2027 school year.
2. Physician coverage for home football games at a rate of \$100.00 per game.

n. Approval - Volunteer

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the following to the list of volunteers for the 2025-2026 school year:

1. Bridgit Erb - Middle School

o. Approval - Volunteer

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the following to the list of volunteers for the 2026-2027 school year:

1. Luke Gregory - Girls Soccer

39. Informational Items:

- a. May 4 - 8, 2026 Education Appreciation Week
- b. The district has submitted the required information for Keystone College's Certified Teacher Apprenticeship Grant application.
- c. STUDENT TEACHER: **Arizona State University**: Mary Olivani - 2026-2027 fall semester, Alizabeth Takacs, Grade 1 - Robert D. Wilson.

- d. STUDENT TEACHER: **The University of Scranton:** Benjamin Bauman - September 7 through December 4, 2026 - Joann Tomassoni - Robert D. Wilson.
- e. STUDENT TEACHER: **The University of Scranton:** Cameron Magardino - September 7 through December 4, 2026 - Lorrie Zeiler, Kindergarten - Robert D. Wilson.
- f. STUDENT TEACHER: **Eastern University:** Lacey Falloon - August 31 through December 11, 2026 - Laura Wojnar, Secondary Math - High School.
- g. Dates to Remember:

- May 6, 2026 RDW After School Roller Skating - 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>
- May 9, 2026 Art Exhibit & Spring Concerts - HS Gym & Veterans Memorial Auditorium - Art Show Exhibit - 2:00 - 5:00 p.m  
Concerts - 6<sup>th</sup> grade - 11:00 a.m.; 7<sup>th</sup> grade - 1:00 p.m.  
8<sup>th</sup> grade - 3:00 p.m.; High School - 5:00 p.m.
- May 13, 2026 Junior Information Night - 6:00 p.m.
- May 15, 2026 EverGreen PTA Installation Dinner - 5:30 p.m.
- May 19, 2026 RDW Kindergarten end of year program - 9:00 a.m.
- May 20, 2026 National Junior Honor Society Banquet - 6:00 p.m. - Ladore Lodge
- May 22, 2026 Noon Dismissal - Memorial Day Holiday
- May 25, 2026 No School - Memorial Day
- May 26, 2026 RDW 5<sup>th</sup> Grade moving up ceremony - 9:00 a.m.
- May 27, 2026 RDW PTA meeting - 6:30 p.m. - Cafeteria
- May 27, 2026 Athletic Awards - 7:00 p.m. - Veterans Memorial Auditorium
- May 28, 2026 Senior Night - 7:00 p.m. - Veterans Memorial Auditorium
- May 29, 2026 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Dance 6 - 8 p.m.
- June 3, 2026 RDW 5<sup>th</sup> Grade moving up ceremony - 1:30 p.m.
- June 2, 2026 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Moving Up Ceremony - 9:00 a.m. - Sharkey-Rosetti Stadium (weather permitting)
- June 3, 2026 EverGreen 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Moving Up Ceremony - 1:30 p.m.
- June 4, 2026 Noon Dismissal - Act 80 Day
- June 5, 2026 Last Day of School - 9:00 a.m. Dismissal
- June 5, 2026 Graduation - 6:00 p.m.

- 40. Correspondence
- 41. Superintendent's Report
- 42. Assistant Superintendent's Report
- 43. Federal Programs Report
- 44. Other Business
- 45. Recognition of visitors and comments on Non-Agenda items only - 15 minutes

46. Future Meetings:

**Wednesday, June 10, 2026** - 6:00 p.m. - Board Work Session followed by the Public Board Meeting and Final Adoption of the 2026-2027 General Fund Budget, Administration Building, 1970C Easton Turnpike, Lake Ariel, PA 18436.

47. Meetings Held:

**Wednesday, April 1, 2026** - 6:00 p.m. - Board Work Session followed by the Regular Monthly Board Meeting, Administration Building, 1970C Easton Turnpike, Lake Ariel, PA 18436.

**Wednesday, April 1, 2026** - Executive Session for legal items - 6:40 p.m., Administration Building, 1970C Easton Turnpike, Lake Ariel, PA 18436

**Wednesday, April 22, 2026** - 6:00 p.m. - Presentation of the Narrative Budget, Administration Building, 1970C Easton Turnpike, Lake Ariel, PA 18436

48. Adjournment - Board Policy - 11:00 p.m.