

**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: June 10, 2026

SUBJECT: AGENDA - Board Meeting  
**WEDNESDAY, June 10, 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 - May 6, 2026  
Regular Board Meeting and Adoption of Tentative Budget - May 6, 2026
6. Treasurer's Reports  
General Account  
Food Service Account
7. Approval of Bills  
General Account  
Food Service Account  
Construction Account

8. Student Recognition

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

10. Enrollment Report:

ENROLLMENT - DAY #

2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR

GRADE	EG	RDW	MS	HS	TOTAL
EARLY INT.	7	3			10
PRE K	50	41			91
KDG	66	63			129
GR. 1	90	58			148
GR. 2	71	40			111
GR. 3	80	52			132
GR. 4	75	47			122
GR. 5	68	58			126
GR. 6			135		135
GR. 7			122		122
GR. 8			119		119
GR. 9				126	126
GR. 10				127	127
GR. 11				137	137
GR. 12				146	146
TOTAL	507	362	376	536	1781

Totals: EverGreen - 507; RDW - 362; MS - 376; HS - 536; **TOTAL: - 1781**  
**MAY TOTAL: - 1813**

11. Year End Bills

It is recommended that the Board of Education authorize the Board Treasurer and

Business Manager to review purchase orders and bills payable for the end of this fiscal year and approve the payment of 2025-2026 purchase orders or contracts which are in order and ready for payment. Bills processed under this authorization will be reported to the Board of Education at the August Board Meeting.

12. July Accounts Payable

It is recommended that the Board of Education authorize the Board Treasurer and Business Manager to approve payment of the July 2026 General Fund Accounts Payable and Payroll with a report to the Board of Education at the August Board Meeting.

13. Fund Balance Designation

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the recommendation of the Business Manager to designate a portion of our ending 2025-2026 Fund Balance, if necessary, to manage future budgets as per Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement Number 54 (GASB 54). Amount to be determined based on final adjusted balances as reflected in our Annual Financial Report.

14. Adoption of the 2026-2027 Fiscal Year Final Budget

It is recommended that the Board of Education adopt the 2026-2027 Fiscal Year Final Budget showing estimated available resources of \$65,715,930.00 and estimated expenditures and ending fund balance in the amount of \$65,715,930.00 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)**

15. Adoption of the 2026-2027 Tax Resolutions

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

16. Homestead/Farmstead Resolution

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the attached Homestead/Farmstead Resolution. **(ATTACHMENT III)**

17. Federal Program Allocations

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve filing applications for Federal Program allocations for the 2026-2027 school year as follows:

- a. Title I
- b. Title IIA
- c. Title III
- d. Title IV

18. Printing of Tax Duplicates

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve a contract with Government

Software Services, Honesdale, PA to print school tax duplicates and bills for Real Estate for the year 2026 as proposed at \$0.09 each, per name printed for the two copies of the Real Estate Duplicate and the Occupation/Per Capita Duplicate and the sum of \$20.00 each per duplicate bound. The sum of \$0.2495 for each tax statement prepared.

19. Tractor Purchase

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the purchase of a Ventrac tractor and accessories through Sourcewell for an amount not to exceed \$57,500. This will be a 2026-2027 budget item for maintenance.

20. Bus Camera System Upgrade

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the purchase of upgraded bus camera systems which will include internal cameras, stop arm cameras, wifi connections, software and installation from Safety Vision through TIPS cooperative purchasing program at a cost not to exceed \$163,500. This will be a 2026-2027 budget item for transportation.

21. Access Control and Secure Entry - Partial Acceptance of Bid

It is recommended that the Board of Education award a bid to NRG Controls to furnish, install, configure, and commission access control and secure entry system upgrades at Robert D. Wilson Elementary as per their bid dated June 3, 2026. The total award is \$33,829.00, this is a partial award, additional work at RDW and EverGreen that was included with this bid will not be awarded at this time due to cost. This upgrade will be funded fully by our 25-26 PCCD grant.

22. NRG Access Control

It is recommended that the Board of Education enter into an agreement with NRG Controls for access control work throughout the district at a cost not to exceed \$42,000. This agreement will be based on COSTARS Contract #040-E22-165 and will be funded through the 25-26 PCCD Grant and our 2025 Construction Account.

23. Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) - Title IX Coordinator

It is recommended that the Board of Education appoint the Assistant Superintendent as the district's ADA Officer and Title IX Coordinator, in compliance with the American Disabilities Act, for the 2026-2027 school year.

24. Affirmative Action Compliance Officer

It is recommended that the Board of Education appoint the Assistant Superintendent as the district's "Affirmative Action Compliance Officer" for the 2026-2027 school year.

25. Right-to-Know Officer

It is recommended that the Board of Education appoint the Assistant Superintendent as the district's "Right-to-Know" Officer for the 2026-2027 school year.

26. Early Intervention Assurance

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the Early Intervention Assurance for the Operation of Special Education Services and Programs for the 2026-2027 school year.

27. Agreement - Head Start

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the joint educational partnership between Western Wayne School District and the Agency for Community Empowerment of NEPA, Head Start Program effective July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027.

28. PSBA Participation Agreement

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve an Agreement between Western Wayne School District and Pennsylvania School Board Association (PSBA) for the terms and conditions of participation in the Policy Maintenance Program effective July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027.

29. Transportation Substitute

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve Brenda Diehl as a Substitute Driver (Van) for Dennis Brown through the end of the 2025-2026 school year.

30. Summer Transportation Contracts

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the Transportation Contracts for the Extended School Year Program, Summer 2026 for the following contractors contingent upon enrollment at State Formula. **(Attachment IV)**

31. Building Use Approval

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the following building use requests:

- a. Faith Baptist Fellowship Church - Car Show, Saturday August 15, 2026. EverGreen Elementary parking lot - 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
- b. Firefighters Cancer Awareness Walk/Run - Saturday August 29, 2026. High School Stadium - 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
- c. RDW PTA - Fall Carnival, Saturday October 10, 2026. Robert D. Wilson cafeteria, Gym, Kitchen, LGI, and Stage - 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., event time 1:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

32. Agreement - Keystone Deaf & Hard of Hearing Services

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve an agreement between Western Wayne School District and Keystone Deaf & Hard of Hearing Services for School Interpreting Services starting at \$73.00 per hour for the 2026-2027 school year.

33. Agreement - Children's Service Center

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve an Agreement between Western Wayne School District and Children's Service Center, at a cost of \$199.00 per student per day for the time the youth is enrolled in the Milford E. Barnes Jr. School - Partial Hospitalization Program and \$199.00 per student per day for the

Therapeutic Educational Program for the time of the student's enrollment effective for the 2026-2027 school year including Extended School Year (ESY) if eligible with appropriate ESY billing rate.

34. Intergovernmental Agreement - Northeastern Educational Intermediate Unit 19

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve an agreement between Western Wayne School District and NEIU 19 for Special Education Services for the 2026-2027 school year as needed as the Special Education population requires, at an estimated cost of \$194,500 and to approve the Northeastern Educational Intermediate Unit Resolution pursuant to said contract.

35. Intergovernmental Agreement - Luzerne Intermediate Unit 18

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve an agreement between Western Wayne School District and LIU 18 for services for the 2026-2027 school year on an as needed basis per Student needs.

36. Agreement - Graham Academy

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve an Agreement between Western Wayne School District and The Graham Academy at a rate of \$329.00 per student per day with an extended school year rate of \$213.00 per student per day effective August 1, 2026 through July 31, 2027.

37. Agreement - Interpretek

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve an agreement between Western Wayne School District and Interpretek for interpreting services at the standard daily rate of \$154.00 (2 hours or less) for onsite and video remote interpreting (VRI) and \$76.00 per hour for Long-term staffing.

38. Agreement - Northern Light Counseling & Integrative Wellness

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve an agreement between Western Wayne School District and Northern Light Counseling & Integrative Wellness for the 2026-2027 school year. All billable counseling services will incur no out-of-pocket cost to the District, as they will be covered by the students' insurance. A \$75.00 per hour fee will apply for non-billable units, which may potentially be covered under the PCCD Mental Health Grants.

39. Agreement - LearnWell

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve an agreement between Western Wayne School District and LearnWell for Virtual Teaching Services at a rate of \$57.85 per hour for hours requested through "Homebound Instruction Request Form" for the 2026-2027 school year.

40. 339 Approval

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the 339 Plan as presented by the Guidance Department, to be updated as needed.

41. Settlement and Release Agreement

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

- a. S# 07-25-26

42. 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

43. Job Description - Elementary STEM Teacher

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the Elementary STEM Teacher job description.

44. Personnel

- a. Resignations

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

1. Kenneth Hemmler - Elementary Professional Employee - Effective June 8, 2026.
2. Teri Carey - Paraprofessional - Effective June 8, 2026.
3. Yesenia Acevedo - Food Service Worker - Effective June 5, 2026.
4. Patricia Stevens - Food Service Worker - Effective June 5, 2026.

- b. Appointment - Secondary Mathematics Teacher

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the recommendation of the Superintendent and District Administrators in the appointment of Shari Franklin - Professional Employee - Secondary Math Teacher - Step 1M - with applicable fringe benefits at the salary listed in the Professional Employees Contract of \$72,386.00 effective the start of the 2026-2027 school year.

- c. Appointment - Elementary Teacher

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the recommendation of the Superintendent and District Administrators in the appointment of Tracey Hess, Professional Employee - Elementary Teacher - Step 1M - with applicable fringe benefits at the salary listed in the Professional Employees Contract of \$72,386.00 effective the start of the 2026-2027 school year.

- d. Appointment - Elementary STEM Teacher

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the recommendation of the Superintendent and District Administrators in the appointment of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ - Step \_\_\_\_ - with applicable fringe benefits at the salary listed in the Professional Employees Contract of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ effective the start of the 2026-2027 school year.

- e. Appointment - Speech Language Pathologist

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the recommendation of the Superintendent and District Administrators in the appointment of Karleigh Lukasik, Temporary Professional Employee - Speech Language Pathologist - Step 1M - with applicable fringe benefits at the salary listed in the Professional Employees Contract of \$72,386.00 effective the start of the 2026-2027 school year.

f. Appointment - Emotional Support Teacher

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the recommendation of the Superintendent and District Administrators in the appointment of Lauryn Kobrynich, Professional Employee - High School Emotional Support Teacher - Step 1M+24 - with applicable fringe benefits at the salary listed in the Professional Employees Contract of \$78,386.00 effective the start of the 2026-2027 school year.

g. Appointment - Autistic Support Teacher

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the recommendation of the Superintendent and District Administrators in the appointment of Ellen Fago, Temporary Professional Employee - Elementary Autistic Support Teacher - Step 1B - with applicable fringe benefits at the salary listed in the Professional Employees Contract of \$67,836.00 effective the start of the 2026-2027 school year.

h. Appointment - Certified School Nurse

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the recommendation of the Superintendent and District Administrators in the appointment of Morgan Sledzinski, Temporary Professional Employee - Certified School Nurse - Step 1B - with applicable fringe benefits at the salary listed in the Professional Employees Contract of \$67,836.00 effective the start of the 2026-2027 school year.

i. Appointment - Registered Nurse

It is recommended that the Board of Education appoint the following as a Registered Nurse with applicable fringe benefits, effective the start of the 2026-2027 school year:

1. Amy Vicki - Full-Time-184 days per year \$40.00/hour

j. Appointment - Paraprofessional

It is recommended that the Board of Education appoint the following as a Paraprofessional with applicable fringe benefits, effective the start of the 2026-2027 school year:

1. \_\_\_\_\_ - Full-Time, Special Education Paraprofessional \$\_\_\_\_/hour

k. Appointment - Food Service Worker

It is recommended that the Board of Education appoint the following as a Food Service worker with applicable fringe benefits, effective the start of the 2026-2027 school year:

1. Christina Kucera - Full-Time, Food Service Worker \$15.75/hour

l. Appointment - Extended School Year 2026

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

1. Nicole Weber - Teacher - 2<sup>nd</sup> Session \$41.82/hour

- 2. Ashley Paciotti - Teacher \$41.82/hour
- 3. Shana Carmody - Social Worker \$41.82/hour
- 4. Michael Bershefsky - Paraprofessional \$32.04/hour
- 5. \_\_\_\_\_ - Paraprofessional \$15.00/hour

m. Appointment - Substitute

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the following personnel to be added to the District Substitute list starting summer 2026:

- 1. Oliver Harty - Custodian \$15.00/hour

n. Appointment - Fall Coaching

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

- 1. Brent McClelland - Boys Soccer, Assistant Coach - 2<sup>nd</sup> year \$4,078.00

o. Appointment - Winter Coaching

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

- 1. Michael Judge - Girls Basketball, Head Coach - 8<sup>th</sup> year \$10,407.12
- 2. Steve Fahnestock - Girls Basketball, Assistant Coach - 5<sup>th</sup> year \$ 7,157.34
- 3. Zach Rovinsky - Boys Basketball, Head Coach - 3<sup>rd</sup> year \$10,306.08
- 4. Christopher Stefalo - Boys Basketball, Assistant Coach - 3<sup>rd</sup> year \$ 7,157.34
- 5. Eric Olsommer - Jr. High (7,8,9) Boys Basketball Coach - 8<sup>th</sup> year \$ 5,279.78
- 6. Kolyn Schane - Jr. High (7,8,9) Boys Basketball Coach - 5<sup>th</sup> year \$ 5,228.52
- 7. Joshua Harrison - Boys Wrestling, Head Coach - 6<sup>th</sup> year \$10,121.81
- 8. \_\_\_\_\_ - Girls Wrestling, Head Coach - 1<sup>st</sup> year \$ 9,827.00

- p. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve a correction to the number of years' experience from 17 to 9 for Jaime-Lyn Thomas, Health, PE, Safety Department Chairperson for the 2026-2027 school year with an adjusted salary of \$2,372.09.

q. Appointment - Advisor/Department Chairperson

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

- 1. Theodore Macdonough - Math Department Chairperson - 20<sup>th</sup> year \$2,452.70
- 2. Amanda Dalessandro - School Nurse Department Chairperson - 1<sup>st</sup> year \$2,303.00
- 3. Elaine Ort - HS Musical Pit Director - 13<sup>th</sup> year \$2,432.25
- 4. Elaine Ort - Marching Band Director - 13<sup>th</sup> year \$8,032.64
- 5. Marty Ort - HS Musical Accompanist - 13<sup>th</sup> year \$ 912.87

r. 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. Christine Davis - Western Wayne School District
- 2. Steve Fahnestock - Jr. High (7,8,9) Girls Soccer

45. Informational Items:

a. The Safety and Security coordinator provided the Board of Education with the 2025-2026 Safety and Security report in Executive session.

b. Dates to Remember:

June 23, 2026 Summer School Registration - 8-11 a.m., Middle School Lobby  
June 24, 2026 Summer School Registration - 9 a.m.-12 p.m., Middle School Lobby  
June 29-July 2, 2026 FBLA National Leadership Conference - San Antonio, TX

46. Correspondence

47. Superintendent's Report

48. Assistant Superintendent's Report

49. Federal Programs Report

50. Other Business

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

52. Future Meetings:

**July Regular Monthly Meeting** - The Board of Education will recess for the month of July.

**Wednesday, August 5, 2026 - 6:00 p.m.** - Board Work Session with Public Board Meeting to follow, District Board Room, Administration Building, 1970C Easton Turnpike, Lake Ariel, PA 18436

53. Meetings Held:

**Wednesday, May 6, 2026** - 5:30 p.m. - Executive Session for legal matters, Administration Building, 1970C Easton Turnpike, Lake Ariel, PA 18436

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

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