

Board Work Session Minutes

August 4, 2021

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

The work session of the Western Wayne Board of Education was held on August 4, 2021 at 6:00 pm in the High School Auditorium in preparation for the August 11, 2021 Board Meeting.

The meeting was advertised in the legal section of the July 22, 2021 edition of the Tri-County Independent.

Board Members present are 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 – William Gershey
Board Member - Joseph Gombita
Board Member – Michael Ochlan

Attorney Matthew Meagher was present.

Board Member – Ethan Wood was excused.

Administrators Present: Superintendent Dr. Matthew Barrett, Assistant to Superintendent Cindy LaRosa, Business Manager/Board Secretary Rose Emmett, Director of Special Education Jennifer DeNike.

Mary Beth Wood of WEDCO discuss a resolution for KOEZ extension in the Sterling Industrial Park. Our current resolution will expire in 2023. This extension would not apply to current properties, this would be for new properties and would run from January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2031. The board said they would be willing to consider at the August 11th board meeting.

Dr. Barrett gave a summary of the Health and Safety Plan. At this time mask wearing is recommended, but not mandated in school. Mask wearing is mandated on school buses and vans. Social distancing will be done to the greatest extent possible. Hand washing and sanitizing will be available and encouraged throughout all our buildings. Deep cleaning will be done as needed. Vaccines are recommended for those eligible, but not required.

Vicki Palazzo, Christina Hinz, Lynn Scramuzza, John Klippel, eighth grade student Samantha, and Tanya Klippel all spoke about the need to make and keep masks optional for all students. A petition was presented to make masks optional for the full year, not just now.

Amanda Johnson asked about the electronic signs, can we tweak the times. She also asked the Board to consider a town hall on critical race theory.

Dr. Barrett presented a draft of the upcoming items for the August 11, 2021 Board Meeting.

The work session concluded at approximately 8:00 PM. At this time the Board of Education went into Executive session for legal matters and personnel.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rose E. Emmett
Board Secretary

ATTEST: _____

APPROVED: _____