

Board Minutes

October 6, 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 October 6, 2021 via zoom.

The meeting was advertised in the legal section of the September 25, 2021 edition of the Tri-County Independent.

Board President Bernice Fiorella called the meeting to order at 7:20 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 Vice President – Rick Hoch
Board Treasurer Jeffrey Gogolski
Board Member – Dana DeSiato
Board Member – Gary Enslin

Board Member – Joseph Gombita
Board Member – William Gershey
Board Member – Michael Ochlan
Board Member – Ethan Wood

Solicitor Matthew Meagher was present.

Administrators Present: Superintendent Dr. Matthew Barrett, Assistant to Superintendent Cindy LaRosa, Business Manager/Board Secretary Rose Emmett. All other administrators were excused from the meeting.

10. Public Recognition

Angelica Richner sent the following via email:

“My topic of concern is having virtual learning available for those who have to quarantine for 2 weeks due to covid exposure. My son was recently out for 4 days due to fever and sore throat.... we did get him covid tested before sending him back to school. However, he got really behind in that 4 days and teachers did not have the time to go over what was taught during that time. Luckily, he had a friend in his classes that could go over stuff with him. However, if he did have covid and had to be out for an additional 2 weeks, there is no way he could have gotten up to speed with what was being taught in class. Covid has affected learning in the classroom, and I think we need to make amendments for that...i.e.: having virtual classroom learning always available for quarantining purposes.”

Dr. Barrett will address and expand tutoring availability and live interactions with students. We have had issues with google live, but we are working on these.

Amanda Johnson sent the following via email:

“Topic: Protocols for WWSD as children detained at the US border are being moved to Pennsylvania? Considering the Association of School Boards/ Attorney General Garland's recent statements about parents who speak at Board meetings, what protocols does WWSD have in place currently?”

Dr. Barrett noted we are following Federal and State guidelines as well as the McKinney Vento Act. If we are obligated to accept, we do. Dr. Barrett was not sure about the comments made by Attorney General Garland.

Robert Hess spoke about the research by the American Academy of Pediatrics. He thinks mask wearing is not necessary, the Board is just afraid of lawsuits. He questioned Dr. Barrett about the need for medical examination / doctor's note for exemptions, is this really following the mandate? Dr. Barrett said we are following the guidelines.

Victoria Palazzo asked if someone who is vaccinated is exposed to COVID, do those individuals quarantine? Dr. Barrett said no, not unless the person is showing symptoms or tests positive. Victoria also spoke about the recent surge on Tik-Tok in regards to vandalism and vaping. She understands this may be the reason only one bathroom is available during the day for students. Can this be changed? Dr. Barrett said we are putting steps in place that will allow more bathrooms to be open provided we can mitigate vandalism and vaping.

11. Enrollment: Day #17

2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR

GRADE	EVERGREEN	SN	P	RDW	SN	P	MS	SN	P	HS	SN	P	TOTAL
EARLY INT.		11			7								18
PRE K	42			41									83
KDG	60	8		39	14								121
GR. 1	55	14		42	12								123
GR. 2	67	18		28	11								124
GR. 3	50	20		30	10								110
GR. 4	66	14	1	24	14								119
GR. 5	65	18	1	30	11								125
GR. 6							92	41	0				133
TOTAL	405	103	2	234	79		92	41	0	0	0	0	956
GR. 7							95	36	0				131
GR. 8							107	32	2				141
GR. 9										122	26	2	150
GR. 10										106	27	3	136
GR. 11										112	19	5	136
GR. 12										120	28	11	159
TOTAL	405	103	2	234	79	0	294	109	2	460	100	21	1,809

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

Totals: EverGreen-508; RDW-309; MS-408; HS-584 TOTAL: 1809

A motion was made by Mr. Gershey and seconded by Mrs. Fiorella to approve a consent block motion for items 5 through 25 withholding items 12 and 13.

The motion carried with all affirmatives.

5. Approval of Minutes

The Board of Education accepted the minutes generated from the Board Work Session – September 8, 2021 and the Regular Board Meeting – September 8, 2021

6. Treasurer's Reports

The Board of Education accepted the Treasurer's Reports generated from the General Account, and the Food Service Account.

7. Approval of Bills

The Board of Education approved the payment of bills generated from the General Account, the Food Service Account, and the Construction Account.

8. Accounting of Taxes

There were no questions on the Accounting of Taxes.

14. District Organizational Chart

The Board of Education approved the District Organizational Chart for the 2021-2022 school year.

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 contractors for the 2021-2022 school year as follows contingent upon receipt of necessary paperwork:

- a. Contractor A DeRosa Transportation – Driver April DeRosa
- b. Contractor Cavage Transit – Drivers Tina Fawcett and Judy Shaffer
- c. Contractor Henwood Busing – Drivers Anthony Amato, Christine Chesney, Frank DeNunzio, Tyler Henwood, Crystal Hohl, and James May.
- d. Contractor Joshua Swingle – Driver Elsie Medina
- e. Contractor Kreutz – Driver Mark Scott
- f. Contractor Roy Swingle – Driver Julia Swingle
- g. Contractor Scottie Swingle Jr – Driver Wade Maines
- h. Contractor Yatsonsky Busing LLC – Driver James Rutledge
- i. Contractors John Lille and Marianne Thorpe – Driver Mark Magaleski

16. Transportation Contracts - New

The Board of Education approved the following New Transportation Contracts at State Formula for the 2021-2022 school year:

- a. Contractor April DeRosa – Van #140 – Lincoln Jackson Academy
- b. Contractor Henwood Busing – Van #S1 – High School/Middle School

17. Transportation Contracts - Extensions

The Board of Education approved the following Transportation Contract Extensions at State Formula for the 2021-2022 school year:

- a. Contractor JoAnn Butler – Van #48 – Mid day PreK to St Dominic's.
- b. Contractor John Cobb – Van #51 – Mid day New Story to HS every other day
- c. Contractor Henwood Busing – Van #117 – Robert D. Wilson Elementary
- d. Contractor Sara Wasman – Van #72 – Wallenpaupack
- e. Contractor Gerald Yedinak – Van #107 – PM El Lake Ariel to EverGreen

18. Review of Board Policies

The Board of Education approved the review of the following Policies:

Section: 100 Programs

- 105.1 Curriculum Review by Parents/Guardians and Students
- 113 Special Education
- 114 Gifted
- 123 Interscholastic Athletics
- 123.1 Concussion Management
- 138 Language Instruction Educational Program for English Learners
- 142 Migrant Students
- 143 Standards for Persistently Dangerous Schools
- 144 Standards for Victims of Violent Crimes
- 146 Student Services
- 150 Title I – Comparability of Services

Section: 200 Pupils

- 200 Enrollment of Students
- 203 Immunizations and Communicable Diseases
- 204 Attendance
- 209 Health Examinations/Screenings
- 210 Use of Medications
- 216 Student Records
- 218 Student Discipline
- 218.1 Weapons
- 220 Student Expression/Distribution and Posting of Materials
- 226 Searches
- 233 Suspension and Expulsion

235.1 Surveys
247 Hazing
Section: 300 Employees
312 Performance Assessment of Superintendent/Assistant Superintendent
Section: 700 Property
705 Safety
Section: 800 Operations
808.2 Student Meal Charging
823 Naloxone
Section: 900 Community
918 Title I Parental/Family Engagement

19. Facility Use Request

The Board of Education approved the listed facility use request for the 2021-2022 school year with the understanding that the buildings are unavailable if the school is closed for Covid 19 regulations, weather, other emergencies, or holidays. Also, per the Department of Health Order, masks are required for anyone entering our school buildings.

- a. EverGreen Elementary – Wayne Pike Shine Afterschool program (Workforce Wayne Inc.) September 20, 2021 to June 3, 2021 – classroom and foyer – Pantea Shademani.

20. Agreement - LearnWell

The Board of Education approved an agreement between Western Wayne School District and LearnWell at the rate of \$47.00 per hour of Instruction effective immediately.

21. Agreement – PATH

The Board of Education approved an agreement between the Western Wayne School District and PA Treatment & Healing (PATH) at a rate of \$90.00 per daily tuition rate and \$95.00 per day Special Education AEDY rate for the 2021-2022 school year.

22. Agreement – Graham Academy

The Board of Education approved an agreement between Western Wayne School District and Specialized Education of Pennsylvania Inc. (SESI) that owns and operates Graham Academy at a tuition rate of \$222.00 per day regular school year, and \$115.00 per day for Extended School year as per the fee schedule effective August 1, 2021 to July 31, 2022.

23. Agreement – Lincoln-Jackson Academy

The Board of Education approved an agreement between the Western Wayne School District and the Scranton School District, Lincoln-Jackson Academy at the rate of \$276.00 per day as needed effective for the 2021-2022 school year.

24. Agreement – Children’s Service Center

The Board of Education approved an Agreement between Western Wayne School District and Children’s Service Center, Milford E. Barnes Jr. School at daily educational rate of \$126.50 and Therapeutic Education Program at \$167.00 per day for the 2021-2022 school year.

25. Personnel

a. District Substitute List

The Board of Education approved the following personnel to be added to the District Substitute List for the 2021-2022 school year per Certification, Act 24/34/151/114/153/168 Guidelines, Employment Eligibility Verification - U.S. Department of Justice:

1. Vitalina Belinova – Area: Cafeteria
2. Julianna Deeter – Area: Teacher Aide/Secretary
3. Natasha Freethy – Area: Nurse
4. AmberMae Krautter – Area: Guest Teacher
5. Janina Macias-Haro – Area: Teacher Aide/Cafeteria/Custodial
6. Kimberly Ortola – Area: Teacher Aide/Secretary/Cafeteria
7. Patti Pietryak-Bolles – Area: Nurse
8. P. Douglas Posten – Area of Certification: Biology
9. Michael Rooney – Area: Custodial

b. Salary adjustment – SPO’s

The Board of Education adjusted the salary rate for the School Police Officers (SPO’s) to \$31.50 per hour effective the beginning of the 2021-2022 school year.

c. Adjustment of Hourly/Per Diem Rate

The Board of Education adjusted the hourly/per diem rate effective October 6, 2021 for Security for the 2021-2022 school year:

1. Security - \$20.00 per hour (Minimum of \$40.00 per event)

d. Resignation/Retirement

The Board of Education accepted the resignation for retirement purposes for Lorna Gilpin, Paraprofessional effective November 3, 2021.

e. Resignation – Advisor

The Board of Education accepted the resignation of Taber Starnes as Vocal Director – Musical for the 2021-2022 school year.

f. Appointment – Long Term Substitute

The Board of Education approved the recommendation of the Superintendent and District Administrators in the following appointment:

1. Brianna Vinton – Long Term Substitute – Family & Consumer Science – Step 1B - \$55,313.00 pro-rated – with applicable fringe benefits effective September 27, 2021 for the 2021-2022 school year.

g. Appointment - Paraprofessionals

The Board of Education appointed the following as Paraprofessionals with applicable fringe benefits contingent upon receipt of employment paperwork:

1. Rachel Fitzmorris - \$16.00 per hour – effective October 7, 2021.
2. Christine Chesney - \$10.50 per hour – effective November 3, 2021.

h. Appointment – Advisors

The Board of Education appointed the following to the listed positions for the 2021-2022 school year at the salary listed in the Professional Employees Contract:

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| 1. Grace Piconi-Augelli – Yearbook | \$2,539.00 |
| 2. Taber Starnes – Assistant Director - Musical | \$1,264.00 |
| 3. Ann Marie Rainey – Vocal Director – Musical | \$3,863.76 |
| 4. Jessica McLaughlin – Co-Advisor – Drama Club 5th yr | \$ 803.76 |
| 5. Joyce Covaleski – Co-Advisor – Drama Club | \$ 788.00 |
| 6. Kathleen Petty – Co-Advisor – MS Student Government* | \$1,165.00 |
| 7. Mindy Maros – Co-Advisor – MS Student Government* | \$1,165.00 |

* one position shared

i. Appointment – Winter Coaches

The Board of Education appointed the following to the listed coaching positions for the 2021-2022 school year at the salary listed in the Professional Employees Contract contingent upon receipt of clearances:

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| 1. Adam Holtzer – Head Coach, Boys Basketball-3rd yr | \$8,859.72 |
| 2. Matthew Fitzsimmons – Boys Basketball, Ass’t – 21st yr | \$6,424.08 |
| 3. Eric Olsommer – Boys Basketball, 8th Jr High - 4th yr | \$4,494.12 |
| 4. Michael Judge – Head Coach, Girls Basketball – 3rd yr | \$8,869.92 |
| 5. Amanda Vinton – Girls Basketball, 7th Jr High -2nd yr | \$4,406.00 |
| 6. Brian Hodorawis – Girls Basketball, Jr High 8th gr-14th yr | \$4,560.21 |
| 7. Kaitlyn Torquati – Var Basketball Cheerleading -3rd yr | \$4,257.48 |
| 8. Scott Rush – Wrestling Head Coach -4th yr | \$8,676.12 |
| 9. Kevin Roginski – Wrestling Assistant – 3rd yr | \$4,864.38 |
| 10. Brian Morcom – Wrestling Jr High-4th yr | \$3,943.32 |
| 11. Michael Koch* – Wrestling Jr. High – 1st yr | \$3,866.00 |

*pending receipt of clearances & employment paperwork

j. Appointment – Middle School SAP Team

The Board of Education appointed the following appointments as SAP Team members for the 2021-2022 school year at the rate listed in the Professional Employees Contract of \$1,347.00:

1. Josh Rowe – Middle School
2. Vincent Tomassoni – Middle School

k. Appointment – Volunteer

The Board of Education approved the following Volunteers for the 2021-2022 school year contingent upon receipt of clearances and COVID 19 regulations. Attendance by request of the Building Principal:

1. Paula Lamberton – FCCLA

*Line items 12 and 13 are listed at the request of Bernice Fiorella, Board President.

~~12. Western Wayne Health & Safety Plan – Exceptions of Covering Requirement~~

~~It is recommended that the Board of Education follow the September 7, 2021 PA Department of Health Order as it is written in accordance with Section 3: Exceptions to Covering Requirement: G. When an individual is (1) Engaged in an activity that cannot be performed while wearing a mask, such as eating and drinking, or playing an instrument that would be obstructed by the face covering; or (2) Participating in high intensity aerobic or anerobic activities, including during a physical education class in a well-ventilated location and able to maintain a physical distance of six feet from all other individuals. H. When a child/student is participating in a sports practice activity or event, whether indoors or outdoors.~~

This motion was withdrawn.

13. Western Wayne Health & Safety Plan – Exceptions of Covering Requirement

A motion was made by Mrs. Fiorella and seconded by Mr. Ochlan to follow the September 7, 2021 PA Department of Health Order as it is written in accordance with Section 3: Exceptions to Covering Requirement: B. If wearing a face covering would either cause a medical condition, or exacerbate an existing one, including respiratory issues that impede breathing, a mental health condition or a disability but a doctor's note is not required.

The motion did not carry with three affirmatives and six no votes by Mr. Hoch, Mr. Gogolski, Mr. Enslin, Mr. Gershey, Mr. Gombita, and Mr. Wood.

*Please note: The School District complies with all sections of the PA Department of Health Acting Secretary's order directing face coverings in schools.

Informational Items

Calendar of Events:

1. October 01, 2021 – Homecoming
2. October 03, 2021 – Drama Club Car Show, HS Parking Lot
3. October 04, 2021 – EverGreen Hearing/Vision Screenings
4. October 06, 2021 – College Fair, HS Gym, 8:30 AM to 11:15 AM
5. October 11, 2021 – NO SCHOOL – Columbus Day
6. October 14, 2021 – Cavalcade of Bands, Stadium
7. October 16, 2021 – Band Craft Fair
8. October 16, 2021 – PSAT's
9. October 19-20, 2021 – Middle School Vision Screening
10. October 20, 2021 – Cap & Gown Makeup Pictures
11. October 22, 2021 – High School Picture Makeups (Underclassmen)
12. October 23, 2021 – EverGreen PTA Trunk or Treat (October 24-rain date)
13. October 23, 2021 – ACT Testing
14. October 28, 2021 – Middle School Picture Retake Day
15. October 28, 2021 – FAFSA Completion Night, LGI, 6:00 PM
16. October 29, 2021 – ASVAB Testing

Student Teacher

MARYWOOD UNIVERSITY – Alexis Youngblood – Elementary – EverGreen Elementary – Grace Clauss – October 19, 2021 to December 10, 2021.

Correspondence

None.

Superintendent's Report

No questions.

Assistant Superintendent's Report

No questions.

Principal's Reports

No questions.

Federal Program Report

No report.

Other Business

None.

Future Meetings

Wednesday, October 27, 2021 - 6:00 P.M. Board Committee Meeting, Via Zoom, 1970C Easton Turnpike, Lake Ariel, PA 18436.

Wednesday, November 03, 2021 - 6:00 P.M. Public Board Meeting, Via Zoom, 1970C Easton Turnpike, Lake Ariel, PA 18436.

Note: The Board of Education met in Executive Session for legal and personnel matters immediately after the public Board Meeting.

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 7:52 P.M.

The motion carried with all affirmatives.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rose E. Emmett
Board Secretary

ATTEST: _____

APPROVED: _____