

Board Minutes

November 3, 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 November 3, 2021 via Zoom.

The meeting was advertised in the legal section of the October 23, 2021 edition of the Tri-County Independent.

Board Vice-President Rick Hoch called the meeting to order at 6:01 P.M.

Mr. Hoch 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 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

Board President – Bernice Fiorella was excused.

Solicitor Matthew Meagher was present.

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

5. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Mr. Gershey and seconded by Mr. Gombita to accept the minutes generated from the Board Work Session – October 6, 2021, and the Regular Board Meeting – October 06, 2021.

The motion carried with all affirmatives.

6. Treasurer's Reports

A motion was made by Mr. Gogolski and seconded by Mr. Wood to accept the Treasurer's Reports generated from the General Account, Food Service Account, and the Student Activities Account – July, August, September 2021.

The motion carried with all affirmatives.

7. Approval of Bills

A motion was made by Mr. Enslin and seconded by Mr. Gombita to approve the payment of bills generated from the General Account, Food Service Account, and the Construction Account.

The motion carried with all affirmatives.

8. Accounting of Taxes

There were no questions on the Accounting of Taxes.

9. Student Recognition

Dr. Barrett introduced two outstanding students, Rachel Tuman and Kaeli Romanowski. Rachel and Kaeli recorded video messages that were played during the meeting. Mr. Hoch congratulated the students and thanked their families.

Dr. LaRosa recognized one of our teachers, Christine McClure who has been recognized by the Honesdale Area Jaycee's as "Teacher of the Year". Mr. Hoch congratulated Christine on behalf of the Board of Education and stated we are proud and glad to have her as part of Western Wayne. Dr. Barrett said this is a great honor and we are proud of Christine and her accomplishments.

10. Public Recognition

Amanda Johnson was our first speaker. She joined the meeting via Zoom. She wanted to address the lack of in person meetings. She did research and spoke with community members and is very disappointed with lack of communication. We do not have a mandate that requires virtual meetings, and the Office of Open Records says not to deny the public open meetings in person. She wants interaction with the Board. She also asked for proof that this is condoned by PDE and the Department of Open Records. Dr. Barrett spoke about previous meetings and issues with attendees. Dr. Johnson asked for copies of police reports from the incidents and Attorney Meagher told her those would be available through the District Attorney's Office if she wants to see any reports.

Robert Hess was our second speaker. He joined the meeting via Zoom. He asked about our school policy for those that go against the mandate. He would like to see the return to in-person meetings. He asked about the Department of Health and if they are looking into changes with the mandates. Dr. Barrett believes the Department of Health will reevaluate after vaccine approval for 5 to 12 year old's, which was just approved this week. Mr. Hess wanted to know if the State will hold public meetings on the changes. Dr. Barrett was not sure, that would be up to the State. The School District receives our information from the local Intermediate Unit or directly from PDE. Mr. Hess also asked about 504 plans for student without masks. Dr. LaRosa suggested he contact Instructional Services to start the process if needed. Mr. Hess also stated that he looked into our local libraries, and they all close by 6 PM, so that would not be an option for anyone who needed computer access to listen in on the school's board meetings.

11. Enrollment: Day #37

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-510; RDW-313; MS-405; HS-581 Total 1,809
 Last Month’s Total 1,809

A motion was made by Mr. Gershey and seconded by Mr. Gombita to approve a consent block motion for items 12 through 19 withholding item 19a.

12. Memorandum of Understanding

The Board of Education approved the following Memorandum of Understanding (MOU):

- a. WWESPA – Pay rate adjustment

13. Custodial/Food Service Substitute rates

The Board of Education set the custodial and food service substitute rates at the per hour starting rate of the Western Wayne Education Support Professionals Association Agreement (WWESPA) for the corresponding year, effective at the start of the 2021-2022 School Year.

14. 2021-2022 School Calendar Revision – Act 80 Days

The Board of Education approved the following Act 80 Days to the 2021-2022 school calendar and academic schedule:

- a. Wednesday, December 8, 2021 - EARLY DISMISSAL – NOON
- b. Friday, January 14, 2022 - EARLY DISMISSAL – NOON

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 Cavage Transit: Drivers Paul Piotrowski and Christina Weinberger
- b. Contractor Rebecca Chapman: Driver Mark Chapman

16. Transportation Contract Extension

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

- a. Contractor Black's Transit – Van 125 – NEIU to Honesdale (mid-morning) extension.

17. Waiver of Expulsion Hearing and Stipulation

The Board of Education adopted the proposed Waiver of Expulsion Hearing and Stipulation relating to the following student, thereby excluding the student from the Western Wayne School District in accordance with the terms thereof.

- a. S#01-21-22

18. Agreement – ProCare Therapy

The Board of Education approved an agreement between Western Wayne School District and ProCare Therapy to provide therapy services as a Deaf and Hard of Hearing Teacher at the rate of \$73.00/hour, minimum 30 hours per week.

19. Personnel

b. 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 and contingent upon receipt of employment paperwork:

1. Dawn Oliver – Area: Teacher Assistant
2. Elizabeth Reifler – Area of Certification: Music PK-12/Math 7-12
3. Michele Reilly – Area: Guest Teacher
4. *Kristen Theobald – Area: Cafeteria *pending paperwork
5. Stacey Watkins – Area: Guest Teacher/Counselor PK-12

c. Sabbatical Leave of Absence requests

The Board of Education approved the following Sabbatical Leave of Absence for Restoration of Health requests for the 2nd semester of the 2021-2022 school year and the 1st semester of the 2022-2023 school year:

- 1. PS#05-21-22: 2nd semester of the 2021-2022 school year and the 1st semester of the 2022-2023 school year.
- 2. PS#06-21-22: 2nd semester of the 2021-2022 school year.

d. Resignations

The Board of Education accepted the following resignations:

- 1. Christopher Ancewicz, Custodian effective November 14, 2021.
- 2. Leanne O'Rourke, Food Service effective October 27, 2021.

e. Appointment - Winter Coach

The Board of Education appointed the following to the listed coaching position for the 2021-2022 school year at the salary listed in the Professional Employees Contract contingent upon receipt of updated clearances and required employment paperwork:

- 1. Kolyn Schane Basketball, Jr High Boys \$4,406.00

f. Appointment – Advisor

The Board of Education appointed the following to the listed advisor position for the 2021-2022 school year at the salary listed in the Professional Employees Contract contingent upon receipt of clearances and required employment paperwork:

- 1. Noreen Ofner Costumer, Musical-10th yr \$ 784.53

g. Appointment of Mentor

The Board of Education appointed the following mentor at the salary listed in the Professional Employees Contract:

MENTOR	PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYEE	SALARY
Elizabeth Musso	Hannah Fornes	\$1,623.00

19a. Superintendent

A motion was made by Mr. Hoch and seconded by Mr. Ochlan, in accordance with Section 1073 of the Pennsylvania School Code. The Board of Education wishes to notify Dr. Matthew Barrett of our intention to retain him as Superintendent of the School District for a second term of five years.

A roll call vote was taken, and the motion passed with Eight (8) yes votes.

20. Informational Items

a. American Education Week – November 15-19, 2021

b. Parent/Teacher Virtual Conferences are scheduled for Tuesday, November 23, 2021 in all District Buildings. Conferences are scheduled for the afternoon of the 23rd beginning at 1:00 PM and ending at 8:00 PM. District Administrators and teachers strongly urge all parents to participate in these conferences. This will be a noon Early Dismissal day for students for the Thanksgiving Holiday.

c. Dates to Remember:

1. November 1, 2021 – Sports Physicals
2. November 1,3,8,10,15,17,22, 2021 – RDW 2nd Grade Tutoring – 3:00-4:00 PM
3. November 2,4,9,16,18, 2021 – RDW 1st Grade Tutoring - 3:00-4:00 PM
4. November 3, 2021 – Robert D. Wilson PTA meeting @ 6:30 PM
5. November 9, 2021 – EverGreen picture make up day
6. November 11, 2021 – Middle School Assembly on Bullying
7. November 11, 2021 – Early Dismissal Noon – Act 80 Day
8. November 23, 2021 - Early Dismissal Noon - Virtual Parent/Teacher Conferences –1:00 PM to 8:00 PM
9. November 24-29, 2021 – NO SCHOOL/Thanksgiving Break

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

Dr. Barrett recognized Attorney Matthew Meagher for 13 years of service to the Western Wayne School District and wished him well as the newest Judge of the Court of Common Pleas – Wayne County. Attorney Meagher thanked the Board and stated he has enjoyed working with our team over the years.

Mr. Gombita congratulated our Fall Sports Teams for a successful season.

Future Meetings

Monday, November 22, 2021 – 6:00 PM - Board Work Session, Administration Building, 1970C Easton Turnpike, Lake Ariel, PA 18436

Wednesday, December 1, 2021 - 6:00 P.M. The Western Wayne Board of Education Reorganization and Regular Monthly Meeting, Administration Building, 1970C Easton Turnpike, Lake Ariel, PA 18436

Meetings Held

October 6, 2021 – Executive Session for Personnel and Legal followed regular monthly meeting via ZOOM.

October 27, 2021 – 6:00 PM - Board Work Session, Executive Session for Personnel and Legal followed Work Session meeting via ZOOM.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Mrs. DeSiato and seconded by Mr. Hoch to adjourn the regularly scheduled meeting of the Western Wayne Board of Education at 6:51 P.M.

The motion carried with all affirmatives.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rose E. Emmett
Board Secretary

ATTEST: _____

APPROVED: _____