

Board Work Session Minutes

December 1, 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 December 1, 2021, at 6:15 PM via Zoom and in the District Office in preparation for the December 1, 2021 Board Meeting which will follow this work session.

The meeting was advertised in the legal section of the November 18, 2021 edition of the Tri-County Independent.

Board Members present are as follows:

Board President – Rick Hoch

Board Treasurer - Jeffrey Gogolski

Board Member – James Collins

Board Member – Gary Enslin

Board Member – William Gershey

Board Member – Joseph Gombita

Board Member – Michael Ochlan

Board Member – Ethan Wood

Board Vice President – Dana DeSiato was excused.

Attorney Brendan Ellis was present.

Administrators Present: Superintendent Dr. Matthew Barrett, Assistant to Superintendent Cindy LaRosa, and Business Manager/Board Secretary Rose Emmett.

Dr. Barrett reviewed the agenda for the upcoming December 1, 2021 Board Meeting. Dr. Barrett also thanked the Board for their support and he is looking forward to another five years, he is very grateful.

Dr. LaRosa discussed the Penn College program, which is at no cost to the District.

Mr. Black spoke about the upcoming school year 2022-2023. It will be the 50th Anniversary of the Western Wayne High School. We would like to have celebrations throughout the year to recognize the rich history of Western Wayne. He is inviting the community to help in the planning of the celebration.

Mr. Ochlan spoke about the current lawsuits against masks and he wants to put an end to mask wearing. Dr. Barrett said we will wait for the December 8th court date to see what the results are and also reminded everyone we still have our Health and Safety Plan in place that we will follow until there is further discussion on the plan. He has been working with NEIU19 and Wayne Memorial Health to see how to move forward. Mr. Ochlan stated that he is in favor of optional masking or a waiver process. Mr. Hoch stated we will stay the course and see what happens on December 8th and maybe through Christmas break. Dr. Barrett reiterated that we still have our Health and Safety Plan in place to follow.

The work session concluded at approximately 6:39 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rose E. Emmett
Board Secretary

ATTEST: _____

APPROVED: _____