

# Board Minutes

## December 1, 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 December 1, 2021 at the District Office and via Zoom.

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

President Rick Hoch called the meeting to order at 6:39 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 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.

Solicitor Brendan Ellis was present.

Administrators Present: Superintendent Dr. Matthew Barrett, Assistant to Superintendent Cindy 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. Wood to accept the minutes generated from the Board Work Session – November 3, 2021 and the Regular Board Meeting – November 3, 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, and the Food Service Account.

The motion carried with all affirmatives.

## **7. Approval of Bills**

A motion was made by Mr. Gogolski and seconded by Mr. Wood 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. Staff Recognition**

EverGreen Principal, Mr. Pidgeon commended Tammy Rivezzi, para-professional, who reacted to an emergency in the lunch room and aided a student who was choking. Mr. Pidgeon thanked her for her assistance. Mr. Hoch also mentioned that this was the second time Ms. Rivezzi came to the aide of one of our students. Dr. LaRosa also thanked members of the Hideout Community for their generous donations to our students this holiday season.

## **10. Student Recognition**

Mr. Gregorski announced the Principal's list for the first marking period:

9 <sup>th</sup> Grade	David Elias III and Lia Hartman
10 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Adrian Agnello and Rhayni Carroll
11 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Evan Peirce and Kylie Merring
12 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Kaeli Romanowski and Jordan Ortiz

High School Principal, Mr. Gregorski, introduced two outstanding students Alexandria Bien-Aime and Rachel Hoch. Each student shared a video with the Board of Education. Mr. Gregorski congratulated the students and thanked their parents. Mr. Hoch also congratulated the students and noted that Rachel is his youngest daughter and he has had students in the Western Wayne School District for the last 21 years.

## **11. Recognition of Public - 15 minutes**

Christina Hinz told the Board that she is disappointed in them and mad that we do not have in person meetings. She stands with hundreds of parents asking to allow parents to make the best decisions for their children. She wanted to know if we are going to require vaccines and the unvaccinated to mask? She is hopeful masking will be lifted on December 8<sup>th</sup> with the court decision. She does not want to pull kids, but she will. Dr. Barrett stated that many of her questions could not be answered at this time. We are following the law and there is no current mandate for vaccines that is not currently on the table.

Dr. Amanda Johnson stated she is glad concerts and sports are back for the winter, she also thinks Penn College is a great opportunity. She noted there were no printed copies of the agenda and we are violating her constitutional right to assemble. Why are we still Zooming our meetings, why not in person? Dr. Barrett stated we have worked with our Solicitor and received guidance from PSBA on how to conduct virtual meetings. COVID numbers are in high category of transmission at the county level and we have had incidents at past meetings.

Robert Hess said he agrees with Mrs. Hinz about masks. He believes COVID has zero effect on children, how many children have died? Mr. Hoch stated it is more than just the children, we have staff and families to consider also. Mr. Hoch stated we will continue to follow the mandates as voted on for the last several meetings. Mr. Hess stated that Western Wayne’s Health and Safety plan should be revised immediately. He hopes the board can educate themselves instead of fear mongering and put the mask wearing charade to the side.

**12. Enrollment Report:**

ENROLLMENT - DAY # 54                      2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR

GRADE	EVERGREEN	SN	P	RDW	SN	P	MS	SN	P	HS	SN	P	TOTAL
EARLY INT.		12			7								19
PRE K	44			41									85
KDG	57	10		41	15								123
GR. 1	56	14		42	12								124
GR. 2	66	19		26	12								123
GR. 3	52	18		29	11	1							111
GR. 4	64	14	1	24	14	1							118
GR. 5	65	17	1	30	11								124
GR. 6							94	38	1				133
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>404</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>233</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>960</b>
GR. 7							100	33	0				133
GR. 8							110	32	2				144
GR. 9										119	23	2	144
GR. 10										107	25	4	136
GR. 11										110	19	4	133
GR. 12										121	26	9	156
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>404</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>233</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>304</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>457</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>1,806</b>

Key: SN – Special Needs, P – Placement outside of District  
 Totals: EverGreen-513; RDW-315; MS-411; HS-578    TOTAL:1,817  
 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 13 through 20 withholding item 19a and correcting 19g to five hours per day not three.

The motion carried with all affirmatives.

**13. Settlement - WWEA**

The Board of Education approved the Settlement Agreement between the Western Wayne School District and the Western Wayne Education Association in reference to Grievance #2020-2021-02.

**14. Winter Sports Passes/Admission**

The Board of Education approved the Winter Sports Pass System and set admission prices at free for Western Wayne students with school ID and \$2.00 for students, \$3.00 for adults. A Family Pass will cost \$15.00 for the Winter Sports Season home events and a Resident Pass will cost \$10.00 for the 2021-2022 Winter Sports Season home events.

## **15. Agreement – Pennsylvania College of Technology**

The Board of Education approved an agreement between Western Wayne School District and Pennsylvania College of Technology for Training Services effective January 19, 2022 to May 13, 2022.

## **16. Agreement – The Gregory Center**

The Board of Education approved an agreement between Western Wayne School District and The Gregory Center for Applied Behavior Analysis at a rate of \$100.00 per hour for contracted classroom services effective September 22, 2021. Funded through ESSER funds.

## **17. Transportation Contracts - New**

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

- a. Contractor Henwood Busing – Van #141 – Honesdale to Middle/High School – effective November 9, 2021.
- b. Contractor A. DeRosa Transportation – Van #142 – Moscow to East Stroudsburg effective November 16, 2021.

## **18. 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 – Driver Daniel Adolfson
- b. Contractor Debbie Swingle – Drivers Kevin Badger & Candice Carney
- c. Contractor A. DeRosa Transportation – Driver Kimberly Hollister
- d. Contractor Jenkins Transportation – Driver DeeAnn Kromko

## **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, Contingent upon receipt of clearances:

1. Brandyn Black – Area of Certification: Health & Phys Ed PK/12
2. Willard Black – Area: Custodial\*
3. Kendall Day – Area: Guest Teacher
4. James Diehl – Area: Custodial
5. Stephanie Greaney – Area: Guest Teacher/Sec/TA
6. Burt Laurie – Area: Custodial\*
7. Chase Masker – Area: Custodial\*
8. Victoria Petrosky – Area: Act 86 Teacher Sub\*\*
9. Travis Toth – Area: Guest Teacher

10. Kelsey Vinton – Area: Secretary

\* Pending receipt of paperwork

\*\*Act 86 Teacher Sub – Maximum of 10 days for single employee and a maximum of 20 days per school year.

**c. Sabbatical Requests**

The Board of Education approved the following Sabbatical Leave of Absence requests:

1. PS#07-21-22 – Professional Development - 2nd semester of the 2021-2022 school year
2. PS#08-21-22 – Restoration of Health - 2nd semester of the 2021-2022 school year

**d. Resignations**

The Board of Education accepted the following resignations:

1. Tammy Scoppettone, Paraprofessional effective November 10, 2021.
2. John J. Batcha, Custodian effective December 3, 2021.

**e. Appointment – Long Term Substitute**

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

1. Starlah Robbins – Long Term Substitute – English - Step 1B - \$55,313.00 pro-rated – with applicable fringe benefits effective for the second semester of the 2021-2022 school year.

**f. Appointment of Coach – Winter**

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

1. David MacArt – Girls Basketball, Assistant           \$6,032.00

**g. Appointment – Food Service**

The Board of Education approved the appointment of Vitalina Belinova as a part time Food Service Worker – 5 hrs/day with no fringe benefits at \$11.50 per hour effective December 2, 2021.

**h. Appointment – Custodian**

The Board of Education approved the following recommendation of the Superintendent and District Administrators in the following appointment contingent upon receipt of employment paperwork:

1. Ernest Scramuzza - Custodian – full time - \$11.50 per hour – with applicable fringe benefits – effective upon release of employment.

**i. Transfer – Custodian shift**

The Board of Education approved the transfer of Custodian Mark Petrilak from second shift to first shift effective date to be determined.

**j. Volunteers**

The Board of Education approved the following to the list of volunteers for the 2021-2022 school year contingent upon receipt of necessary clearances and upon request of the Building Principal:

- 1. Lamont Tillery – Boys Basketball
- 2. Allen Holtzer – Boys Basketball
- 3. Steve Fahnstock – Girls Basketball
- 4. Gabrielle Olivo – Band

**20. Schedule of Meetings 2022**

The Board of Education approved the following schedule of Monthly Public Board Meetings for 2022:

All meetings are held on the 1st Wednesday of the month except when noted different. (\*not on the first Wednesday)

- \*January 12, 2022
- February 2, 2022
- March 2, 2022
- April 6, 2022
- May 4, 2022 – Tentative Budget Adoption for the 2022-2023 school year
- \*June 8, 2022 – Adoption of District Budget for the 2022-2023 school year
- July (if needed)
- August 3, 2022
- September 7, 2022
- October 5, 2022
- November 2, 2022
- December 7, 2022 \*\*\*\*\* (Reorganization Meeting)

Note: All meetings are held at 6:00 PM – Western Wayne School District, 1970C Easton Turnpike, Lake Ariel, PA 18436.

**19 a. Employment Contract**

A motion was made by Mr. Wood and seconded by Mr. Hoch to approve the Superintendent’s Employment Contract negotiated between the Board and Dr. Matthew Barrett for the period of February 2, 2022 through February 1, 2027 and that the Board President and Secretary be authorized and directed to execute the Contract on behalf of the Board.

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

## **21. Informational Items:**

### **Dates to Remember:**

1. December 3, 2021 – Blood Drive - High School Gym
2. December 4, 2021 – Semi Formal – Ladore Lodge
3. December 7, 2021 - 6th Grade Chorus Concert – 7:00 PM
4. December 8, 2021 – Noon Dismissal – Act 80 Day
5. December 9, 2021 - 7th & 8th Grade Band Concert – 7:00 PM
6. December 11, 2021 – FCCLA sponsored “Drive Thru Breakfast with Santa” High School Parking Lot.
7. December 14, 2021 – 7th & 8th Grade Chorus Concert – 7:00 PM
8. December 17, 2021 – High School Christmas Concert – 7:00 PM
9. December 23, 2021 – Noon Dismissal – Christmas Break
10. December 24-January 2, 2022 – No School – Christmas Break
11. January 11, 2022 - 6th Grade Band Concert – 7:00 PM

b. STUDENT TEACHING/INTERN: EASTERN UNIVERSITY – Amanda Dalessandro – School Nurse practicum – Spring semester 2022 – Denise Johnson-High School. MARYWOOD UNIVERSITY – Student Teacher Drake Dewald – Music Education – March 15, 2022 to May 6, 2022 – Elaine Ort.

### **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

### **Meeting Held:**

Wednesday, November 3, 2021 – Executive Session for Personnel held immediately after the regular Board meeting.

Wednesday, December 1, 2021 - Executive Session for Personnel held immediately after the regular Board meeting.

**Future Meetings:**

Wednesday, January 5, 2022 – 6:00 PM - Board Committee Meeting, via ZOOM, Administration Building, 1970C Easton Turnpike, Lake Ariel, PA 18436

Wednesday, January 12, 2022 – 6:00 PM - Public Board Meeting, via ZOOM Administration Building, 1970C Easton Turnpike, Lake Ariel, PA 18436.

**Adjournment**

A motion was made by Mr. Wood and seconded by Mr. Hoch to adjourn the regularly scheduled meeting of the Western Wayne Board of Education at 7:19 P.M.

The motion carried with all affirmatives.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rose E. Emmett  
Board Secretary

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_