

Board Work Session Minutes

February 9, 2022

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 February 9, 2022 at 6:00 PM at the High School Veterans Memorial Auditorium in preparation for the Board Meeting, which immediately followed the Work Session.

The meeting was advertised in the legal section of the January 29, 2022 edition of the Tri-County Independent.

Board Members present are as follows:

Board President – Rick Hoch	Board Member – William Gershey
Board Vice President – Dana DeSiato - via phone	Board Member – Joseph Gombita
Board Treasurer - Jeffrey Gogolski	Board Member – Michael Ochlan
Board Member – James Collins	Board Member – Ethan Wood
Board Member – Gary Enslin	

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 February Board Meeting.

Amanda Johnson asked for clarification on the NEIU Budget agenda item. She claimed a Sunshine Law right to ask what the Budget means.

There was a discussion in regards to the Health and Safety Plan. Several parents voiced their objection to having four years old's still masking in school. Currently Pre-K students are still required to mask, all others are optional since January 31, 2022. Mr. Ochlan wants to take away the mandate for Pre-K. Mr. Enslin agreed it is time to be done with masks. Dr. Barrett reviewed options for changes to our current plan. It was discussed that during our voting meeting, the Board would add a motion to the agenda to address the changes to the Health and Safety Plan.

It was noted that masks will still be required on all transportation as that is a Federal mandate. That mandate is set to expire on March 18, 2022, if not changed prior to that date.

The Work Session concluded at approximately 6:54 PM. At this time, the Board of Education moved into the public meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,



Rose E. Emmett
Board Secretary

ATTEST: _____

APPROVED: _____