

Board Minutes

February 9, 2022

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 February 9, 2022 at the High School Veterans Memorial Auditorium, 1970A Easton Turnpike, Lake Ariel, PA 18436.

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

President Rick Hoch called the meeting to order at 6:55 P.M.

Mr. Hoch 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 – 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 (via phone)
Board Member – Gary Enslin	

Solicitor Brendan Ellis was present.

Administrators Present: Superintendent Dr. Matthew Barrett, Assistant to Superintendent Cynthia LaRosa, Business Manager/Board Secretary Rose Emmett, High School Principal Paul Gregorski, Middle School Principal Jennifer Bradley, EverGreen Principal Justin Pidgeon, Robert D. Wilson Principal Maria Miller, Principal of STEAM Elizabeth Watson, Assistant High School Principal Matthew Barr, Assistant Elementary Principal Kerrie Fitzsimmons, Director of Special Education Jennifer DeNike, Early Intervention Supervisor Elizabeth Gregory, Food Service Director Maria Liptak, Technology Director Brian Seaman, and Athletic Director/Transportation Robert Black.

Supervisor of Pupil Personnel Katie Shemanski, Psy.D. was excused.

5. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Mr. Gershey and seconded by Mr. Gombita to accept the minutes generated the Board Work Session – January 5, 2022 and the Regular Board Meeting – January 12, 2022.

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, the Food Service Account, and the Student Activities Account – October, November, and December 2021.

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, and the Food Service Account.

The motion carried with all affirmatives.

8. Accounting of Taxes

There were no questions on the Accounting of Taxes.

9. Student/Community Recognition

a. Student Recognition

Mr. Gregorski announced the Principal's List for the second marking period:

9th Grade	David Elias III and Lia Hartman
10th Grade	Adrian Agnello and Jacob Schott
11th Grade	Skylar Long and Kylie Merring
12th Grade	Kaeli Romanowski and Rachel Tuman

High School Principal, Mr. Gregorski, introduced outstanding student - Jenny Guadagno, who was present and spoke about her accomplishments. Mr. Gregorski and Mr. Hoch thanked Jenny and recognized her family. Mr. Hoch also recognized Kaeli Romanowski who broke the school's scoring record in Girls basketball, surpassing a record held by one of our current teachers, Stacy Box, for over 30 years.

b. Staff Recognition – Dorisa Ferraro

Dr. LaRosa recognized Dorisa Ferraro: Tonight, we would like to recognize a teacher assigned to lunch duty in the high school cafeteria. On January 19th, a student alerted Dorisa Ferraro that a peer was choking on a piece of food. Her quick response and life-saving action are to be commended. She performed the Heimlich maneuver on the student and dislodged the food from the student's airway. On behalf of the Board of Education and the Western Wayne Administrative team, we would like to congratulate Ms. Ferraro on your alertness and willingness to assist a student in need.

10. Recognition of Public

None

At this time, Mrs. Desiato left the meeting and no longer participated in voting.

11. Enrollment Report:

ENROLLMENT - DAY #94

2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR

GRADE	EVERGREEN	SN	P	RDW	SN	P	MS	SN	P	HS	SN	P	TOTAL
EARLY INT.		13			8								21
PRE K	44			41									85
KDG	56	9		40	16								121
GR. 1	57	14		41	12								124
GR. 2	65	22		26	12								125
GR. 3	52	20		29	11	1							113
GR. 4	64	15	1	23	15	1							119
GR. 5	64	17	1	30	11								123
GR. 6							92	39	1				132
TOTAL	402	110	2	230	85	2	92	39	1	0	0	0	960
GR. 7							101	32	0				133
GR. 8							109	33	2				144
GR. 9										117	24	2	143
GR. 10										103	27	4	134
GR. 11										110	21	5	136
GR. 12										120	27	9	156
TOTAL	402	110	2	230	85	2	302	104	3	450	99	20	1,809

Key: SN - Special Needs, P - Placement outside of District
 Totals: EverGreen-514; RDW-317; MS-409; HS-569 **TOTAL: 1,809**
 Last Month-January Total: 1,806

11a. A motion was made by Mr. Ochlan and seconded by Mr. Enslin to add an agenda item to address changes to the current Health and Safety Plan. As discussed during the Work Session held prior to the voting meeting.

The motion carried with all affirmatives.

11b. A motion was made by Mr. Ochlan and seconded by Mr. Enslin to update the Health and Safety Plan to make masks optional for all students, not required, and make changes to the quarantine process for asymptomatic individuals. These changes will become effective on February 11, 2022.

The motion carries with all affirmatives.

A motion was made by Mr. Gershey and seconded by Mr. Ochlan to approve a consent block motion for items 12 through 22 excluding agenda item 19.

The motion carried with all affirmatives.

12. District School Calendar for the 2022-2023 School Year

The Board of Education approved the 2022-2023 School District Calendar.

13. Act 80 Days 2022-2023 School Year

The Board of Education approved the listed early dismissal Days for students in order to conduct Act 80 activities with the Professional Staff:

- a. September 30, 2022
- b. November 11, 2022
- c. February 17, 2023
- d. March 17, 2023

14. NEIU #19 Budget

The Board of Education approved the NEIU #19 Budget for the 2022-2023 school year with the estimated share from Western Wayne School District at \$44,608.85.

15. E-rate Funding Application

The Board of Education approved the E-Rate Funding Application as follows:

- a. It is recommended that the Board of Education allow the Technology Department to apply for E-rate funding to purchase Network equipment. If awarded, E-rate funding will cover approximately \$114,746.40 of the \$143,433.00 cost of the equipment. Final purchase will be contingent on receiving the E-rate funding. Total of \$28,686.60 owed by Western Wayne.

16. Transportation Drivers and Substitutes

The Board of Education approved the following list of Western Wayne School District Transportation Drivers and Substitutes for the listed contractor for the 2021-2022 school year as follows contingent upon receipt of necessary paperwork:

- a. Contractor Debbie Swingle - Driver: Dyan Gilligan

17. Transportation Contract - Temporary

The Board of Education approved the following Temporary Transportation Contract at State Formula effective February 7, 2022:

- a. Contractor Cavage Transit - Van #101 - Waymart to RDW

*This temporary contract replaces Yatsonsky Busing Van #123 route.

18. Waivers of Expulsion Hearing and Stipulation

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

- a. S#02-21-22
- b. S#03-21-22
- c. S#04-21-22

20. Agreement – Languages Translation Services

The Board of Education approved an agreement between Western Wayne School District and Languages Translation Services for Video Remote Interpreting at \$80.00/hr for a minimum of two hours and onsite interpreting at \$90.00/hr for a minimum of two hours on an as needed basis for the 2021-2022 school year.

21. Facility Use Requests

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:

- a. Robert D. Wilson Elementary – Ages and Stages Child Care Center “After school program and summer care” – Alexis DuPlessis, Director.
- b. High School Cafeteria/Kitchen – WW Friends of Wrestling Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser – February 11, 2022 from 3:00 PM to 9:00 PM – all fees waived.
- c. High School/Middle School Gyms – Canaan Christian Academy NPCA Annual Basketball Tournament – March 3, 2022 – 5:30 PM to 10:30 PM – all fees waived.

22. 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. Mason Dinning* – Area: Custodial
2. Amanda Liptak – Area: Secretarial
3. Tiffany Marcotte – Area of Certification: Elem Ed K-6/Sp Ed
4. Amanda Martyn** – Area of Certification: Elem Ed PreK-4
5. James Mignault Jr. – Area: Cafeteria

*needs to complete employment paperwork

**transfer from Guest Teacher to Certified Teacher

b. Resignations

The Board of Education approved the following resignations:

1. Danielle Schumacher, Food Service effective January 11, 2022.
2. Wendy Castanaro, Food Service effective February 11, 2022.
3. Elizabeth Lombardi, Custodian of Student Accounts effective the second semester of the 2021-2022 school year.
4. Mindy Maros, Middle School Student Council Co-Advisor effective January 24, 2022.

c. Appointment - Paraprofessional

The Board of Education appointed the following as a Paraprofessional with applicable fringe benefits effective January 14, 2022.

1. Christine Yannone - \$10.50 per hour

d. Appointment - Issuing Officer

The Board of Education appointed Kimberly Field, High School Guidance Secretary, to the position of Issuing Officer effective immediately. Ms. Field will issue employment certificates and work permits for the students of Western Wayne School District.

e. Appointment - Long Term Substitute

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

1. P. Douglas Posten - Long Term Substitute - Family & Consumer Science - Step 1M - \$59,863.00 pro-rated - with applicable fringe benefits effective for the second semester of the 2021-2022 school year.

f. Appointment - Spring Coaches

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

1. John Boandl	Baseball, Head-7th yr	\$6,532.26
2. Drew Boandl	Baseball, Assistant-4th yr	\$3,943.32
3. Richard Ferraro	Baseball, Assistant-4th yr	\$3,943.32
4. Joseph Romanowski	Softball, Head-7th yr	\$6,532.26
5. Leonard Wargo	Softball, Jr. High - 1st yr	\$3,866.00
6. Marty O'Hora	Tennis, Boys-1st yr	\$3,813.00
7. Justin Collins	Track, Head Coach-18th yr	\$7,209.46
8. Corey Foote	Track, Assistant-9th yr	\$3,735.81
9. Robert Amos	Track, Assistant-8th yr	\$3,735.81
10. Mark A. Bell	Track, Assistant-4th yr	\$3,699.54
11. Casey Lisowski	Track, Assistant - 2nd yr	\$3,627.00
12. William Schumacher	Track, Assistant - 2nd yr	\$3,627.00
13. R. Darren Thorpe	Volleyball, Head Boys-17th yr	\$4,657.57
14. Shannon Boandl	Volleyball, Boys Assistant-3rd yr	\$2,785.62
15. Michael Koch	Ultimate Frisbee-1st yr	\$3,685.00

g. 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. Anthony Morgantini - Custodian - full time - \$11.50 per hour - with applicable fringe benefits - effective February 10, 2022.

h. Approval - Volunteer

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

1. Clayton LaCoe Jr - Middle School
- 2.

19. Review/revision of Board Policies

A motion was made by Mr. Gombita and seconded by Mr. Gogolski to approve the review and revision of the following Policies:

- Section: **200 Pupils**
- 201 Admission of Students
 - 202 Eligibility of Nonresident Students

The motion carried with seven affirmatives and one no vote from Mr. Collins.

23. Informational Items:

- a. Upcoming Dates:
 1. February 16, 2022 - Curriculum Night - 6:00 PM - Auditorium
 2. February 17, 2022 - RDW PTA Meeting - 6:30 PM
 3. February 18, 2022 - Noon Dismissal for Students - Act 80 Day for Staff
 4. February 21, 2022 - No School - President's Day
 5. March 1, 2022 - RDW Read Across America - time TBD

- b. Pre-kindergarten and Kindergarten registration for the Western Wayne School District will be held the week of **March 14, 2022**.

- c. STUDENT TEACHERS: **WILKES UNIVERSITY** - Jacob Weston - Math - January 24, 2022
WWHS - Christine Carey. **UNIVERSITY OF SCRANTON** - Meghan Bode - Special Education
February 10 to May 10, 2022 - EverGreen Elementary - Katie McElhenny; Gillian Groom - Special Education - February 10 to May 10, 2022 - EverGreen Elementary - Cheryl Shimkosky.

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:

March 02, 2022 - 6:00 P.M. Board Work Session followed by the Public Board Meeting, 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 7:17 P.M.

The motion carried with all affirmatives.

Respectfully Submitted,



Rose E. Emmett
Board Secretary

ATTEST: _____

APPROVED: _____