

Board Minutes

September 7, 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 September 7, 2022 at the Western Wayne Administration Building located at 1970C Easton Turnpike, Lake Ariel, PA 18436.

The meeting was advertised in the legal section of the August 27, 2022 edition of the Tri-County Independent.

President Rick Hoch called the meeting to order at 6:11 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 Vice President – Dana DeSiato
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

Solicitor Brendan Ellis was excused.

Administrators Present: Superintendent Matthew Barrett, Assistant Superintendent Cindy 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, Supervisor of Pupil Personnel Katie Shemanski, Psy.D., Early Intervention Supervisor Elizabeth Gregory, Food Service Director Maria Liptak, and Technology Director Brian Seaman.

Athletic Director/Transportation Robert Black was excused.

6. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Mr. Gershey and seconded by Mr. Gombita to accept the minutes generated the Board Work Session – August 10, 2022, the Regular Board Meeting – August 10, 2022 and the Special Meeting for General Purposes Meeting – August 15, 2022.

The motion carried with all affirmatives.

7. 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.

8. 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, the Food Service Account, and the Construction Account.

The motion carried with all affirmatives.

9. Student Recognition

Mr. Gregorski recognized and congratulated Eleanor Black, Evan Peirce, Jenna Kwiatkowski, and Kylie Merring for being awarded the National Rural and Small Town Award by College Board's National Recognition Program. All four of these students earned this recognition by excelling on their PSAT/NMSQT, PSAT 10, or AP Exams and in their classrooms by having a GPA of 3.5 or higher. The District is thrilled that our students have earned this recognition, we are very proud of them for achievements in their classrooms and on College Board assessments.

10. Recognition of Public

Laura Davis spoke on behalf of her son, Marshall, regarding not being able to use backpacks this year in school. A copy of his letter is attached to these minutes. Dr. Barrett congratulated Marshall on a well written statement and let everyone know that the administration is constantly looking at options and will continue to monitor.

Colleen Langendoerfer has a daughter in the High School and has a concern about the backpacks. Can we allow them and then scan the students as they come in?

Kim Butler asked about the safety of our front entrances "are we doing anything to protect them". Dr. Barrett mentioned that we are looking into safety barriers at the main entrances through the current PCCD Grant we received this year.

Bernice Fiorella asked if a student identifies as a different sex, what bathroom would they use? Dr. Barrett and Dr. LaRosa stated that each individual students needs are met and it is handled on a case-by-case basis.

Amanda Johnson asked for clarification on several of the professional service contracts that are on the agenda for this evening. She wanted to know what the programs are for, specifically, SHINE and Wayne County Drug and Alcohol Programs.

11. Enrollment Report:

ENROLLMENT - DAY #3

2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR

GRADE	EVERGREEN	SN	P	RDW	SN	P	MS	SN	P	HS	SN	P	TOTAL
EARLY INT.		16			5								21
PRE K	45			27									72
KDG	60	9		36	12	1							118
GR. 1	55	10		38	18								121
GR. 2	57	14		41	16								128
GR. 3	69	22		26	15								132
GR. 4	48	25		29	11								113
GR. 5	61	19	1	22	14								117
GR. 6							106	29					135
TOTAL	395	117	1	219	91	1	106	29		0	0	0	957
GR. 7							93	42	0				135
GR. 8							107	36	0				143
GR. 9										110	32	3	145
GR. 10										121	26	4	151
GR. 11										108	26	3	137
GR. 12										112	20	9	141
TOTAL	395	115	1	219	91	1	306	107	0	451	104	19	1,809

Key: SN – Special Needs, P – Placement outside of District

Totals: EverGreen–511; RDW–311; MS–413; HS–574; TOTAL: 1,809

A motion was made by Mr. Gershey and seconded by Mr. Enslin to approve a consent block motion for items 12 through 26h withholding 26i.

The motion carried with all affirmatives.

12. Transportation Contracts

The Board of Education approved the Transportation Contracts for the 2022-2023 school year. ATTACHMENT I

13. 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 2022-2023 school year as follows contingent upon receipt of necessary paperwork:

- a. Contractor Scottie Swingle: Driver William Kennedy (van)
- b. Contractor Joshua Swingle: Driver Courtney Kizer (van)
- c. Contractor Debbie Swingle: Driver Chester Nowacki (van)
- d. Contractor Scottie Swingle Jr: Driver Jennifer Naiker (van)

14. Special Education Plan Review

The Board of Education approved the reviewed Special Education Plan for Western Wayne School District effective September 7, 2022.

15. PROSPER Participation

The Board of Education allowed Western Wayne School District to participate with Penn State Extension in PROSPER (Promoting School, Community, University Partnership to Enhance Resilience)

16. Agreement – Wayne Pike Shine Program

The Board of Education approved an Agreement between Western Wayne School District and the Wayne Pike Workforce Alliance Shine Program to provide students with services authorized by the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP).

17. Service Agreement – Wayne County Drug & Alcohol Commission

The Board of Education approved an agreement between Western Wayne School District and Wayne County Drug & Alcohol Commission for Prevention Services on a program-funded basis for the sum of \$6,648.00 for the Middle School effective July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023.

18. Agreement – Wayne County Drug and Alcohol Commission TGF

The Board of Education approved an agreement between Western Wayne School District and Wayne County Drug & Alcohol Commission for Prevention Services to deliver The Too Good for Drugs (TGF) Program to Grades 4 & 5 at both EverGreen and RD Wilson and to the 9th grade class for the sum of \$6,617.70 for the 2022-2023 school year.

19. Settlement Agreement

The Board of Education approved a Settlement Agreement between Western Wayne School District and S#01-22-23.

20. ACE Early Learning MOU

The Board of Education approved a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Western Wayne School District and ACE Early Learning. This MOU will be in effect from September 1, 2022 through August 31, 2023 as per Federal Program Guidelines.

21. Agreement

The Board of Education approved an agreement between Western Wayne School District and Wayne County Office of Behavioral and Developmental Programs and Early Intervention regarding the Student Assistant Program for the 2022-2023 school year.

22. Agreement - Sayegh Pediatric Therapy Services

The Board of Education approved an agreement between Western Wayne School District and Sayegh Pediatric Therapy Services, P.C. for One Speech Therapist at \$80/hour for 7 hours per day plus mileage effective September 6, 2022 until end of contract terms.

23. Policies – Review and Renew

The Board of Education approved the review and renewal of the following policies:

Section: 100 Programs

- 105.1 Curriculum Review by Parents/Guardians and Students
- 113 Special Education
- 114 Gifted
- 138 Language Instruction Educational Program for English Learners
- 142 Migrant Students
- 143 Standards for Persistently Dangerous Schools
- 144 Standards for Victims of Violent Crimes
- 146 Student Services
- 150 Title I – Comparability of Services

Section: 200 Pupils

- 200 Enrollment of Students
- 204 Attendance
- 210 Use of Medications
- 216 Student Records
- 218 Student Discipline
- 218.1 Weapons
- 226 Searches

Section: 300 Employees

- 312 Performance Assessment of Superintendent/Assistant Superintendent

Section: 700 Property

- 705 Facilities and Workplace Safety (renamed)

Section: 900 Community

- 917 Parental/Family Engagement
- 918 Title I Parental/Family Engagement

24. Policy – First Reading

The Board of Education approved the first reading of the following policy for approval:

Section: 100 Programs

- 146.1 Trauma-Informed Approach

25. Memorandum of Understanding

The Board of Education approved the Memorandum of Understanding between Western Wayne School District and the Western Wayne Education Association:

- a. Virtual/On-line Program

26. Personnel

a. Resignations/Retirements

The Board of Education approved the following Resignations/retirements:

1. Vitalina Belinova, Food Service effective August 24, 2022 -resignation.
2. Ernest Scramuzza, Custodian effective September 2, 2022 - resignation.
3. Jaime Falsone, Food Service effective September 20, 2022 – resignation.
4. Warren Brundage, Custodian effective November 2, 2022 – retirement.

b. District Substitute List

The Board of Education approved the following personnel to be added to the District Substitute List for the 2022-2023 school year per Certification, Act 24/34/151/114/153/168 Guidelines, Employment Eligibility Verification - U.S. Department of Justice:

1. Samantha Crawn* – Area: Food Service
 2. Vitalina Belinova – Area: Food Service
 3. Jaime Falsone – Area: Food Service – effective September 20th
 4. Richard Kotchessa – Area: Custodial
 5. AmberMae Krautter – Area: Secretary
 6. Jacob Weston – Area of Certification: Mathematics 7-12
- * Pending paperwork

c. Appointment – School Police Officer/Armed Security Officer

The Board of Education designated the following individual to act as school police officer/armed security officer for the District: (1) Jorge Maldonado of Waymart, PA; This designation is contingent upon the above-named Individual’s satisfaction of the requirements set forth under Section 778 of the Public School Code of 1949,24 P.S. § 7-778, and the appointment of said individual by a judge of the Wayne County Court of Common Pleas. The Board hereby directs the Administration and counsel to take all actions necessary and proper to apply for this appointment, as required under Section 778 of the Public School Code of 1949,24 P.S. § 7- 778.

d. Salary Adjustment

The Board of Education adjusted the following salary as listed for the 2022-2023 school year:

1. Maria Arneil – Music Department PreK-12 Chairperson–8yrs \$2,099.14

e. Extension of Transportation Duties

The Board of Education extended the February 3, 2021 Board motion assigning District transportation duties to Robert Black as needed for the 2022-2023 school year.

f. Appointment – Summer School 2022

The Board of Education approved the following appointment as instructor of the Summer School Program 2022 contingent upon enrollment at the rate listed in the Professional Employees Contract of \$37.12 per hour:

1. Tara Donleavy – Special Education

g. Appointment - Food Service

The Board of Education approved the appointment of the following as a part time Food Service Workers – 5 hours/day with no fringe benefits at \$12.50 per hour contingent upon receipt of employment paperwork effective immediately:

1. Lori Sinawa
2. Christine Press

h. Appointment – Department Chairperson

The Board of Education appointed the following to the listed position for the 2022-2023 school year at the salary as listed in the Professional Employees Contract:

1. Nichole Musewicz Science Department Chair-2nd yr \$2,038.00

i. Volunteers

A motion was made by Mr. Wood and seconded by Mr. Gogolski to approve the following volunteers for the 2022-2023 school year contingent upon receipt of Clearances. Attendance by request of the Building Principal:

1. Dana DeSiato – High School and Wrestling
2. Janine Arcadipane - Wrestling
3. Sabrina Morgan – Junior High Cheerleading
4. Natalie Washine – Junior High Cheerleading
5. Cindy Bianchi – Band
6. Denise Pfister – Band
7. Katie Millon – Band
8. Lynn Scramuzza – Band
9. Gina Knecht – Band
10. Troy Walton – Band
11. Stephanie French – Band
12. Becky Rinella – Band
13. Frank DeNunzio - Band
14. Gabrielle Olivo - Band

15. Noreen Ofner – Band
16. Sandy Summers - Band
17. Kathy Schaffer - Band
18. Mary Beth Grandinetti - Band
19. Mindy Maros – Band
20. Brian Petroziello – Band
21. Tera Petroziello* – Band
*pending clearances

The motion carried with eight affirmatives and one abstention from Mrs. DeSiato.

Informational Items

a. Upcoming Dates:

1. September 02-05, 2022 – No School – Labor Day Weekend
2. September 13, 2022 – Robert D. Wilson Open House – 6:00-8:00 PM
3. September 14, 2022 – High School Picture Day
4. September 14, 2022 – EverGreen Open House – 6:00-8:00 PM
5. September 15, 2022 – Middle/High Open House – 6:00-8:00 PM
6. September 16, 2022 – Middle School Picture Day
7. September 19, 2022 – Together For Health (7thth grade) Round Up Day
8. September 20, 2022 – Robert D. Wilson Picture Day
9. September 20, 2022 – High School Together for Health Resource Day (10th gr)
10. September 21, 2022 – Robert D. Wilson PTA Meeting – 6:30 PM
11. September 24, 2022 – 50th Anniversary Parade – 2:00 PM (rain date 9/25/22)
12. September 27, 2022 – EverGreen Picture Day
13. September 28, 2022 – Financial Aid Night – 6 PM – Auditorium
14. September 30, 2022 – Noon Dismissal – Act 80 Day
15. September 30, 2022 – Homecoming

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.

Mr. Hoch announced that the Board of Education will meet in Executive Session following this meeting for personnel items.

Future Meetings:

Wednesday, September 28, 2022 - 6:00 P.M. Board Work Session, Administration Building, 1970C Easton Turnpike, Lake Ariel, PA 18436

Wednesday, October 05, 2022 - 6:00 P.M. Public Board Meeting, Administration Building, 1970C Easton Turnpike, Lake Ariel, PA 18436

Adjournment

A motion was made by Mr. Gombita and seconded by Mr. Hoch to adjourn the regularly scheduled meeting of the Western Wayne Board of Education at 6:57 P.M.

The motion carried with all affirmatives.

Respectfully Submitted,



Rose E. Emmett
Board Secretary

ATTEST: _____

APPROVED: _____