

# Board Minutes

## November 2, 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 November 2, 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 October 22, 2022 edition of the Tri-County Independent.

President Rick Hoch called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

Mr. Hoch lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Miss Emmett took roll call. Six (6) Board Members were present and are listed as follows:

Board President – Rick Hoch  
Board Member – James Collins  
Board Member – Gary Enslin  
Board Member – William Gershey  
Board Member – Joseph Gombita  
Board Member – Michael Ochlan

Board Vice President Dana DeSiato, Board Treasurer Jeffrey Gogolski, and Board Member Ethan Wood were excused. Dana DeSiato gave her voting proxy to Michael Ochlan.

Solicitor Brendan Ellis was absent.

Administrators Present: Superintendent Dr. Matthew Barrett, Assistant Superintendent Cindy LaRosa, Business Manager/Board Secretary Rose Emmett, High School Principal Paul Gregorski, EverGreen Principal Justin Pidgeon, Principal of STEAM Elizabeth Watson, Assistant High School Principal Matthew Barr, Assistant Elementary Principal Kerrie Fitzsimmons, Supervisor of Pupil Personnel Katie Shemanski, Psy.D., Early Intervention Supervisor Elizabeth Gregory, Food Service Director Maria Liptak, Technology Director Brian Seaman and Athletic Director/Transportation Robert Black.

Middle School Principal Jennifer Bradley, Robert D. Wilson Principal Maria Miller, and Director of Special Education Jennifer DeNike were excused.

### **5. Approval of Minutes**

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

The motion carried with all affirmatives.

## **6. Treasurer's Reports**

A motion was made by Mr. Hoch and seconded by Mr. Gershey 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. Hoch and seconded by Mr. Collins 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**

No questions.

## **9. Student Recognition**

Dr. LaRosa introduced Middle School Family & Consumer Science Teacher Jessica Gregorski who told the Board about the "Monster Project" between the 8<sup>th</sup> grade and EverGreen's Kindergarten students. Mr. Hoch thanked Mrs. Gregorski and her students for the collaborative project.

## **10. Recognition of Public**

Kim Butler questioned why the Board did not have name plates or use microphones. She also promoted the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the High School. Why there was no mascot at the football games? The smoke from the grill at the football games fills the field and stands with smoke.

Carli Sienna, a representative from the USP Canaan vs SCI Waymart Charity Flag Football game thanked the Board for the use of the facilities for their fundraiser.

GRADE	EVERGREEN	SN	P	RDW	SN	P	MS	SN	P	HS	SN	P	TOTAL
EARLY INT.		18			4								22
PRE K	51			28									79
KDG	59	12		37	14	1							123
GR. 1	58	12		37	18								125
GR. 2	57	17		41	16								131
GR. 3	65	24		26	16								131
GR. 4	50	24		29	11								114
GR. 5	58	21	1	21	15								116
GR. 6							105	31					136
TOTAL	398	128	1	219	94	1	105	31		0	0	0	977
GR. 7							93	38	0				131
GR. 8							103	36	1				140
GR. 9										109	31	4	144
GR. 10										121	24	5	150
GR. 11										104	23	5	132
GR. 12										109	18	7	134
TOTAL	398	128	1	219	94	1	301	105	1	443	96	21	1,808

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

Totals: EverGreen-524; RDW-314; MS-411; HS-567 Total 1,816

Last Month's Total 1,819

A motion was made by Mr. Gershey and seconded by Michael Ochlen to approve a consent block motion for items 12-22 I.

The motion carried with all affirmatives.

## 12. District Comprehensive Plan

The Board of Education approved the Western Wayne School District Comprehensive Plan as required by Pennsylvania Department of Education and State Board Regulations.

## 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 Warren Brundage (van)
- b. Contractor Caruth Bus Lines: Driver Christina Gilroy (bus)
- c. Contractor Henwood Busing: Driver George Venizelos (van)

#### **14. Transportation – New Contract**

The Board of Education approved the following New Transportation Contract at State Formula for the 2022-2023 school year:

- a. G Dennis LLC – Van #148 – Waymart to Lincoln Jackson Academy – effective October 25, 2022.

#### **15. Waiver of Expulsion Hearing and Stipulation**

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

- a. S#03-22-23

#### **16. Policies – Review and Renew**

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

Section: 100 Programs

113.2 Behavior Support

113.3 Screening and Evaluations for Students with Disabilities

113.4 Early Intervention

Section: 200 Pupils

209.2 Diabetes Management

210.1 Possession/Administration of Asthma Inhaler/Epinephrine Auto-Injectors

212 Reporting Student Progress

227 Controlled Substances/Paraphernalia

Section: 300 Employees

323 Tobacco Use

351 Drug and Substance Abuse

Section: 800 Operations

823 Naloxone

#### **17. Overnight Field Trips**

The Board of Education approved the following overnight field trips and chaperones for the 2022-2023 school year:

- a. PMEA District 9 Chorus – January 11-13, 2023 – Marywood University – Chaperone: Taber Starnes.
- b. PMEA District 9 Orchestra – January 25-27, 2023 – Location TBD – Chaperone: Elaine Ort.
- c. PMEA Northeast Region Orchestra – March 9-11, 2023 – Location TBD – Chaperone: Elaine Ort.
- d. PMEA Region IV Band – March 23-26, 2023 – Location TBD – Chaperone: Elaine Ort.
- e. PMEA All State Conference – April 19-22, 2023 – Kahalari Resort – Chaperone: Elaine Ort.

#### **18. Building Use Approval**

The Board of Education approved the building use requests:

- a. Waymart Bowl Charity Football Game for Breast Cancer Awareness between USP Canaan & SCI Waymart - for the football field/field bathrooms and announcer booth on November 5, 2022 from 7:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Fees to be waived. Michelle Griffin.
- b. SHINE Afterschool Program – Cafeteria/Classroom/gym – Monday thru Thursday from 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM. Pantea Shadmani
- c. Honesdale Dance Studio Annual Holiday Fundraiser to benefit Dessin Animal Shelter – Auditorium - December 10, 2022 from 9:30 AM to 4:00 PM. Joann Florance.

## **19. Agreement – Keystone Deaf & Hard of Hearing Services**

The Board of Education approved an agreement between Western Wayne School District and Keystone Deaf & Hard of Hearing Services for Interpreting Services for one year at the rates as listed in the agreement.

## **20. Agreement – Scranton School District**

The Board of Education approved an agreement between Western Wayne School District and Scranton School District for admission to its Lincoln-Jackson Academy for the 2022-2023 school year at a daily rate of \$278.00.

## **21. Amended Agreement – Wayne County Drug & Alcohol**

The Board of Education approved to amend the 2022-2023 agreement between Western Wayne School District and Wayne County Drug & Alcohol Commission to include an additional fee of \$10,000.00 which the WCD&A Commission will allocate toward expansion of their D&A Prevention Unit by one full time D&A Prevention Specialist and expand D&A Prevention services to Western Wayne School District. PCCD School Safety & Mental Health Grant Funds.

## **22. Personnel**

### **a. 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 and contingent upon receipt of employment paperwork:

1. Karen Gerstenmaier – Area: Guest Teacher
2. Sally Langendoerfer – Area of Certification: English 7-12
3. Wendy Scollan – Area: Guest Teacher/TA
4. Denise Williams – Area: Custodial

### **b. Retirements**

The Board of Education accepted the following retirements:

1. Debbie Chakiris, Food Service – effective October 28, 2022.
2. Maria Shelp, School Nurse – effective the end of the first semester of the 2022-2023 school year.

### **c. Resignation**

The Board of Education accepted the following resignation:

1. Jamie Daniels, Food Service – effective October 17, 2022.

### **d. Child Rearing Leave**

The Board of Education approved the request of Employee PS#03-22-23 for a child rearing leave of absence approximately February 16, 2023 to June 30, 2023.

### **e. Sabbatical Request**

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

1. PS#04-22-23 – Restoration of Health – Second & Third Semesters of the 2022-2023 school year.

### **f. Classification Change**

The Board of Education changed the classification of employee PS#02-22-23 from day-to-day substitute teacher to teacher, full-time, due to the employee completing additional Act 48 credits to re-activate the employee's instructional certification.

### **g. 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 – Science - Step 1M – \$62,233.00 pro-rated – with applicable fringe benefits effective for the second semester of the 2022-2023 school year.

### **h. Transfer – Food Service**

The Board of Education approved the transfer of Food Service worker Donna Weston from part time to full time with applicable fringe benefits effective November 3, 2022.

### **i. Appointments – Food Service**

The Board of Education appointed the following as Part time Food Service Workers – 5 hrs/day with no fringe benefits at \$12.50 per hour effective upon release from current employment and contingent upon receipt of clearances and employment paperwork:

1. Maria Sequeira
2. Tanya Histed

#### **j. 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:

Paige Frazier - Custodian – full time - \$12.50 per hour – with applicable fringe benefits – effective upon receipt of clearances.

#### **k. Appointments - Winter Coaches**

The Board of Education appointed the following to the listed coaching positions for the 2022-2023 school year at the salary listed in the Professional Employees Contract contingent upon receipt of clearances and required employment paperwork:

1. Mark Ambrose – Ass't Boys Basketball-1st yr \$6,210.00
2. Steve Fahnstock – Ass't Girls Basketball – 1st yr \$6,210.00
3. Eric Olsommer – Basketball, Boys Jr High 8th Gr–5th yr \$4,626.72

#### **l. Appointment – Volunteers**

The Board of Education approved the following Volunteers for the 2022-2023 school year contingent upon receipt of clearances. Attendance by request of the Building Principal:

1. Matt Rosengrant – Robotics
2. Josh Shelly - Robotics

### **23. Informational Items**

a. American Education Week – November 14-18, 2022

b. Parent/Teacher Conferences are scheduled for Tuesday, November 22, 2022 in all District Buildings. Conferences are scheduled for the afternoon of the 22nd beginning at 1:00 PM and ending at 8:00 PM. District Administrators and teachers strongly urge all parents to participate in these conferences. This will be a noon Early Dismissal Day for students for the Thanksgiving Holiday.

c. Dates to Remember:

1. November 1, 2022 - Winter Sports Physicals
2. November 3, 2022 - High School Spanish Dancing Performance
3. November 8, 2022 – EverGreen picture make up day
4. November 8, 2022 - PPL Innovation Presentation to 9th Grade
5. November 9, 2022 - EverGreen PTA meeting @ 6:00 PM
6. November 10, 2022 – Veterans' Day Assembly
7. November 11, 2022 – Middle School PBIS Blowout
8. November 11, 2022 – Early Dismissal Noon – Act 80 Day
9. November 16, 2022 – Robert D. Wilson PTA meeting @ 6:30 PM
10. November 18, 2022 – Middle School Student Council Dance

11. November 22, 2022 – Middle School Annual Turkey Trot
12. November 22, 2022 - Early Dismissal Noon - Parent/Teacher Conferences –1:00 PM to 8:00 PM
13. November 23-28, 2022 – NO SCHOOL/Thanksgiving Break

### **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**

\* Wednesday, November 30, 2022 – 6:00 PM - Board Work Session, Administration Building, 1970C Easton Turnpike, Lake Ariel, PA 18436

\* Wednesday, December 7, 2022 - 6:00 P.M. The Western Wayne Board of Education Reorganization and Regular Monthly Meeting, Administration Building, 1970C Easton Turnpike, Lake Ariel, PA 18436

Informational- Meetings Held:

October 5, 2022 – Executive Session for Personnel and Legal followed regular monthly meeting.

October 26, 2022 – Board Work Session followed by Special Meeting for General Purposes – 6:00 PM.

### **Adjournment**

A motion was made by Mr. Hoch and seconded by Mr. Enslin to adjourn the regularly scheduled meeting of the Western Wayne Board of Education at 6:22 P.M.

The motion carried with all affirmatives.



Respectfully Submitted,

Rose E. Emmett  
Board Secretary

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

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