

# Board Minutes

## January 11, 2023

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 January 11, 2023 at the Western Wayne Administration Building located at 1970C Easton Turnpike, Lake Ariel, PA 18436 immediately following the January Work Session.

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

President Rick Hoch called the meeting to order at 6:33 P.M.

Mr. Hoch led 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	Board Member - Joseph Gombita
Board Treasurer - Jeffrey Gogolski	Board Member - Michael Ochlan
Board Member - James Collins	Board Member - Ethan Wood
Board Member - Gary Enslin	

Solicitor Brendan Ellis was excused.

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

EverGreen Principal Justin Pidgeon, and Director of Special Education Dr. Jennifer DeNike were excused.

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

A motion was made by Mr. Gershey and seconded by Mrs. DeSiato to accept the minutes generated from the Board Work Session - December 7, 2022, the Reorganization Meeting - December 7, 2022 - the Regular Board Meeting - December 7, 2022, and the Special Meeting for Legal Purpose - December 21, 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, 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, and the Food Service Account.

The motion carried with all affirmatives.

## **8. Accounting of Taxes**

No questions.

## **9. Student Recognition**

High School Principal Paul Gregorski spoke on behalf of the Student Government and presented small gifts of appreciation to the members of the Board of Education in recognition of January being School Board Recognition month.

Middle School Principal, Mrs. Bradley recognized 7<sup>th</sup> Grade student Grace Owens who placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in the State Radon Poster Competition. Board President Mr. Hoch congratulated Grace and her family.,

## **10. Recognition of Public**

Victoria Barcarola asked the Board about telling a student to pray. Dr. Barrett said that students can participate in prayer but cannot be forced. She also asked for a raise for substitute teachers. Rick Hoch thanked Ms. Barcarola and will look into the rates.

Kimberly Gifford spoke to the Board about her daughter who was assaulted in the high school this week. She was not contacted by anyone above the high school administration regarding the incident. She expected a phone call from Dr. Barrett. Dr. Barrett said this was currently under investigation by the administration and the School Police Officers. Dr. Barrett and Mr. Hoch agreed to contact Mrs. Gifford to discuss the matter further.

Bernice Fiorella asked the Board as to the status of the group home. Did someone drop the ball after Mr. Adams left?

Amanda Johnson questioned the timing of meetings on the website/signs and when the information is taken down.

11. ENROLLMENT - DAY #79

2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR

GRADE	EVERGREEN	SN	P	RDW	SN	P	MS	SN	P	HS	SN	P	TOTAL
EARLY INT.		18			4								22
PRE K	49			26									75
KDG	60	12		37	14	1							124
GR. 1	58	13		36	17								124
GR. 2	57	17		42	15								131
GR. 3	66	26		26	17								135
GR. 4	50	25		30	11								116
GR. 5	59	22	1	21	14								117
GR. 6							104	31					135
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>399</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>218</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>31</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>979</b>
GR. 7							94	37	0				131
GR. 8							104	34	1				139
GR. 9										108	31	4	143
GR. 10										122	23	5	150
GR. 11										102	23	6	131
GR. 12										108	17	8	133
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>399</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>218</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>302</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>440</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>1,806</b>

Key: SN - Special Needs, P - Placement outside of District  
 Totals: EverGreen-533; RDW-311; MS-405; HS- 557 **TOTAL: 1,806**  
 Last meeting total: 1,808

A motion was made by Mr. Gershey and seconded by Dana DeSiato to approve a consent block motion for items 12-22k.

The motion carried with all affirmatives.

12. Budget Resolution

It is recommended that the Board of Education adopt the attached resolution regarding no increase in the rate of any tax for the support of its public schools for the 2023-2024 fiscal year by more than the index established by the Department of Education for the District. The index for the District is 3.4%. Section 327 of SS Act 1 limits our increase in real estate taxes levied in the year following countywide reassessment or change in predetermined ration to no more than the school district's index for the preceding year. **ATTACHMENT I**

13. Memorandum of Understanding

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the listed Memorandum of Understanding between Western Wayne School District and Western Wayne Education Association:

- a. Transfer of MS Teacher to EverGreen Guidance

14. Transportation Contract - New

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the following New Transportation Contract at State Formula for the 2022-2023 school year:

- a. Henwood Busing - Van #149 - Nicholson to WWHS - effective December 20, 2022.

15. Transportation - Drivers and Substitutes

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve 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 Henwood Busing - Driver Lloyd Schaffer

16. Curriculum Guide

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the Western Wayne High School Curriculum Guide for the 2023-2024 school year.

17. Overnight Field Trips

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the following overnight field trips and chaperones for the 2022-2023 school year:

- a. Robotics Competition - March 24-26, 2023 - Warton Hills High School, Washington, NJ - Seven students and Three chaperones. Chaperones: Brian Landry, Volunteers Josh Shelly and Matt Rosengrant. Total Cost \$1,558.92.
- b. Robotics Competition - March 31-April 2, 2023 - Bensalem Township High School, Bensalem, PA - Seven students and Three chaperones. Chaperones: Brian Landry, Volunteers Josh Shelly and Matt Rosengrant. Total Cost \$1,641.99.

18. Agreement - JC Ehrlich Co.

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the 2023 Pest Control Service Agreement between Western Wayne School District and JC Ehrlich Co. Inc. at \$62.40 per month per building.

19. Waivers of Expulsion Hearing and Stipulation

It is recommended that the Board of Education adopt 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#06-22-23
- b. S#07-22-23

20. Job Description

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the following job description:

- a. Teacher, Deaf & Hard of Hearing, Special Education

21. Dual Enrollment Agreements

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the Dual Enrollment Agreements between Western Wayne School District and the following schools for the 2022-2023 school year:

- a. Johnson College
- b. Lackawanna College

22. Personnel

- a. Abandonment of Position

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the abandonment of position of Paige Frazier, Custodian effective December 14, 2022 and declare the position as vacant.

- b. Resignation/Retirements

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the following resignations/retirements as follows:

1. Barbara Houman, Custodian - retirement effective January 13, 2023.
2. Roy Ofner, Custodian - retirement effective February 3, 2023.
3. Annette Fox, Teacher - resignation effective February 3, 2023.

- c. Transfer

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the transfer of Teacher Scott Williams, Middle School Social Studies to EverGreen Elementary Guidance for the second semester of the 2022-2023 school year.

- d. Appointment - Long Term Substitute

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the recommendation of the Superintendent and District Administrators in the following appointment:

1. Audrey Mann - Long Term Substitute - Social Studies - Step 1B - \$57,683 pro-rated with applicable fringe benefits effective for the second semester of the 2022-2023 school year.

- e. Appointment - Athletic Director

It is recommended that the Board of Education appoint Tyler Jakes as Athletic Director in accordance with the Act 93 Agreement effective upon release of

Current employment.

f. Transfer - Assistant Business Manager/Human Resources

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the transfer of secretary Megan Robinson to the position of Assistant Business Manager/Human Resources in accordance with the Non Act 93 Agreement effective immediately.

g. Appointments - Paraprofessionals

It is recommended that the Board of Education appoint the following as Paraprofessionals with applicable fringe benefits effective immediately at the following rates contingent upon receipt of employment paperwork:

- 1. Kiersten Semon - \$17.00/hour
- 2. Sabrina Morgan - \$14.00/hour
- 3. Danielle Shemanski - \$12.25/hour

h. Appointment - Custodian

It is recommended that the Board of Education appoint Richard Bucci as a Custodian at the starting rate of \$12.50 per hour with applicable fringe benefits contingent upon receipt of employment paperwork effective upon release of current employment.

i. Appointment - Food Service

It is recommended that the Board of Education appoint Lori Carney as a Part Time Food Service Worker at the rate of \$12.50 per hour contingent upon receipt of employment paperwork.

j. Appointment - Spring Coaching

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the following

1. John Boandl	Baseball, Head Coach-8 <sup>th</sup> yr	\$6,724.87
2. Joe Romanowski	Softball, Head Coach-8 <sup>th</sup> yr	\$6,724.87
3. Makenzie Rose	Softball, Assistant Coach-2 <sup>nd</sup> yr	\$3,980.00
4. Len Wargo	Softball, Jr High (7,8,9)-2 <sup>nd</sup> yr	\$3,980.00
5. Eric Olsommer	Softball, Jr High (7,8,9)-2 <sup>nd</sup> yr	\$3,980.00
6. R. Darren Thorpe	Volleyball, Head Coach-18 <sup>th</sup> yr	\$4,794.46

k. Increase of Employment - Shanequa Moser

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the increase of Employment for Shanequa Moser, School Police Officer from part time to full time with applicable fringe benefits effective January 11, 2023.

23. Informational Items:

a. Upcoming Dates:

- 1. January 3-13, 2023 - Winter Keystone Testing

2. January 10, 2023 - 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Band Concert - 7:00 PM
3. January 16, 2023 - **NO SCHOOL** - Martin Luther King Jr. Day
4. January 18, 2023 - Robert D. Wilson Elementary PTA meeting - 6:30 PM
5. January 25, 2023 - Curriculum Night - 6:00 PM - Auditorium

**b. Informational: The IRS mileage rate is increasing to 65.5 cents per mile effective January 01, 2023.**

**c. Student Teachers**

UNIVERSITY OF SCRANTON - Reilly Medzedourian - Special Education K-6 - EverGreen Elementary - Sara Lowe - February 8-May 5, 2023; Jillian Lambdin - Special Education K-6 - EverGreen Elementary - Lisa Hughes - February 8-May 5, 2023.

24. Correspondence
25. Superintendent's Report
26. Assistant Superintendent's Report
27. Principal's Report
28. Federal Programs Report
29. Other Business
30. Future Meeting:

Wednesday, February 1, 2023 - 6:00 PM. - Board Work Session with Regular Monthly Board Meeting to follow, Administration Building, 1970C Easton Turnpike, Lake Ariel, PA 18436.

Meetings held:

Wednesday, December 7, 2022 - 6:00 P.M. Executive Session, followed by the Board Work Session, the Reorganization meeting, and the regular monthly meeting, 1970C Easton Turnpike, Lake Ariel, PA 18436.

Respectfully Submitted,



Rose E. Emmett  
Board Secretary

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

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