

# Board Minutes

## February 1, 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 February 1, 2023 at the Western Wayne Administration Building located at 1970C Easton Turnpike, Lake Ariel, PA 18436 immediately following the February Work Session.

The meeting was advertised in the legal section of the January 21, 2023 edition of the Tri-County Independent.

President Rick Hoch called the meeting to order at 6:23 P.M.

Mr. Hoch led a prayer followed by 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 - Joseph Gombita

Board Treasurer - Jeffrey Gogolski

Board Member - Michael Ochlan

Board Member - James Collins

Board Member - William Gershey

Board Vice President Dana DeSiato was excused and gave her proxy to Michael Ochlan. Board Member Gary Enslin was excused and gave his proxy to Joseph Gombita. Board Member Ethan Wood was excused and gave his proxy to William Gershey.

Solicitor Brendan Ellis was present.

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., Technology Director Brian Seaman, and Athletic Director Tyler Jakes.

Early Intervention Supervisor Elizabeth Gregory, and Food Service Director/Transportation Maria Liptak 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 - January 11, 2023, and the Regular Board Meeting - January 11, 2023.

The motion carried with all affirmatives.

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

A motion was made by Mr. Gogolski and seconded by Mr. Gombita to accept the Treasurer's Reports generated from the General Account, the Food Service Account, and the Student Activities Account - October, November, December 2022.

The motion carried with all affirmatives.

## **7. Approval of Bills**

A motion was made by Mr. Gogolski and seconded by Mr. Gombita 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 recognized several students including Aidan Donnini who participated in the PMEA Orchestra and FBLA members who attended the Regional Leadership Conference and have qualified to compete at the State Leadership Conference in Hershey in April. Jared Goldman was elected as Co-Vice President of Region 22 and Colette Schmitt was elected as Region 22 FBLA Secretary for the 2023-24 school year. Raegan Palmer and Colette Schmitt placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in Intro to Business Presentation. Rick Hoch thanked all the students for their hard work.

## **10. Recognition of Public**

Kimberly Gifford spoke to the Board about an incident in the high school. Several people were in attendance to show support for the student. Bernice Fiorella referred to Western Wayne policy that she thinks we are not following. Ted and Jennifer Moyer also spoke to the Board. Discussion was held but Dr. Barrett noted that the Board and the administration will not discuss a specific matter in public. Solicitor Brendan Ellis stated that the District cannot comment in public about students. They are only obligated to acknowledge comments. Board President Rick Hoch commented on how nice it was to see all the parents who came to the meeting in support of students.

11. ENROLLMENT - DAY #90

2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR

GRADE	EVERGREEN	SN	P	RDW	SN	P	MS	SN	P	HS	SN	P	TOTAL
EARLY INT.		19			5								24
PRE K	50			26									76
KDG	61	11		38	14	1							125
GR. 1	60	14		35	17								126
GR. 2	58	17		42	15								132
GR. 3	65	27		25	16								133
GR. 4	51	24		29	11								114
GR. 5	57	24	1	20	14								116
GR. 6							103	31					134
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>402</b>	<b>136</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>215</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>31</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>977</b>
GR. 7							94	37	0				131
GR. 8							104	33	1				138
GR. 9										109	30	6	145
GR. 10										123	23	6	152
GR. 11										103	23	6	132
GR. 12										107	17	8	132
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>402</b>	<b>136</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>215</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>301</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>442</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>1,803</b>

Key: SN - Special Needs, P - Placement outside of District  
 Totals: EverGreen-534; RDW-309; MS-403; HS-557 **TOTAL 1,803**  
 Last Month-January Total: 1,806

A motion was made by Mr. Gershey and seconded by James Collins to approve a consent block motion for items 12-20f with the addition in #18 of William Gershey as NEIU #19 Representative.

The motion carried with all affirmatives.

12. Health and Safety Plan Review

The Board of Education approved the review of the Western Wayne School District Health and Safety Plan.

13. District School Calendar for the 2023-2024 School Year

The Board of Education approved the 2023-2024 School District Calendar.

14. Act 80 Days 2023-2024 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 29, 2023
- b. October 31, 2023
- c. November 10, 2023
- d. February 16, 2024
- e. March 15, 2024

14. Audit

The Board of Education accepted the Audit Report of the Western Wayne School District for the year ended June 30, 2022 as prepared by Brian T. Kelly, CPA.

15. Fund Balance Designation

The Board of Education approve the recommendation of the Business Manager to designate a portion of our ending 2021-2022 Fund Balance to manage future budgets as per Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement Number 54 (GASB 54). Committed: \$1,113,443.16; Assigned: \$7,256,502.97 and Unassigned: \$3,588,727.87.

16. NEIU #19 Budget

The Board of Education approved the NEIU #19 Budget for the 2023-2024 school year with the estimated share from Western Wayne School District at \$48,638.44.

17. 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#08-22-23

18. NEIU Board Appointment

The Board of Education appointed William Gershey as the representative to the Northeastern Education Intermediate Unit #19 Board effective July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2026.

19. 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 G Dennis, LLC - Driver: Theresa Schane
- b. Contractor Joshua Swingle - Driver: Caitlyn Bensley

20. 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:

- 1. Elizabeth Adamsky - Area: Custodial - effective January 24, 2023
- 2. Ashlyn Anderson - Area of Certification: PK-4 & PK-8 Special Education
- 3. Lisa Luckenbach - Area: Guest Teacher

4. Andrea McClelland - Area: Guest Teacher
5. Roy Ofner - Area: Custodial - effective February 6, 2023
6. Gabrielle Ronchetti - Area: Guest Teacher

b. Resignations

The Board of Education approved the following resignations:

1. Lea Mahoski, Paraprofessional - effective January 13, 2023.
2. Ben Gill, Local History Club Advisor - effective for the 2022-23 school year.

c. Appointment - Fall Coach

The Board of Education appointed the following to the listed fall coaching position for the 2023-2024 school year at the salary listed in the Professional Employees Contract:

1. Shane Grodack            Head Football Coach - 15 yrs            \$10,048.72

d. Appointment - Advisor

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

1. Justin Hayden - Local History Club            \$1,527.00

e. Additional Compensation

The Board of Education approved the additional compensation for Guest Teacher Leigh Ann Hanley in the amount of \$192.64 per day for 61 days for extended substitute duties.

f. Assignment

The Board of Education assigned District Transportation duties to Stephanie French for an additional \$2.00/hour effective immediately.

21. Informational Items:

a. Upcoming Dates:

1. February 2, 2023 - 8<sup>th</sup> Curriculum Night - 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM
2. February 3, 2023 - Middle School Student Council Dance - 6:00 PM-8:00 PM
3. February 8, 2023 - EverGreen Elementary PTA Meeting - 6:00 PM
4. February 9-10, 2023 - PMEA District Band
5. February 17, 2023 - Spring Sports Physicals
6. February 17, 2023 - Noon Dismissal - Act 80 Teacher In-Service
7. February 20, 2023 - **No School** - Presidents Day
8. February 23, 2023 - PMEA Regional Chorus

b. Pre-kindergarten and Kindergarten registration for the Western Wayne School

District will be held the week of **March 20, 2023**.

c. STUDENT TEACHER: **WILKES UNIVERSITY** - Nicole Williams - Mid-Level Science - Spring 2023 - Western Wayne Middle School - Nichole Musewicz.

22. Correspondence
23. Superintendent's Report
24. Assistant Superintendent's Report
25. Principal's Report
26. Federal Programs Report
27. Other Business - Joseph Gombita would like to have our students participate in the WCCF Scholarships.
28. Future Meeting:  
Wednesday, March 1, 2023 - 6:00 PM. - Board Work Session with Regular Monthly Board Meeting to follow, Administration Building, 1970C Easton Turnpike, Lake Ariel, PA 18436.

**Adjournment**

Mr. Hoch adjourned the regularly scheduled meeting of the Western Wayne Board of Education at 6:57 P.M.

Executive Session for Legal matters followed the regular meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,



Rose E. Emmett  
Board Secretary

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

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