

# Board Minutes

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

The meeting was advertised in the legal section of the February 18, 2023 edition of the Tri-County Independent.

President Rick Hoch called the meeting to order at 6:10 P.M.

Mr. Hoch led a prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Miss Emmett took roll call. Seven (7) 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 - James Collins	
Board Member - Gary Enslin	

Board Members Michael Ochlan and Ethan Wood were excused.

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, Principal of STEAM Elizabeth Watson, EverGreen Elementary Principal Justin Pidgeon, Robert D. Wilson Principal Maria Miller, 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 Supervisor/Transportation Maria Liptak, Technology Director Brian Seaman, and Athletic Director Tyler Jakes.

EverGreen Elementary Assistant Principal Kerrie Fitzsimmons and Director of Special Education Jennifer DeNike, Ed.D, 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 - February 1, 2023, and the Regular Board Meeting - February 1, 2023.

The motion carried with all affirmatives.

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

A motion was made by Mr. Gogolski and seconded by Mrs. DeSiato 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 Mrs. DeSiato 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**

Mr. Gregorski announced the principal's list for the second marking period:

9th Grade	Paul Borowski and Grace Moser
10th Grade	Lia Hartman and Vallita Belinova
11th Grade	Adrian Agnello and Emily Romanowski
12th Grade	McKenzie Laity and Marshall Davis

Athletic Director Tyler Jakes congratulated the Girls Basketball team on a great season and also the wrestling team who had six Wrestlers that qualify for Regionals.

## **10. Recognition of Public**

Kimberly Gifford addressed the Board about an incident that occurred involving her daughter. She wants to know what our policy is concerning crime by students. Bernice Fiorella brought up her concerns with education issues within our district. She would like Dress code issues addressed within the District also. Amanda Johnson noted that she provides video recordings of the meetings on-line and anyone can view them. She also shared that her child was assaulted while at the district years ago and it took a while to clear everything up.

**11. Enrollment Report:**

ENROLLMENT - DAY #108

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								115
GR. 5	57	24	1	20	14								116
GR. 6							100	33					133
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>402</b>	<b>136</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>215</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>33</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>980</b>
GR. 7							96	37	0				133
GR. 8							105	33	1				139
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>103</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>442</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>1,813</b>

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

Totals: EverGreen-539; RDW-308; MS-405; HS-561 **TOTAL: 1,813**

Last Meeting Total: 1,803

A motion was made by Mr. Gershey and seconded by Mr. Gombita to approve a consent block motion for items 12-15j.

The motion carried with all affirmatives.

**12. Fuel Oil Purchase**

The Board of Education authorized the Business Manager to solicit bids for the purchasing of fuel oil for the 2023-2024 school year.

**13. Agreement - The Meadows**

The Board of Education approved an agreement between Western Wayne School District and The Meadows Psychiatric Center for educational services at a rate of \$70.00 per day for the 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 school years.

**14. E-rate Funding Application**

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

- a. Approve the proposed Robert D. Wilson Elementary and EverGreen Elementary Schools leased lit fiber agreement with Adams Cable. This lease will be for three years beginning July 1, 2023. The monthly cost of the lease will be \$760.00, 80% of which is federally funded. Total cost to Western Wayne School District will be \$152.00/month for the 3 year lease term.

## 15. 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, Contingent upon receipt of clearances:

1. Danielle Caminiti - Area: Guest Teacher
2. Jan Cooper - Area: Guest Teacher
3. Emily Cox - Area of Certification: Social Studies 7-12
4. Stephen Miller - Area: Custodial
5. Bethany Salak - Area: Nurse
6. Anthony Sgarlata - Area: Custodial
7. Tara Stout - Area: Guest Teacher

### b. Resignations/Retirement

The Board of Education accept the following resignations/retirement:

1. Richard Bucci, Custodian - resignation effective February 3, 2023.
2. Lori Olver-Carney, Food Service - resignation effective February 10, 2023.
3. Lori Lucchesi, Teacher - retirement effective last day of 2022-23 school year.

### c. Appointment of Spring Coaches 2022-2023

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

1. Marty O'Hora	Tennis, Boys - 2 <sup>nd</sup> yr	\$3,925.00
2. Justin Collins	Track, Head Coach-19 <sup>th</sup> yr	\$7,422.64
3. Robert Amos	Track, Assistant -9 <sup>th</sup> yr	\$3,846.02
4. Mark Bell	Track, Assistant -5 <sup>th</sup> yr	\$3,808.68
5. Corey Foote	Track, Jr High (7,8,9)-10 <sup>th</sup> yr	\$3,864.69
6. Casey Lisowski	Track, Jr High (7,8,9)-3 <sup>rd</sup> yr	\$3,808.68
7. John Casey	Track, Jr High (7,8,9)-	\$3,734.00
8. Zane Janiszewski	Baseball, Assistant - 1 <sup>st</sup> yr	\$3,980.00
9. Rick Ferraro	Baseball, Jr High (7,8,9)-5 <sup>th</sup> year	\$4,059.60
10. Shannon Boardl	Volleyball, Boys Assistant - 6 <sup>th</sup> yr	\$2,896.36

### d. Appointment of Fall Coaches 2023-2024

The Board of Education appointed the following to the listed Fall Coaching positions for the 2023-2024 school year at the salary listed in the Professional Employees Contract contingent upon receipt of employment clearances:

1. Tim Hess	Football, Assistant Coach-20 <sup>th</sup> yr	\$5,485.82
2. David Shimkosky	Football, Assistant Coach-7 <sup>th</sup> yr	\$5,305.53
3. John Boardl	Football, Assistant Coach-7 <sup>th</sup> yr	\$5,305.53
4. Benjamin Burkhardt	Football, Jr. High Coach-1st yr	\$5,151.00
5. Jason Sauter*	Football, Jr. High Coach-6 <sup>th</sup> yr	\$3,537.02

6. Brandyn Black*	Football, Jr. High Coach-2 <sup>nd</sup> yr	\$3,434.00
7. Zane Janiszewski*	Football, Jr. High Coach-1 <sup>st</sup> yr	\$3,434.00
	*two positions split 3 ways	
8. Kaitlyn Torquati	Cheerleading, Varsity Football-4th yr	\$4,512.48
9. Laura Wojnar	Cross Country, Head Coach-5th yr	\$4,540.02
10. Marty O'Hora	Golf-8 <sup>th</sup> yr	\$4,162.23
11. R. Darren Thorpe	Volleyball, Head Coach Girls-18 <sup>th</sup> yr	\$4,935.54

e. Appointment - Interim Coach

The Board of Education approved Girls Tennis Coach Christa Maiocco as interim Boys' Tennis Coach from March 13-21, 2023 during Coach Marty O'Hora's absence. She will take over practices as well as two matches scheduled for March 16<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>.

f. Appointments - Custodian

The Board of Education appointed the following as custodians at the starting rate of \$12.50 per hour with applicable fringe benefits effective immediately contingent upon receipt of employment paperwork:

1. Vincent Sabatini
2. Brian Toler

g. Appointments - Food Service

The Board of Education appointed the following as Part time Food Service Workers at the rate of \$12.50 per hour contingent upon receipt of employment paperwork:

1. Meghan Diehl - effective March 6, 2023
2. Samantha Crawn - effective March 2, 2023

h. Appointment - School Police Officer

The Board of Education designate the following Individual to act as school police officer for the District: (1) John Chervanka of Carbondale, PA; This designation is contingent upon the above-named Individual's satisfaction of the requirements set forth under the Public School Code of 1949, 24 P.S. § 13-1302C, 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 the Public School Code of 1949, 24 P.S. § 13-1302 C.

i. Appointment - Advisor

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

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| 1. Brandyn Black - Musical - Set Construction | \$ 780.00 |
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j. Approval - Volunteers

The Board of Education approved the following to the list of volunteers for the 2022-

2023 school year contingent upon receipt of clearances:

1. Kaitlyn Black - Drama Club
2. David Elias - Football
3. Kevin Roginski - Football
4. Drew Boardl - Baseball
5. Greg Martin - Baseball
6. Kirstin Metschulat - Track and Field

**16. Informational Items:**

a. **IMPORTANT DATES** - March 2023

1. March 01, 2023 - EverGreen Family Night Book Fair - 6-8 PM
2. March 02, 2023 - RDW Read Across America Book Fair - 5:30 PM
3. March 08, 2023 - - Bus Evacuation Drill (rain/snow date March 9th)
4. March 08, 2023 - EverGreen PTA Meeting - 6:00 PM
5. March 9-11, 2023 - PMEA Region Orchestra
6. March 13, 2023 - EverGreen Agricultural Literacy Week
7. March 15, 2023 - RDW PTA Meeting - 6:30 PM
8. March 17, 2023 - Noon Dismissal - Act 80 Day
9. March 20-24, 2023 - PreK/Kindergarten Registration - RDW & EverGreen
9. March 23-25, 2023 - PMEA Region Band

- b. **STUDENT TEACHING** - Casey Jennings - EASTERN UNIVERSITY - Special Education PK-12  
March 6, 2023 through April 28, 2023 - Robert D. Wilson Elementary - Erica Coccodrilli.

**17. Correspondence** - A letter was presented from Karla Smith thanking School Police Officer Sheri Palmer for her kindness each day.

**18. Superintendent's Report**

**19. Assistant Superintendent's Report**

**20. Principal's Report**

**21. Federal Programs Report**

**22. Other Business** - Board Member Gary Enslin asked what happens when students are not following the Dress Code, there should be zero tolerance and immediately handled. Dr. Barrett addressed the process.

**23. Future Meetings**

Wednesday, April 5, 2023 - 6:00 P.M. - Board Work Session, Administration Building, 1970C Easton Turnpike, PA 18436

Wednesday, April 5, 2023 - immediately following Work Session - Public Board Meeting, Administration Building, 1970C Easton Turnpike, PA 18436

**Adjournment**

Mr. Hoch adjourned the regularly scheduled meeting of the Western Wayne Board of Education at 6:58 PM.

Executive Session for Legal and Personnel matters followed the regular meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rose E. Emmett". The signature is fluid and includes a long horizontal flourish at the end.

Rose E. Emmett  
Board Secretary

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

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