

Board Minutes July 12, 2023

WESTERN WAYNE SCHOOL DISTRICT
ADMINISTRATION OFFICE
1970C Easton Turnpike
LAKE ARIEL, PA 18436

The special meeting for general purposes of the Western Wayne Board of Education was held on July 12, 2023, 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 July 8, 2023, edition of the Tri-County Independent.

President Rick Hoch called the meeting to order at 8:55 A.M.

The Board of Education met in executive session for legal and personnel matters prior to the meeting.

Mr. Hoch offered the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Hoch took roll call. (8) Board Members were present and are listed as follows:

Board President – Rick Hoch	Board Member – William Gershey
Board Treasurer - Dana DeSiato	Board Member – Jeffrey Gogolski
Board Member – James Collins	Board Member – Michael Ochlan
Board Member – Gary Enslin	Board Member – Ethan Wood

Board Vice President – Joseph Gombita was excused.

Solicitor Brendan Ellis was excused.

Administrators Present: Superintendent Dr. Matthew Barrett and Assistant Superintendent Dr. Cindy LaRosa, 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 Elementary Principal Kerrie Fitzsimmons, Assistant Middle School Principal Matthew Barr, Director of Special Education Jennifer DeNike, Ed.D., Supervisor of Pupil Personnel Katie Shemanski, Psy.D., Food Service Supervisor/Transportation Maria Liptak and Athletic Director Tyler Jakes

Business Manager/Board Secretary Rose Emmett, Assistant High School Principal Robert Black, Early Intervention Supervisor Elizabeth Gregory and Technology Director Brian Seaman were excused.

Dr. Barrett reviewed the agenda items with the Board prior to voting.

A motion was made by Mr. Gershey and seconded by Mr. Wood to approve a consent block motion for items 5 through 9f.

The motion carried will all affirmatives.

5. Purchase of Scissor Lift

The Board of Education re-approved the purchase of a JCB Electric Scissor Lift from Eastern Lift Truck Company, Inc. for \$18,995.00. Price has been updated to reflect the cost of the correct scissor lift.

6. Settlement

- a. The Board of Education approved a Settlement Agreement between Western Wayne School District and S#01-23-24.
- b. The Board of Education approved a Settlement Agreement between Western Wayne School District and S#02-23-24.

7. Textbook Approval

The Board of Education approved the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the following Math curriculum.

Textbook	Publisher
enVision Math K-5	Pearson
enVision Math 6-8	Pearson

8. Agreement – Head Start

The Board of Education approved the joint educational partnership between Western Wayne School District and the Agency for Community Empowerment of NEPA, Head Start Program effective July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024.

9. Personnel

- a. Transfer

The Board of Education approved the transfer of Teacher Scott Williams, Middle School Social Studies to EverGreen Elementary Guidance for the 2023-2024 school year.

- b. Appointments – Professional Employee

The Board of Education approved the recommendation of the Superintendent and District Administrators in the following appointments:

- 1. Emily Lawrenson – Professional Employee – Special Education Elementary– Step 1B- \$60,203.00 with applicable fringe benefits effective the start of the 2023-2024 school year.
- 2. James Hutchinson-Professional Employee-Special Education Secondary- Step 1B- \$60,203.00 with applicable fringe benefits effective the start of the 2023-2024 school year.

3. Chase Floyd– Professional Employee – Middle School Science– Step 1B- \$60,203.00 with applicable fringe benefits effective the start of the 2023-2024 school year.
4. Juliana Muta-Professional Employee-Pre-K/Early Intervention Elementary Education-Step 1B \$60,203.00 with applicable fringe benefits effective the start of the 2023-2024 school year.

c. Appointments – Secretarial

The Board of Education approved the recommendation of the Superintendent and District Administrators in the following 12 Month Secretary Appointment with applicable fringe benefits effective for the start of the 2023-2024 school year:

1. Courtney Kizer – 12-month secretary with applicable fringe benefits at the salary of \$14.00 per hour contingent upon receipt of clearances and release of current employment.

d. Resignation

The Board of Education accepted the following resignation:

1. Chase Masker–Custodian– effective July 10, 2023.

e. Support Staff Sign-On Bonus

The Board of Education agreed to pay all new support staff hires during the 2023-2024 school year a \$500 sign on bonus. This sign on bonus will be paid to said employee once they complete a full year of service with the Western Wayne School District.

f. Approval-Volunteers

The Board of Education approved the following to the list of volunteers for the 2023-2024 school year contingent upon receipt of clearances. Attendance by request of the Building Principal:

1. Michael Koch–Ultimate Frisbee
2. Kim Derrick-Band
3. Kevin Urian-Band

10. Informational Item

The Western Wayne School District has applied to PDE for the Community Eligibility Provision under the School Nutrition Program. Once approved, this will allow us to provide breakfast and lunch at no cost to enrolled students without having to fill out a household application.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Mr. Hoch to adjourn the special meeting of the Western Wayne Board of Education at 8:57 A.M.

The motion carried with all affirmatives.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rose E. Emmett
Board Secretary

ATTEST: _____

APPROVED: _____