

Board Minutes August 2, 2023

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

The regular meeting of the Western Wayne Board of Education was held on August 2, 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 June 29, 2023 of the Tri-County Independent.

President Rick Hoch called the meeting to order at 6:22 P.M.

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

Mr. Hoch took roll call. (9) Board Members were present and are listed as follows:

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

Solicitor Brendan Ellis was present

Administrators Present: Superintendent Dr. Matthew Barrett and Assistant Superintendent Dr. Cindy LaRosa, Business Manager/Board Secretary Rose Emmett, 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 Middle School Principal Matthew Barr, Director of Special Education Jennifer DeNike, Ed.D., Supervisor of Pupil Personnel Katie Shemanski, Psy.D., Early Intervention Supervisor Elizabeth Gregory, Food Service Supervisor/Transportation Maria Liptak, Technology Director Brian Seaman, Assistant High School Principal Robert Black and Athletic Director Tyler Jakes

Assistant Elementary Principal Kerrie Fitzsimmons was excused.

5. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Mr. Gershey and seconded by Mr. Wood to accept the minutes generated from Regular Board Meeting of June 7, 2023, the work session of June 7, 2023 and the Special Board Meeting of July 12, 2023.

The motion carried with all affirmatives.

6. Treasurer's Reports

A motion was made by Mrs. DeSiato and seconded by Mr. Gogolski to accept the Treasurer's Reports generated from the General Account and Student Activities Account – April, May, June 2023.

The motion carried with all affirmatives.

7. Approval of Bills

A motion was made by Mrs. DiSiato and seconded by Mr. Gogolski to approve the payment of bills prepaid and current generated from the General Account and the Food Service Account.

The motion carried with all affirmatives.

8. School Board Recognition

The Pennsylvania School Boards Association and Dr. Barrett recognized and thanked several board members for their years of service: William Gershey 20 years; Gary Enslin 8 years; Jeffrey Gogolski 8 years and Rick Hoch 8 years. All received a Certificate of Recognition.

9. Public Recognition

Amanda Johnson asked if the current room configuration is decided on, Dr. Barrett told her we are still working on it. She also asked if there was going to be a block vote and if anyone had deliberation on item number 10?

A motion was made by Mr. Gershey and seconded by Mr. Enslin to approve a consent block motion for items 10 through 28L, withholding items 28h and 28i.

The motion carried with all affirmatives.

10. Western Wayne Health & Safety Plan

The Board of Education approved the Western Wayne Health and Safety Plan. This plan is subject to change and will be reviewed and revised as needed.

ATTACHMENT I

11. School Safety and Security Coordinator

The Board of Education appointed the Superintendent or his/her designee as the District's "School Safety and Security Coordinator" for the 2023-2024 school year.

12. Authorization

The Board of Education authorized the Wayne Bank to process Automated Clearing House (ACH) transactions from our General Fund Account to Honesdale National Bank for the payment of interest and principal on all bond payments that come due during the period July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024.

13. Service Contracts

The Board of Education approved the attached list of Service Contracts all for the one-year period commencing August 01, 2023.

ATTACHMENT II

14. Maintenance Contract-CC CLEANING

The Board of Education approved an agreement with CC Cleaning to provide substitute cleaning personnel when we are short-staffed within the custodial staff. Services will be performed based on our needs for the cost of \$26.00 per man hour.

15. Transportation Contractors, Drivers, and Substitutes

The Board of Education approved the attached list of Western Wayne School District Transportation Contractors, drivers, and Substitutes for the 2023-2024 school year.

ATTACHMENT III

16. Transportation Contracts

The Board of Education authorized the Superintendent to award the Transportation Contracts for the 2023-2024 school year and submit the report to the Board at the September 6, 2023 meeting.

17. Agreement – Children’s Service Center’s Partial Hospitalization Program and Therapeutic Education Program

The Board of Education approved an Agreement between Western Wayne School District and Children’s Service Center, Milford E. Barnes Jr. School at a cost of \$137.50 per student per day for Partial Hospitalization Program and \$181.00 per day for the Therapeutic Educational Program for the time of student’s enrollment effective for the 2023-2024 school year including Extended School Year(ESY) if eligible with appropriate ESY billing rate.

18. Agreement – New Story

The Board of Education approved an Agreement between Western Wayne School District and New Story at daily tuition rates of \$274.00; \$324.00; \$379.00; or \$510.00 per day for the 2023-2024 school year depending on student needs.

19. Agreement – PATH

The Board of Education approved an Agreement between Western Wayne School District and PA Treatment & Healing (PATH) at a daily tuition rate of \$95.00 and Special Education AEDY rate of \$105.00 per day for the 2023-2024 school year.

20. Agreement – Northeast Pennsylvania Center for Independent Living

The Board of Education approved an Agreement between Western Wayne School District and Northeast Pennsylvania Center for Independent Living (MyCIL) at an Annual ½ day services fee per student of \$19,000.00 effective August 1, 2023 through July 31, 2024.

21. Agreement –VIP

The Board of Education approved an Agreement between Western Wayne School District and Victims’ Intervention Program (VIP) at a cost of \$5,000.00 for the 2023-2024 school year.

22. Memorandum of Understanding-Western Wayne Education Association

The Board of Education approved the Memorandum of Understanding between Western Wayne School District and

Western Wayne Education Association for the splitting of a preparation period for teacher preparation for the 2023-2024 school year.

23. Purchase of Bread

The Board of Education authorized Food Service Manager Maria Liptak to purchase bread from BIMBO Bakeries, USA, Inc. for the 2023-2024 school year.

24. Purchase of Milk

The Board of Education authorized Food Service Manager Maria Liptak to purchase milk from Pocono Mountain Dairies for the 2023-2024 school year.

25. A la Carte Price List and Adult Meal Prices

The Board of Education approved the Cafeteria A la Carte and Adult Meal Prices for the 2023-2024 school year:

ATTACHMENT IV

26. Policies – Review and Renewal

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

Section: 200 Pupils

204 Attendance

222 Tobacco and Vaping Products

249 Bullying/Cyberbullying

251 Homeless Students

Section: 800 Operations

819 Suicide Awareness, Prevention and Response

27. Handbooks

The Board of Education approved the following Handbooks to be used for the 2023-2024 school year subject to change due to related policies and procedures:

- a. Teacher Handbooks
- b. Student Handbooks
- c. Coaches and Advisors Handbook and Student Activities Handbook
- d. Personal Service Providers Handbook
- e. Para educator Handbook
- f. Bus/Van Contractors Handbook
- g. ELD (English Language Development) Handbook
- h. PBIS Behavior Handbook (no changes)

28. Personnel

- a. District Substitute List 2023-2024 School year

The Board of Education approved the attached District Substitute list for the 2023-2024 school year per Certification, Act

ATTACHMENT V

b. Resignations

The Board of Education accepted the following resignations:

1. Theresa Lubash-FBLA Advisor for the 2023-2024 school year.
2. Donna Urian-Part-Time Food Service worker as of July 24, 2023.
3. Stacey Lutkowski-EverGreen Elementary Teacher effective July 25, 2023.

c. Appointment – Long Term Substitute

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

1. Paul Douglas Posten– Professional Employee – First Semester Long Term Substitute for Business, Computer, and Information Technology– Step 1M- \$64,753.00 pro rated with applicable fringe benefits for the 2023-2024 school year.

d. Appointment – Special Education Teacher

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

1. Ashlyn Anderson– Professional Employee – Special Education Teacher– Step 2M- \$65,253.00 with applicable fringe benefits for the 2023-2024 school year.

e. Appointments - Paraprofessional

The Board of Education appointed the following as a Paraprofessional with applicable fringe benefits effective the start of the 2023-2024 school year contingent upon receipt of employment paperwork and updated clearances:

1. Laura Gilbert-Professional Employee-Title I Paraprofessional-\$18.00 per hour with applicable fringe benefits effective the start of the 2023-2024 school year.
2. Brianna Walker-Professional Employee Special Education Paraprofessional-\$13.25 with applicable fringe benefits effective the start of the 2023-2024 school year.

f. Appointment- Secretarial

The Board of Education approved the recommendation of the Superintendent and District Administrators in the following 10 Month Secretary Appointment with applicable fringe benefits effective the start of the 2023-2024 school year.

1. Erin E. Vinton- High School 10 Month Secretary-\$18.00 per hour with applicable fringe benefits.

g. Appointment-Part-Time Food Service

The Board of Education approved the following recommendation of the Superintendent and District Administrators in the following appointment contingent upon receipt of employment paperwork:

1. Christina Pierano-\$13.25 per hour.

j. Approval of Elementary Student Assistance Program Team Members

The Board of Education approved the following Elementary Student Assistance Program Team Members for the 2023-2024 school year:

1. Maria Miller – Robert D. Wilson Elementary
2. Erica Germani
3. Jessica Matthews
4. Kelly Vinton
5. Susan Schlasta – serves both Elementary schools
6. Justin Pidgeon – EverGreen Elementary
7. Kerrie Fitzsimmons
8. Christy Davis
9. Kenny Hemmler
10. Jill Butler
11. Sara Lowe
12. Tara Morcom
13. Melissa Cottone
14. Summer Klikus
15. Scott Williams

k. Appointment – Fall Coaches

The Board of Education approved the following coaching positions for the 2023-2024 school year at the salary listed in the Professional Employees Contract contingent upon receipt of updated clearances:

1. Makayla Gregory – Girls Soccer Assistant Coach 2nd year \$3,715.00

l. 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. Dana DeSiato-Boys and Girls Varsity Wrestling
2. Andrea McClelland-Jr. High School Boys Soccer
3. Natalie Washine-Jr. High Cheerleading
4. Stephanie French-Band/Color Guard
5. Stephanie French-Drama Club
6. Lenny Maiocco-Girls Varsity Tennis
7. Cindy Rizzi-Athletic Department

28h. Restoration/Rescindment of Termination

A motion was made by Mr. Hoch and seconded by Mr. Wood to rescind the June 8, 2022, termination of Employee Number PS#12-21-22 pursuant to the February 17, 2023, Arbitration Order entered by Arbitrator Lamont.

The board stated that they are making this motion solely by the fact that they are forced to by court order.

The motion carried with all affirmatives.

28i. Appointment of Mentors

A motion was made by Mrs. DeSiato and seconded by Mr. Wood to appoint the following mentors for the 2023-2024 school year at the salary listed in the Professional Employees Contract:

MENTOR	PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYEE	SALARY
Sara Lowe	Emily Lawrenson	\$1,770.00
Jennifer Hoch & Sue Larkin*	Juliana Muta	\$1,770.00
Nicole Musewicz	Chase Floyd	\$1,770.00
Maria Phillips	James Hutchison	\$1,770.00
Jessica Gregorski	Brianna Vinton-Estus	\$1,770.00

*indicates split between the two mentors

The motion carried with eight affirmatives and one abstention from Mr. Hoch. Mr. Hoch stated his abstention was because his spouse is on the list.

29. Informational Items:

a. UPCOMING DATES:

1. August 14, 2023 EverGreen PreK Open House – AM PreK 9-11:00 AM
2. August 16, 2023 Robert D. Wilson PreK Open House – 9-11 AM
3. August 22, 2023 New Teacher Orientation – 9:00 AM to Noon - DO
4. August 22, 2023 6th Grade & New Student Orientation @ MS – 6 PM to 7 PM
5. August 23-24,2023 Teacher In-Service Days
6. August 24, 2023 Freshman Orientation – 6 PM to 7:30 PM – Auditorium
7. August 28, 2023 First Day of School
8. August 30, 2023 Robert D. Wilson Open House 6 PM to 8 PM
9. August 30, 2023 EverGreen Elementary Open House 6 PM to 8 PM
10. September 26, 2023 EverGreen Picture Day

b. Informational: Community Eligibility Provision

The Western Wayne School District has been approved for the Community Eligibility Provision under the School Nutrition Program. This allows us to provide breakfast and lunch at no cost to enrolled students without having to fill out a household application.

Correspondence

None.

Federal Program Report

No report.

Other Business

The Board wanted to recognize the secretaries who retired this year and thank them for their service. Mr. Gombita also recognized and thanked the custodial staff and their supervisor, Ron Franks for doing a great job with the upkeep of the grounds this summer.

Future Meetings

Wednesday, September 6, 2023 - 6:00 P.M. Public Board Meeting, Administration Building, 1970C Easton Turnpike, Lake Ariel, PA 18436.

Meetings held

Wednesday, July 12, 2023 – Executive Session for Personnel & Legal matters – 9:00 AM, Administration Building, 1970C Easton Turnpike, Lake Ariel, PA 18436.

Wednesday, July 12, 2023 – Special Board Meeting – 8:00 AM, Administration Building, 1970C Easton Turnpike, Lake Ariel, PA 18436.

Mr. Hoch announced that the Board of Education met in executive session at 5:30 this evening prior to the meeting for legal and personnel and will meet again immediately following the adjournment of this meeting for personnel.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Mr. Hoch to adjourn the regularly scheduled meeting of the Western Wayne Board of Education at 6:41 P.M.


The motion carried with all affirmatives.

Respectfully Submitted,



Rose E. Emmett
Board Secretary

ATTEST: _____

APPROVED:  _____