

Board Minutes September 6, 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 September 6, 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 August 12, 2023, edition of the Tri-County Independent.

President Rick Hoch called the meeting to order at 6:18 P.M.

Mr. Hoch offered a prayer followed by 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 Vice President – Joseph Gombita	Board Member – Jeffrey Gogolski
Board Treasurer - Dana DeSiato	Board Member – Ethan Wood
Board Member – James Collins	
Board Member – Gary Enslin	

Board Member – Michael Ochlan was excused.

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, Principal of STEAM Elizabeth Watson, 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.

Robert D. Wilson Principal Maria Miller, Assistant Middle School Principal Matthew Barr, Assistant Elementary Principal Kerrie Fitzsimmons, Assistant High School Principal Robert Black and Athletic Director Tyler Jakes were excused.

6. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Mr. Gershey and seconded by Mr. Gombita to accept the minutes generated from the work session of August 2, 2023, Regular Board Meeting of August 2, and the Special Board Meeting of August 16, 2023.

The motion carried with all affirmatives.

GR. 10				147	
GR. 11				142	
GR. 12				144	
TOTAL	551	335	389	571	1846

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

Totals: EverGreen–_551____;RDW–_335____; MS–_389____; HS–_571____; TOTAL:_1846____

A motion was made by Mr. Gershey and seconded by Mr. Wood to approve a consent block motion for items 12 through 29.

The motion carried with all affirmatives.

12. Transportation Contracts

The Board of Education approved the Transportation Contracts for the 2023-2024 school year. **ATTACHMENT I**

13. 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 2023-2024 school year as follows contingent upon receipt of necessary paperwork:

- a. Contractor Joshua Swingle: Driver: Whitney Maconeghy(van)
- b. Contractor G. Dennis LLC Driver: Joseph Sawicki

15. PROSPER Participation

The Board of Education allowed Western Wayne School District to participate with Penn State Extension in PROSPER (Promoting School, Community, University Partnership to Enhance Resilience)

16. Agreement – Wayne Pike Shine Program

The Board of Education approved an Agreement between Western Wayne School District and the Wayne Pike Workforce Alliance Shine Program to provide students with services authorized by the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP).

17. Early Intervention-Karen Kane, P.T.

The Board of Education approved an Agreement between Western Wayne School District and Karen Kane, P.T. to provide physical therapy services in the home for the 2023-2024 school year.

18. Agreement-Reading Allowed

The Board of Education approved an Agreement between Western Wayne School District and Reading Allowed to provide tutoring services at a rate of \$115.00 per session for 5 days/week starting September 7, 2023 and continuing for the 2023-2024 school year.

19. Service Agreement-Interpretek

The Board of Education approved an agreement between Western Wayne School District and Interpretek for interpreting services at the standard rate of \$75.00 per hour for onsite and video remote interpreting (VRI); \$80.00 per hour for evenings, weekends and holidays; +20% for emergency differential; \$115.00 per hour for legal interpreting effective September 1, 2023, to June 30, 2024.

20. Service Agreement – Wayne County Drug & Alcohol Commission

The Board of Education approved an agreement between Western Wayne School District and Wayne County Drug & Alcohol Commission for Prevention Services on a program-funded basis for the sum of \$16,648.00 for Student Assistance Program Agreement and Prevention Services Agreement effective July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024, for Elementary, Middle and High School.

21. Agreement

The Board of Education approved an agreement between Western Wayne School District and Wayne County Office of Behavioral and Developmental Programs and Early Intervention regarding the Student Assistant Program for the 2023-2024 school year.

22. Agreement-Edpuzzle

The Board of Education approved a user agreement between Western Wayne School District and Edpuzzle in the amount of \$5,952.00 for the 2023-2024 school year.

23. Overnight Field Trips

The Board of Education approved the following overnight field trips and chaperones for the 2023-2024 school year:

- a. NHS Trip-April 4, 2024-April 6, 2024-Boston-Chaperones: Rachael Palko & Kasey Gribble.

24. Building Use Approval

The Board of Education approved the building use requests:

- a. Cub Pack 102-EverGreen Cafeteria, Kitchen, Gym and Classroom for meetings on Wednesdays, September 1, 2023, to the end of the 2023-2024 school year from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
- b. Lake Ariel Boy Scout Troop-EverGreen gym for meetings on Wednesdays September 2023-June 2024 from 7:15 p.m. to 9:15 p.m.
- c. Lake Ariel Adult Basketball-EverGreen gym for adult basketball on Tuesday and Thursdays late September 2023 through mid-May 2024 at 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

- d. Hamlin Lake Ariel Rotary Club-EverGreen gym for Safe Kids Fair on September 16, 2023, 9:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
- e. Honesdale High School-football stadium, locker rooms, ticket booths, and other facilities at the stadium needed to host a football game. August 24, 2023, 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. for pregame practice, and August 25, 2023, 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. for the football game.
- f. North Pocono Preschool, Inc.-EverGreen afterschool program with tutoring. August 28, 2023 until the end of the school year 2:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- g. WW Jr. Wildcats-EverGreen cheer practice. September 15, 2023 and September 22, 2023 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- h. EverGreen Elementary PTA-EverGreen monthly PTA meetings. 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on September 12, 2023, October 11, 2023, November 8, 2023, January 10, 2024, February 15, 2024, March 13, 2024 and April 10, 2024.
- i. WW Gridiron Club-Middle School to feed football players each Friday before games. September 1, 2023, September 8, 2023, September 22, 2023, September 29, 2023, October 6, 2023, October 13, 2023, October 2, 2023 and October 20, 2023, 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- j. Girl Scouts Troup 50515-EverGreen weekly meetings on Wednesdays from October 2023 to June 2024 5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

25. Memorandum of Understanding

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

- a. Virtual/On-line Program

26. Agreement-Edmentum

The Board of Education approved a program license between Western Wayne School District and Edmentum in the amount of \$17,000.00 per year through 2025.

27. Agreement-Edmentum-Elementary

The Board of Education approved two program licenses between Western Wayne School District and Edmentum in the amount of \$1,300.00 for the 2023-2024 school year.

28. Personnel

a. Resignations/Retirements

The Board of Education approved the following resignations/retirements:

1. Brianna Walker, Special Education Paraprofessional effective August 17, 2023-resignation.
2. Laura Gilbert-Title 1 Paraprofessional effective August 22, 2023-resignation.
3. Sara Lowe- Mentor effective August 29, 2023-resignation.

b. Appointments-Paraprofessional

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

1. Julianna Deeter-Professional Employee-Special Education Paraprofessional-\$15.00 per hour with applicable fringe benefits effective the start of the 2023-2024 school year.
2. Brandyn Black-Professional Employee Special Education Paraprofessional-\$18.00 per hour with applicable fringe benefits effective the start of the 2023-2024 school year.
3. Elsie Medina-Professional Employee Long-Term Paraprofessional-\$13.25 per hour with applicable fringe benefits effective the start of the 2023-2024 school year.
4. Madison Gasper-Professional Employee Title 1 Paraprofessional-\$18.00 per hour with applicable fringe benefits effective the start of the 2023-2024 school year.

c. Change of Appointment

The Board of Education approved the recommendation of the Superintendent and District Administrators in the following change in appointment from Professional Employee to Temporary Employee:

1. Skye Rickard– Temporary Professional Employee–Special Education Teacher–Step 1B-\$60,203.00 with applicable fringe benefits for the 2023-2024 school year.

d. Appointment of Mentors

It is recommended that the Board of Education appoint the following mentor for the 2023-2024 school year at the salary listed in the Professional Employees Contract:

MENTOR	PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYEE	SALARY
Taryn Vitris	Emily Lawrenson	\$1770.00
Melissa Williams	Ashlyn Anderson	\$1770.00
Briana Vinton-Estes	Jessica Gregorski	\$1770.00

e. District Substitute List

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the following personnel to be added to the District Substitute List for the 2023-2024 school year per Certification, Act 24/34/151/114/153/168 Guidelines, Employment Eligibility Verification - U.S. Department of Justice:

1. Kaitlin McConnell– Area: Special Education Substitute
2. Isabella Pignatello*

*Upon receipt of all clearances.

f. Appointment - Food Service

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the appointment of the following as a part time Food Service Workers – 5 hours/day with no fringe benefits at \$13.25 per hour contingent upon receipt of employment paperwork effective immediately:

1. Kayla Reed
2. Catherine Kenney

g. Long Term Substitute-Special Education

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

1. Kaitlin McConnell–Temporary Professional Employee–Long Term Substitute for Special Education– Step 1B- \$60,203.00 pro rated with applicable fringe benefits first semester of the 2023-2024 school year.

h. Appointment – Department Chairperson

It is recommended that the Board of Education appoint the following to the listed position for the 2023-2024 school year at the salary as listed in the Professional Employees Contract:

1.	Maria Arneil*	Music	\$1,069.98
2.	Joyce Covalski*	Music	\$1,049.00
3.	Justin Hayden	Art	\$2,171.43
4.	Sandy Summers*	English	\$1,080.47
5.	Megan Rush*	English	\$1,069.98
6.	Colleen Carmody	Family & Consumer Science	\$2,192.41
7.	Elizabeth Sandrowicz	Foreign Language	\$2,098.00
8.	Jaime Thomas	Health/PE/Safety	\$2,171.43
9.	Theodore Macdonough	Math	\$2,192.41
10.	Denise Johnson	Nurse	\$2,160.94
11.	Matthew Fitzsimmons*	Pupil Services (Guidance)	\$1,085.72
12.	Erica Germani*	Pupil Services (Guidance)	\$1,069.98
13.	Brian Landry	Technology Education	\$2,234.37
14.	Sara Brzycki	Special Education	\$2,098.00
15.	Maria Masankay	Science	\$2,192.41
16.	Justin Collins	Business	\$2,098.00
17.	Gregory Butler	Social Studies	\$2,098.00

*co-chairpersons to split salary

i. Volunteers

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the following Volunteers for the 2023-2024 school year contingent upon receipt of Clearances. Attendance by request of the Building Principal:

1. Kenneth Janiszewski-Football
2. Janine Arcadipane-Girls and Boys Varsity/Junior High Wrestling
3. Alex Kuha-Football
4. Philip Erb-Band
5. Theresa Black-Band
6. Rhonda DeNunzio-Band

j. Child Rearing Leave

1. The Board of Education approved the request of Employee PS#01-23-24 for child rearing leave of absence approximately January 2, 2024 to March 18, 2024.
2. The Board of Education approved the request of Employee PS #02-23-24 for child rearing leave of absence approximately September 27, 2023 to November 20, 2023.

29. Job Description

The Board of Education approved the following updated job description:

1. Transportation Supervisor

30. Informational Items

Upcoming Dates:

1. September 01st & 04th, 2023 – No School Labor Day Weekend
2. September 9, 2023 - High School Car Show 10:00 AM-2:00 PM (Rain Date September 10th)
3. September 13, 2023 - Evergreen PTA Meeting – 6:00 pp.m.-7:00 p.m.
4. September 13, 2023 – Robert D. Wilson PTA Meeting – 6:30 PM
5. September 13, 2023 – High School Picture Day
6. September 14, 2023 – Middle/High Open House – 6:00-8:00 PM
7. September 14, 2023- Middle School 6th Grade Band Instrument Rental Night 7:00 PM
8. September 15, 2023 – Middle School Picture Day
9. September 26, 2023 – EverGreen Picture Day
10. September 26, 2023 – Robert D. Wilson Picture Day
11. September 27, 2023 – High School Cavalcade of Bands-Stadium 4:30 PM-9:30 PM
12. September 29, 2023 – Noon Dismissal – Act 80 Day

Student Teacher

Jessica Paldino– Area: Student Teacher 4th Grade Evergreen Elementary

Correspondence

None.

Superintendent's Report

Assistant Superintendent's Report

Principal's Reports

Federal Program Report

No report.

Other Business

None.

Future Meetings:

Wednesday, October 4, 2023- 6:00 P.M. Board Work Session, Administration Building, 1970C Easton Turnpike, Lake Ariel, PA 18436

Wednesday, October 04, 2023 - 6:00 P.M. Public Board Meeting, Administration Building, 1970C Easton Turnpike, Lake Ariel, PA 18436

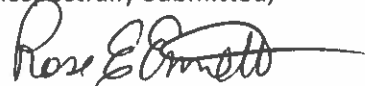
M. Hoch announced an executive session for personnel and legal items immediately following the meeting.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Mr. Hoch to adjourn the regularly scheduled meeting of the Western Wayne Board of Education at 6:26 P.M.

The motion carried with all affirmatives.

Respectfully Submitted,



Rose E. Emmett
Board Secretary

ATTEST: _____

APPROVED:  _____