

Board Minutes October 4, 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 October 4, 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 September 12, 2023, edition 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. (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 Jessica 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, Assistant Middle School Principal Matthew Barr, Assistant Elementary Principal Kerrie Fitzsimmons, 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, Assistant High School Principal Robert Black and Athletic Director Tyler Jakes.

Principal of STEAM Elizabeth Watson and Technology Director Brian Seaman were excused.

The Board of Education met in executive session for personnel and legal prior to the work session at 5:30 pm

6. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Mr. Gershey and seconded by Mr. Enslin to accept the minutes generated from the work session of September 6, 2023, and Regular Board Meeting of September 6, 2023.

The motion carried with all affirmatives.

7. 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 the Food Service Account.

The motion carried with all affirmatives.

8. Approval of Bills

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

The motion carried with all affirmatives.

9. Student Recognition

High School Principal Paul Gregorski congratulated and recognized two outstanding seniors, Brooke Kellogg and Taylor Maiocco. Athletic Director Tyler Jakes recognized Jamie Chapman for qualifying for the Pennsylvania Golf Championships. Mr. Hoch thanked the students for being role models for their peers. It was great to hear from each of them.

10. Recognition of Public

None

11. Enrollment Report:

ENROLLMENT - DAY # 20

2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR

GRADE	EG	RDW	MS	HS	TOTAL
EARLY INT.	13	8			
PRE-K	67	45			
KDG	71	40			
GR. 1	76	50			
GR. 2	85	51			
GR. 3	68	60			
GR. 4	94	42			
GR. 5	82	42			
GR. 6			119		
GR. 7			134		
GR. 8			135		
GR. 9				139	
GR. 10				141	
GR. 11				138	
GR. 12				130	
TOTAL	556	338	388	548	1,830

Totals: EverGreen- _556; RDW- _338; MS- _388; HS- _548; TOTAL: _1,830_

19. Agreement-Guide Light – TABLED

A motion was made by Mr. Collins and seconded by Mr. Enslin to table this motion.

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve a service agreement for October 5, 2023 through June 30, 2024 with Guide Light for counseling and support services at a rate of \$475.00 per day.

The motion to table carried with all affirmatives.

A motion was made by Mr. Gershey and seconded by Mr. Wood to approve a consent block motion for items 12 through 21I excluding 19.

The motion carried with all affirmatives.

12. District Organizational Chart

The Board of Education approved the District Organizational Chart for the 2023-2024 school year.

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 contractors for the 2023-2024 school year as follows contingent upon receipt of necessary paperwork:

- a. Contractor Debbie Swingle—Driver Patricia Fotusky
- b. Contractor Debbie Swingle-Driver Danielle Schumacher

14. Transportation Contracts - New

The Board of Education approved the following New Transportation Contracts at State Formula for the 2023-2024 school year:

- a. JD Transportation LLC-Van #120— from Lake Ariel to Robert D. Wilson effective September 6, 2023.
- b. G. Dennis LLC-Van #148-Lincoln Jackson Academy effective October 2, 2023.

15. Policies – Review and Renew

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

Section: 100 Programs

- 105.1 Curriculum Review by Parents/Guardians and Students
- 113 Special Education
- 114 Gifted
- 138 Language Instruction Educational Program for English Learners
- 142 Migrant Students
- 143 Standards for Persistently Dangerous Schools
- 144 Standards for Victims of Violent Crimes
- 146 Student Services
- 150 Title I – Comparability of Services

Section: 200 Pupils

- 200 Enrollment of Students
- 204 Attendance
- 210 Use of Medications
- 216 Student Records
- 218.1 Weapons
- 226 Searches

Section: 300 Employees

- 312 Performance Assessment of Superintendent/Assistant Superintendent

Section: 900 Community

- 917 Parental/Family Engagement
- 918 Title I Parental/Family Engagement

16. Overnight Field Trips

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

- a. Robotics Competition-March 1,2024-March 3, 2024-Hatboro, PA-Chaperones: Brian Landry, Josh Shelly and Matt Rosengrant.
- b. Robotics Competition-March 22, 2024-March 24, 2204-Washington, NJ-Chaperones: Brian Landry, Josh Shelly and Matt Rosengrant.
- c. Robotics Competition-April 4, 2024-April 6, 2024-Bethlehem, PA-Chaperones: Brian Landry, Josh Shelly and Matt Rosengrant.
- d. Robotics Competition Worlds-April 15, 2024-April 22, 2024-Houston, TX-Chaperones: Brian Landry, Josh Shelly and Matt Rosengrant.
- e. Spring Band Trip-April 26, 2024-April 28, 2024-Baltimore, MD-Chaperones: Elaine Ort, Maria Arneil and Jessica McLaughlin.

17. Agreement – TruGreen

The Board of Education approved service agreements for the 2023-2024 School Year with TruGreen for vegetation and weed control as follows: EverGreen Elementary \$2,189.25; Robert D. Wilson Elementary \$3,937.50 and the High School/Middle School Complex \$9,395.40.

18. Agreement-Susan Ficken Pediatric Therapy LLC

The Board of Education approved a service agreement for September 1, 2023 through August 31, 2024 with Susan Ficken, P.T. for weekly physical therapy services for one student at a rate of \$140.00 per hour.

20. Agreement-Hydrant Use

The Board of Education adopted a Memorandum of Understanding with Hamlin Fire Company to install a dry hydrant on district property.

21. Personnel

a. Transportation Supervisor

The Board of Education approved the following 12-month appointment for Transportation Supervisor and that this employee be added to the existing Technology/Administrative Non-Act 93 Agreement with applicable fringe benefits effective October 5, 2023, contingent upon receipt of clearances:

- 1. Stephen Mackle-Transportation Supervisor-\$55,000.00.

b. District Substitute List

The Board of Education approved 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. Julianna Deeter-Paraprofessional/Secretarial
2. Cathy Maisonave-Nurse
3. Jada Siino-Paraprofessional
4. Catherine Kenney*-Cafeteria
5. Kimberly Metzgar-Paraprofessional

*upon receipt of clearances.

c. Resignation

The Board of Education approved the following Resignations:

1. Christina Pierano, Part-time food service effective September 6, 2023-resignation.
2. Julianna Deeter-Special Education Paraprofessional effective September 7, 2023-resignation.
3. Catherine Kenney, Part-time food service effective September 6, 2023-resignation.

d. Appointment of Mentors

The Board of Education appointed the following mentor retroactive for the 2023-2024 school year at the salary listed in the Professional Employees Contract:

MENTOR	PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYEE	SALARY
Lisa Boguski	Skye Rickard	\$1,770.00

e. Appointment – Custodians

The Board of Education approved the following appointments as Custodians at \$13.25 per hour with fringe benefits contingent upon receipt of employment paperwork/clearances.

1. Donna Urian
2. John Swingle, Jr.

f. Appointment - Food Service

The Board of Education approved 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. John Hill
2. Janina Macias-Haro

g. Appointment-Personal Care Assistant

The Board of Education approved the appointment of the following Personal Care Assistant at \$13.25 per hour contingent upon receipt of employment paperwork effective immediately:

1. Kimberly Sheehan-\$13.25 per hour with applicable fringe benefits.

h. Advisors

The Board of Education approved the following to the listed advisor positions for the 2023-2024 school year at the salary listed in the Professional Employees Contract:

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| 1. Courtney Kizer–Middle School Cats Club 1st yr. | \$1574.00 |
| 2. P. Douglas Posten-High School FBLA Advisor 1st yr. | \$1574.00 |

i. Appointment – Winter Coaches

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

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| 1. Kaitlin Torquati-Varsity Basketball Cheerleading Head Coach 5th yr. | \$4512.48 |
| 2. Brian Hodorawis-Junior High Girls Basketball Coach 16th yr. | \$4880.15 |
| 3. Josh Harrison-Varsity Head Wrestling Coach 3rd yr. | \$9195.30 |
| 4. Harry Harrison-Varsity Wrestling Assistant Coach 2nd yr. | \$5055.00 |
| 5. Lamont Tillery-Varsity Boys Basketball Head Coach 2nd yr. | \$9206.00 |
| 6. Eric Olsommer-Varsity Boys Basketball Assistant Coach 5th yr. | \$6520.86 |
| 7. Shakur Jackson-Junior High Boys Basketball Coach 1st yr. | \$4670.00 |
| 8. Michael Judge-Varsity Girls Basketball Head Coach 5th yr. | \$9390.12 |
| 9. Steve Fahnestock-Varsity Girls Basketball Assistant Coach 2nd yr. | \$6393.00 |

10. Amanda Vinton-Junior High Girls Basketball Coach 4th yr. \$4763.40

11. Michael Koch-Junior High Wrestling Coach 3rd yr. \$4178.94

j. Appointment – Volunteers

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

1. Kaitlyn Black-Band
2. Frank Denunzio-Band
3. Hope Jezorwski-Band
4. Joseph Jezorwski-Band
5. Joseph Jezorwski, Jr.-Band
6. Gina Knect-Band
7. Melinda Maros-Band
8. Noreen Ofner-Band
9. Gabrielle Olivo-Band
10. Brian Petroziello-Band
11. Denise Pfister-Band
12. Steven Redmond-Band
13. Rebecca Hayden-Rinella-Band
14. Christopher Shaffer- Band
15. Kathy Shaffer- Band
16. Shannon Walton- Band
17. Troy Walton- Band
18. Amanda Wilbur- Band
19. Sandra Mullen-EverGreen Elementary School
20. Joshua Shelly-Robotics
21. Matthew Rosengrant-Robotics
22. Brooke Morcom-Band
23. Catherine Kipp-Robert D. Wilson Elementary School
24. Justin Collins-Indoor Track & Field
25. Mark Bell-Indoor Track & Field
26. Corey Foote-Indoor Track & Field
27. Trina Collins-Indoor Track & Field

k. Sabbatical Request

The Board of Education approved the following Sabbatical Leave of Absence request:

1. PS#03-23-24-Professional Development-Second Semester of 2023-2024 school year.
2. PS#04-23-24-Restoration of Health-Second and Third Marking Periods of 2023-2024 school year.

I. Child Rearing Leave-Amendment as to dates of leave

The Board of Education approved the following amendment as to dates of leave:

1. The Board of Education approved the request of Employee PS#01-23-24 for child rearing leave of absence approximately October 2023 to March 27, 2024.
2. The Board of Education approved the request of Employee PS #02-23-24 for child rearing leave of absence approximately September 22, 2023 to January 1, 2024.

22. Informational Items

a. Calendar of Events:

October 3,2023 – RDW Grade 3-Drug & Alcohol at 9:30 AM
October 3,2023 – RDW Grade 4-Math Committee
October 3,2023 – Prosper Guiding Good Choices Middle School
October 6,2023 – RDW Grades 4th & 5th WCDA
October 6,2023 – Homecoming Game vs. Mid Valley
October 6,2023 – College and Career Fair-High School Gym
October 9,2023 – NO SCHOOL – Columbus Day
October 10,2023 – Prosper Guiding Good Choices Middle School
October 10,2023 – PPL Presentation 9th Grade
October 10,2023 – RDW Fire Prevention
October 10,2023 – RDW Grade 1 Math Committee
October 11,2023 – Together For Health Resource Day 10th Grade
October 11,2023 – EverGreen PTA Meeting 6:00 PM
October 12,2023 – EverGreen Bus Safety
October 12,2023 – PSAT Testing
October 12,2023 – RDW Fire Prevention
October 12,2023 – RDW PTA Meeting 6:30 PM
October 13,2023 – EverGreen Fire Safety
October 14, 2023 – Marching Band Craft Fair Middle School
October 17, 2023 – Prosper Guiding Good Choices Middle School
October 19, 2023 – Child Study Middle School
October 19,2023 – ASVAB Testing
October 19,2023 – RDW Space Show PreK, K-2 9:30 AM and PreK, 3-5 10:00 AM
October 19,2023 – RDW Grade 4 UGI Presentation 1:30 PM
October 20, 2023 – Student Council Dance Middle School
October 23-24,2023 – Cap and Gown Picture Make-up Days
October 25,2023 – High School Picture Make-up Day
October 26, 2023 – Picture Re-take Day Middle School
October 28,2023 – EverGreen PTA Trunk or Treat – 3:00 PM to 9:00 PM
October 29-31,2023 – FBLA State Leadership Workshop (Kalahari Resort)
October 31, 2023 – Prosper Guiding Good Choices Middle School
October 31,2023 – Act 80 Day Noon Dismissal
November 16,2023-EverGreen PTA Book Fair Family Night 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM

Correspondence

None.

Superintendent's Report

Assistant Superintendent's Report

Principal's Reports

Federal Program Report

No report.

Other Business

Mr. Hoch welcomed Mr. Mackle and thanked Mrs. Liptak for helping out with transportation the last several months.

Future Meetings:

Wednesday, November 01, 2023 - 6:00 P.M. Board Work Session with the Public Board Meeting to follow, Administration Building, 1970C Easton Turnpike, Lake Ariel, PA 18436.

Informational:

The Fuel Oil Bid was accepted from Petroleum Traders Corporation at a fluctuating price of + \$0.0174 per gallon above the unit price-per-gallon posted by the reseller price at the supplier's refinery terminal for the 2023-2024 school year + \$0.0616 per gallon delivery charge.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Mr. Hoch to adjourn the regularly scheduled meeting of the Western Wayne Board of Education at 6:33 P.M.

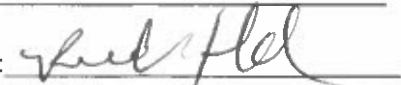
The motion carried with all affirmatives.

Respectfully Submitted,



Rose E. Emmett
Board Secretary

ATTEST: _____

APPROVED:  _____