

Board Minutes November 1, 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 November 1, 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 October 3, 2023, edition of the Tri-County Independent.

President Rick Hoch called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

Mr. Hoch offered the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Board President – Rick Hoch

Board Vice President – Joseph Gombita

Board Treasurer - Dana DeSiato

Board Member – James Collins

Board Member – Gary Enslin

Board Member – William Gershey

Board Member – Jeffrey Gogolski

Board Member – Michael Ochlan

Board Member – Ethan Wood

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, Robert D. Wilson Principal Maria Miller, Principal of STEAM Elizabeth Watson, 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, Technology Director Brian Seaman, and Athletic Director Tyler Jakes.

EverGreen Principal Justin Pidgeon, Food Service Director Maria Liptak, and Assistant High School Principal Robert Black were excused.

5. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Mr. Gershey and seconded by Mr. Wood to accept the minutes generated from the work session of October 4, 2023, and Regular Board Meeting of October 4, 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, the Food Service Account and the Student Activity Account for July, August and September 2023.

The motion carried with all affirmatives.

7. Approval of Bills

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

The motion carried with all affirmatives.

8. Accounting of Taxes

9. Student Recognition

Mr. Gregorski spoke about the Student Ambassador Program at the High School and introduced two of the students involved in the program, Brooke Kellogg and Jared Goldman. Mr. Jakes also recognized several student athletes: Jared Goldman for football; Brooke Kellogg for soccer and Jaime Chapman for soccer and golf.

10. Recognition of Public

Jeff Trussell addressed the Board about his son, Nikita, who was assaulted in the HS cafeteria. The incident was reported to Administration and Nikita was also punished for the altercation. He asked the Administration to consider removing the punishment from Nikita’s record. Dr. Barrett said he would follow up with the HS Administration regarding the incident.

11. Enrollment: Day # 40 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR

GRADE	EG	RDW	MS	HS	TOTAL
EARLY INT.	13	8			
PRE-K	67	45			
KDG	68	40			
GR. 1	77	49			
GR. 2	84	50			
GR. 3	69	58			
GR. 4	94	42			
GR. 5	84	39			
GR. 6			118		
GR. 7			134		
GR. 8			135		
GR. 9				141	
GR. 10				141	
GR. 11				139	

GR. 12				130	
TOTAL	556	331	387	551	1,825

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

Totals: EverGreen-__556__ ; RDW-__331__ ; MS-__387__ ; HS-__551__ Total __1,825__

Last Month's Total 1,830

A motion was made by Mr. Wood and seconded by Mr. Hoch to approve a consent block motion for items 12 through 27k withholding item 19.

The motion carried with all affirmatives.

12. Policies – Review and Renew

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

Section: 100 Programs

Section: 113.2 Behavior Support

Section: 113.3 Screening and Evaluations for Students with Disabilities

Section: 113.5 Surrogate Parents

- b. The Board of Education approved the revisions to the following policies:

Section 100 Programs

Section 103 Discrimination/Title IX Sexual Harassment Affecting Students

Section 103.1 Nondiscrimination-Qualified Students with Disabilities

Section 104 Discrimination/Title IX Sexual Harassment Affecting Staff

Section 113.1 Discipline of Students with Disabilities

Section 123 Interscholastic Athletics

Section 137 Home Education Programs

Section 137.1 Extracurricular Participation by Home Education Students

Section 200 Pupils

Section 202 Eligibility of Nonresident Students

Section 203 Immunizations and Communicable Diseases

Section 217 Graduation

Section 221 Dress and Grooming

Section 233 Suspension and Expulsion

Section 234 Pregnant/Parenting Married Students

Section 248 Sexual Harassment-Students

Section 249 Bullying/Cyberbullying

Section 348 Unlawful Harassment

Section 700 Property

Section 705 Facilities and Workplace Safety

Section 709 Building Safety

Section 800 Operations

Section 810 Transportation

- c. The Board of Education approved a new policy (First Reading) entitled:

Section 100 Programs

Section 113.4 Confidentiality of Special Education Student Information

13. Overnight Field Trips

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

- a. Kalahari Resort-FBLA October 29, 2023 to October 30, 2023 Chaperones: Douglas Posten and Fran Vitovsky.

14. Building Use Approval

The Board of Education approved the building use requests:

- a. WWBPA-October 17, 2023, High School
b. WWBPA-October 27, 2023, High School
c. Wildcat Youth Basketball League-Mondays and Fridays November 6, 2023 to February 2, 2024, EverGreen Elementary
d. Powder Puff Flag Football-October 28, 2023, High School
e. EverGreen Elementary PTA Winter Wonderland and Santa's Workshop-December 15, 2023.

15. Agreement – Keystone Deaf & Hard of Hearing Services

The Board of Education approved an agreement between Western Wayne School District and Keystone Deaf & Hard of Hearing Services for Interpreting Services for one year at the rates as listed in the agreement.

16. Agreement – Scranton School District

The Board of Education approved an agreement between Western Wayne School District and Scranton School District for admission to its Lincoln-Jackson Academy for the 2023-2024 school year at a daily rate of \$278.00.

17. Agreement – Scranton School District

The Board of Education approved an agreement between Western Wayne School District and Scranton School District for admission to its Monticello School for the 2023-2024 school year at a daily rate of \$278.00.

18. Agreement – Wayne Memorial Health Center

The Board of Education approved an agreement between Western Wayne School District and Wayne Memorial Health Center for school based dental hygiene program from October 1, 2023 to September 30, 2026.

20. Agreement-Amanda Monelli, Certified School Psychologist

The Board of Education approved a service agreement for the 2023-2024 school year with Amanda Monelli, Certified School Psychologist for psychological assessment and writing of evaluation reports at a rate of \$75.00 per hour.

21. Agreement-NEIU 19

The Board of Education approved an agreement for the 2023-2024 school year with NEIU 19 for partial hospitalization therapeutic services for 6 hours per day at a rate of \$248.19 per day.

22. Agreement-The Gregory Center

The Board of Education approved Service Agreement for the 2023-2024 school year with The Gregory Center for Applied Behavior Analysis at a rate of \$100.00 per hour for contracted classroom services.

23. Memorandum of Understanding

The Board of Education approved a Memorandum of Understanding between the Western Wayne School District and the Western Wayne Education Association concerning the transfer of Summer Klikus-Machiesky from teacher to Guidance Counselor for remainder of the 2023-2024 school year.

24. Settlement

The Board of Education approved a Settlement Agreement between Western Wayne School District and S#03-23-24.

25. Settlement

The Board of Education approved a Settlement Agreement between Western Wayne School District and the Western Wayne Education Association concerning matter PERA-C-23-100-E.

26. Transportation Contracts - New

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

- a. Bill Henwood-Van #93—to the Lighthouse Academy effective October 23, 2023.

27. Personnel

a. 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 and contingent upon receipt of employment paperwork:

- 1. Tara Jordan-Food Service
- 2. Tanya Histed-Food Service

b. Retirement

The Board of Education accepted the following retirement:

- 1. Denise Kromko-Secretary Robert D. Wilson effective January 5, 2024.

c. Resignation

The Board of Education accepted the following resignation:

- 1. Tanya Histed-Part-Time Food Service effective October 5, 2023.

d. Appointment-School Police Officer

The Board of Education designated the following Individual to act as school police officer for the District: (1) Brian Conte of Waymart, 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.

e. Appointment-Food Service

The Board of Education approved the appointment of the following as a part time Food Service Worker – 5 hours/day with no fringe benefits at \$13.25 per hour contingent upon receipt of employment Paperwork effective immediately:

- 1. Catherine Kenney

f. Amendment of Salaries – SAP Team Members

The Board of Education amended the approved salaries for the SAP Team members based on their years of experience for the 2023-2024 school year at the salary listed in the Professional Employees Contract and also approve salary reimbursements for previous years of service:

	YRS.	CURRENT SALARY	RETROACTIVE PAY
1. Chris Carey	3		\$ 27.74
2. Colleen Carmody	4	\$1,456.56	\$ 27.74
3. Renee Chernin	8	\$1,470.84	\$108.20
4. Tara Donlevy	5	\$1,456.56	\$ 54.68
5. Kasey Gribble	5		\$ 53.12
6. Denise Johnson	8	\$1,470.84	\$108.20
7. Shelly Jonas	5	\$1,456.56	\$ 40.81
8. Maria Masankay	7		\$108.20
9. Jillian Mishko	1	\$1,428.00	
10. Carrie Wittenbrader	2.5	\$1,456.56	
11. Jessica Fullwood	2	\$1,428.00	
12. Lisa Jacques	8	\$1,470.84	\$108.20

13. Lori Krol	8	\$1,470.84	\$108.20
14. Josh Rowe	8	\$1,470.84	\$108.20
15. Vince Tomassoni	6		\$ 66.59
16. Joseph Totsky	8	\$1,470.84	\$108.20

g. Appointment-Long-Term Substitutes Elementary

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

1. Christina Spiccioli–Temporary Professional Employee–Long Term Substitute for Elementary–Step 1M- \$64,753.00 pro-rated with applicable fringe benefits.
2. Rachel Winkler-Temporary Professional Employee-Long Term Substitute for Elementary-Step 1B- \$60,203.00 pro-rated with applicable fringe benefits.

h. Amendment to Sabbatical Request

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

1. PS#03-23-24-Professional Development-First Semester of 2024-2025 school year in lieu of the Second Semester of 2023-2024 school year.

i. Appointments - Winter Coaches

The Board of Education appointed 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 and required employment paperwork:

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| 1. Kolyn Schane-Junior High Boys Basketball 3rd yr. | \$4,763.40 |
| 2. George Lee-Junior High Wrestling 1st yr. | \$4,097.00 |
| 3. John Gaudenzi-Jr. High Boys Basketball 1st yr. | \$4,670.00 |

j. Appointment-Special Olympics

The Board of Education approved participation in the Special Olympics PA Interscholastic Unified Indoor Bocce program. Sienna Cardamone will be the 2023-2024 Co-Ed Inclusive Unified Indoor Bocce Advisor at a rate of \$1,000.00 for Western Wayne. Special Olympics PA will provide funding and resources for this program.

k. Appointment – Volunteers

The Board of Education approved the following Volunteers for the 2022-2023 school year contingent upon receipt of clearances. Attendance by request of the Building Principal:

1. Brandyn Black-Drama
2. Kaitlyn Black-Drama
3. Christine Schmitt-Drama

4. Jennifer Lane-Drama
5. Fran DeNunzio-Drama
6. Tara Jordan-Drama
7. Shannon Walton-Drama
8. Gina Knect-Drama
9. Amanda Wilbur-Drama
10. Brian Petroziello-Drama
11. Lynn Scramuzza-Drama
12. Stephanie French-Drama
13. Melinda Maros-Drama
14. Stephanie Burd-Drama
15. Dante Terenzio-Varsity Wrestling
16. Jessica Maccollum-Band and Color Guard

19. Agreement-Guide Light

A motion was made by Mr. Wood and seconded by Mr. Gershey approve a service agreement with Guide Light for counseling and support services at a rate of \$475.00 per day on a month to month basis.

The motion carried with all affirmatives.

28. Informational Items

- a. American Education Week – November 13, 2023-November 17, 2023
- b. Parent/Teacher Conferences are scheduled for Tuesday, November 21, 2023 in all District Buildings. Conferences are scheduled for the Afternoon of the 21st beginning at 1:00 PM and ending at 8:00 PM. District Administrators and teachers strongly urge all parents to participate in these conferences. This will be a noon Early Dismissal Day for students for the Thanksgiving Holiday.
- c. Dates to Remember:
 1. November 1, 2023- End of first quarter
 2. November 1, 2023- Middle School PBIS Kids Night Out 3:00 PM-5:15 PM
 3. November 7, 2023- EverGreen Picture retakes
 4. November 7, 2023- Robert D. Wilson Picture retakes
 5. November 8, 2023– Report card distribution
 6. November 9, 2023– EverGreen Bullying Prevention Assembly
 7. November 10, 2023–Early Dismissal Noon – Act 80 Day
 8. November 13-17, 2023-EverGreen Book Fair
 9. November 14, 2023-Robert D. Wilson PTA Meeting 6:30 PM (Cafeteria)
 10. November 16, 2023-EverGreen Book Fair Family Night
 11. November 21, 2023-Early Dismissal Noon - Parent/Teacher Conferences –1:00 PM to 8:00 PM
 12. November 21, 2023–Robert D. Wilson Advisory Council
 13. November 22-27, 2023–NO SCHOOL/Thanksgiving Break
 14. November 28, 2023- School resumes from Thanksgiving Break

Correspondence

None.

Superintendent's Report

Assistant Superintendent's Report

Principal's Reports

Federal Program Report

No report.

Other Business

The Board of Education met in executive session for personnel and legal prior to the work session at 5:30 pm and again after the meeting at approximately 7:24 pm.

Future Meetings:

Wednesday, December 6, 2023 – 6:00 PM - Board Work Session, Administration Building, 1970C Easton Turnpike, Lake Ariel, PA 18436

Wednesday, December 6, 2023 - 6:00 P.M. The Western Wayne Board of Education Reorganization and Regular Monthly Meeting, Administration Building, 1970C Easton Turnpike, Lake Ariel, PA 18436

Informational:

Western Wayne School District has entered into an agreement with Eastern School of Nursing for nursing students to shadow nurses in our district.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Mr. Hoch to adjourn the regularly scheduled meeting of the Western Wayne Board of Education at 7:23 P.M.

The motion carried with all affirmatives.

Respectfully Submitted,



Rose E. Emmett
Board Secretary

ATTEST



APPROVED: _____