

Board Work Session Minutes January 10, 2024

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

The work session of the Western Wayne Board of Education was held on January 10, 2024, at 6:00 pm at the Western Wayne Administration Building located at 1970C Easton Turnpike, Lake Ariel, PA 18436 in preparation for the January 10, 2024, Board Meeting to be held immediately following the work session.

The meeting was advertised in the legal section of the December 14, 2023, edition of the Tri-County Independent.

Board members present are as follows:

Board President – William Gershey
Board Vice President – Joseph Gombita
Board Treasurer – Dana DeSiato
Board Member – Angela Booths
Board Member – James Collins
Board Member – Christina Hinz
Board Member – Michael Ochlan
Board Member – Kerin Weinberger
Board Member- Ethan Wood

Solicitor Brendan Ellis was present.

Administrators Present: Superintendent Dr. Matthew Barrett, 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 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 Director Maria Liptak, Technology Director Brian Seaman, Assistant High School Principal Robert Black and Athletic Director Tyler Jakes.

Principal of STEAM Elizabeth Watson and Assistant Middle School Principal Matthew Barr were excused.

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

Dr. Barrett announced that we will have a new format, our student and staff recognition will be held during the work session instead of during the board meeting.

Athletic Director Tyler Jakes recognized and congratulated Mia Gifford, one of our female wrestlers who was chosen as the Times/Tribune Athlete of the Week recently for her accomplishments on the mat – 15 wins and 0 losses.

High School Art Teacher, Justin Hayden, recognized Carly Schott, our Art Honor Society Treasurer, whose artwork was recently chosen for the cover of the December 2023 Happenings Magazine.

January is School Board Recognition Month and Taylor Maiocco, Student Council President, thanked the Board of Education members for their service to the school and community. She also gave each member a small token of appreciation.

Mr. Gershey congratulated the students and thanked them for their hard work. He also thanked Mr. Hayden for his work with the students.

Dr. Barrett reviewed the agenda for the Board Meeting.

Dr. LaRosa reviewed the need to rescind certain policies and let the board know where to locate the current language that covers what had previously been included in the soon to be rescinded policies.

The work session concluded at 6:32 PM. At this time the Board of Education started the Regular Board Meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,



Rose E. Emmett
Board Secretary

ATTEST:

