

Board Minutes February 7, 2024

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 February 7, 2024, 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 January 11, 2024, edition of the Tri-County Independent.

President William Gershey called the meeting to order at 6:53 P.M.

Mr. Ochlan offered a prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Miss Emmett took roll call. (9) Board Members were present and are listed 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, 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., Food Service Director Maria Liptak, Technology Director Brian Seaman, and Assistant High School Principal Robert Black and Athletic Director Tyler Jakes.

Assistant Elementary Principal Kerrie Fitzsimmons and Early Intervention Supervisor Elizabeth Gregory were excused.

5. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Mr. Ochlan and seconded by Mr. Gombita to accept the minutes generated from the Board Work Session and the Regular Board Meeting – January 10, 2024.

The motion carried with all affirmatives.

6. Treasurer's Reports

A motion was made by Mrs. DeSiato and seconded by Mr. Wood to accept the Treasurer's Reports generated from the General Account and the Food Service Account.

The motion carried with all affirmatives.

7. Approval of Bills

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

The motion carried with all affirmatives.

8. Accounting of Taxes

9. Recognition of Public

Frank DeNunzio spoke about his concerns with High School scheduling, wanted to know if the finance/career items are state mandated as they are giving his daughter trouble with the rest of her schedule.

Emma DeNunzio spoke about the current dress code and wanted to know if there can be some discussions about possible adjustments. Mr. Gregorski said he would be open to some discussions.

10. Enrollment Report:

ENROLLMENT - DAY #_95_ 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR

GRADE	EG	RDW	MS	HS	TOTAL
EARLY INT.	15	8			
PRE-K	66	44			
KDG	69	41			
GR. 1	78	50			
GR. 2	82	49			
GR. 3	68	57			
GR. 4	96	42			
GR. 5	83	39			
GR. 6			121		
GR. 7			131		
GR. 8			137		
GR. 9				145	
GR. 10				150	
GR. 11				143	
GR. 12				132	
TOTAL	559	330	389	570	1848

Totals: EverGreen 559 ; RDW-__330__ ; MS-__389__ ; HS-__570__ TOTAL: __1,848__

Last month's Total: 1,842

A motion was made by Mr. Wood and seconded by Mr. Gombita to approve a consent block motion for items 11 through 20 excluding item 20 (i) 4 Kevin Roginski and add "With Regret" to item 20 (a) regarding Maria Miller's Retirement motion.

The motion carried with all affirmatives.

11. Policies

The Board of Education approved the revisions to the following policies:

- Section 100 Programs
- 123.2 Sudden Cardiac Arrest

- Section 200 Pupils
- 218 Student Discipline
- 227 Controlled Substances/Paraphernalia
- 237 Electronic Devices
- 247 Hazing

The Board of Education reviewed the following policies:

- Section 100 Programs
- 123.1 Concussion Management

- Section 200 Pupils
- 235 Student Rights and Responsibilities
- 235.1 Surveys
- 250 Student Recruitment

12. Health and Safety Plan Review

The Board of Education approved the review of the Western Wayne School District Health and Safety Plan.

13. Audit

The Board of Education accepted the Audit Report of the Western Wayne School District for the year ended June 30, 2023, as prepared by Brian T. Kelly, CPA

14. Fund Balance Designation

The Board of Education approved the recommendation of the Business Manager to designate a portion of our ending 2022-2023 Fund Balance to manage future budgets as per Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement Number 54 (GASB 54). Committed: \$840,391; Assigned: \$7,303,089 and Unassigned: \$2,545,968

15. NEIU #19 Budget

The Board of Education approved the NEIU #19 Budget for the 2024-2025 school year with the estimated share from Western Wayne School District at \$48,216.48.

16. Settlement

The Board of Education approved a Settlement Agreement between the Western Wayne School District and S#06-23-24.

17. Transportation Agreement

The Board of Education allowed for payment to Transportation Contractors a stipend for the Flexible Instruction Days (FID) used during the 2024-2025 school year. The stipend would consist of their daily rate less a deduction for fuel costs of 15%. This will be a non-reimbursable expense and is not included in their current contracts.

18. 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:

1. Contractor, Yatsonsky Busing-Driver, Robert Oconnor
2. Contractor, Henwood-Driver, Carole Homeyer

19. Overnight Field Trips

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

1. PMEA District 9 Chorus Festival-March 6, 2024-March 8, 2024-Valley View High School, Chaperone: Taber Starnes.

20. Personnel

a. Retirement

The Board of Education accepted the following retirement, with regret:

1. Maria Miller, Principal, Robert D. Wilson effective June 27, 2024.

b. Resignation

The Board of Education approved the following resignation:

1. Jennifer Kiesendahl– Long-Term Substitute Social Worker Part-Time effective immediately.

c. Amendment as to Start Date for Speech Language Pathologist

The Board of Education approved the amendment for the start date of Christine Rossi to March 18, 2024, to allow for training.

d. Appointment Long-Term Substitute

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

1. Denise Williams-Head Cook at Robert D. Wilson Elementary School with applicable salary increase per the contract effective immediately for the remainder of the 2023-2024 school year.
2. Kristy Rusin-Head Cook at Western Wayne Middle School with applicable fringe benefits and salary increase per the contract effective January 22, 2024 and for the remainder of the 2023-2024 school year.

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. Donna Visceglia
2. Amber Harrison

f. 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, Contingent upon receipt of clearances:

1. Lisa Luckenbach-Guest Teacher
2. Michael Pajalich-Custodian

g. Sabbatical Request

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

1. PS#05-23-24-Professional Development-Second Semester of 2023-2024 school year for Restoration of Health.

h. Appointment Coaches

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

1. Eric Olsommer-Assistant Junior High (7,8,9) Softball Coach 3rd yr. \$4,178.94

2. Justin Collins-Head Coach Outdoor Track & Field 20th yr.	\$7,788.35
3. Corey Foote-Assistant Coach Outdoor Track & Field 11th yr.	\$3,978.54
4. Robert Amos-Assistant Coach Outdoor Track & Field 10th yr.	\$3,978.54
5. Mark Bell-Assistant Coach Outdoor Track & Field 6th yr.	\$3,959.32
6. Brent McClelland-Assistant Coach Outdoor Track & Field 1st yr.	\$3,844.00
7. Caitlin Henneforth-Assistant Coach Outdoor Track & Field 1st yr.	\$3,844.00
8. Heather Ortman-Varsity Softball Assistant Coach 1st yr.	\$4,097.00
9. Zane Janiszewski-Junior High Baseball Coach 2nd yr.	\$4,097.00
10. Marty O’Hora-Boys Tennis Coach 3rd yr.	\$4,121.82
11. Darren Thorpe-Boys Volleyball Head Coach 19th yr.	\$4,935.54
12. Shannon Boandl-Boys Volleyball Assistant Coach 7th yr.	\$2,981.85

i. Appointment Fall Coaches

The Board of Education approved the following to the listed coaching position for the 2024-2025 school year at the salary listed in the Professional Employees Contract contingent upon receipt of clearances:

1. Shane Grodack-Football Head Coach 16th yr.	\$10,345.50
2. Tim Hess-Assistant Football Coach 21st yr.	\$ 5,647.70
3. David Shimkosky-Assistant Football Coach 8th yr.	\$ 5,462.09
4. Kevin Roginski-Assistant Football Coach 4th yr.	\$ 5,409.06 (removed)
5. John Boandl-Assistant Football Coach 8th yr.	\$ 5,462.09

j. Volunteers

The Board of Education approved the following to the list of volunteers for the 2023-2024 school year contingent upon receipt of necessary clearances and upon request of the Building Principal:

1. Billy Schumacher-Volunteer Outdoor Track and Field*
2. Mike Goldstock-Volunteer Outdoor Track and Field*
3. Kayla Evans-Volunteer Outdoor Track and Field*
4. Trina Collins-Volunteer Outdoor Track
5. Annette Fox-Middle School Band
6. Maria Swenson-Middle School Band*
7. Rosie Morales-Middle School Band*
8. Leah Zawisky-Middle School Band*
9. Theresa Lubash-FBLA
10. Clayton LaCoe, Jr.-Middle School

*pending receipt of all clearances

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the following to the list of volunteers for the 2024-2025 school year contingent upon receipt of necessary clearances and upon request of the Building Principal:

1. Brandyn Black-Football
2. Ken Janiszewski-Football
3. David Elias-Football
4. Alex Kuha-Football

5. Todd Pope-Football

21. Informational Items:

- a. Student Recognition (during Work Session)
- b. Staff Recognition (during Work Session)
- c. Dates to Remember:
 1. February 1-9, 2024, Middle School Smencil Sale
 2. February 5, 2024-Robert D. Wilson Roller Skating Grades Pre-K, K, 1st and 2nd after school until 4:30 p.m.
 3. February 5-9, 2024, Middle School National School Counselor's Week
 4. February 6, 2024-High School KHS Festival All Day
 5. February 6, 2024-Middle School KHS American Academic Alliance Platinum Ensemble Showcase Exhibition Concert, 4:00 PM.-Veterans Memorial Auditorium
 6. February 6, 2024-Middle School PROSPER: Guiding Good Choices 6:00 PM-8:00 PM via Zoom
 7. February 7, 2024-Robert D. Wilson Roller Skating Grades 3rd, 4th and 5th after school until 4:30 p.m.
 8. February 7, 2024-High School 339 Stakeholders Meeting 8:00 AM-11:00 AM in the High School Library
 9. February 8-10, 2024- High school PMEA District Orchestra
 10. February 8, 2024-EverGreen Tooth Fairy Presentation-PreK and 2nd grade
 11. February 9, 2024- Middle School Student Counsel Dance, 6:00 PM-8:00 PM in the Middle School Cafeteria
 12. February 13th & 20th 2024-EverGreen Dental Health Awareness-1st and 3rd Grades
 13. February 15, 2024-Robert D. Wilson PTA Meeting at 6:30 PM
 14. February 15, 2024-EverGreen PTA Meeting at 6:00 PM
 15. February 16, 2024-Noon Dismissal, Teacher In-Service
 16. February 19, 2024-No School, President's Day
 17. February 22, 2024-Robert D. Wilson Dental Health Grades 1 and 3
 18. February 22-24, 2024-High School PMEA Region Band
 19. February 29, 2024-Middle School Music & Arts Festival All Day
 20. February 29, 2024-Robert D. Wilson Dr. Seuss Read Across America 5:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

Correspondence

None.

Superintendent's Report

Assistant Superintendent's Report

Principal's Reports

Federal Program Report

No report.

Other Business

None.

Future Meetings:

Wednesday, March 6, 2024– 6:00 PM – Board Work Session followed by the Public Board Meeting, Administration Building, 1970C Easton Turnpike, Lake Ariel, PA 18436. In case of inclement weather, the meeting will be held on March 7, 2024, or the next school day.

An executive session for legal and personnel matters was held prior to the work session from 5:30 PM until 6:05 PM.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Mr. Collins and seconded by Mr. Gershey to adjourn the regularly scheduled meeting of the Western Wayne Board of Education at 7:09 P.M.

The motion carried with all affirmatives.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rose E. Emmett
Board Secretary

ATTEST: 