

# Board Work Session Minutes March 6, 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 March 6, 2024, at 6:00 pm at the Western Wayne Administration Building located at 1970C Easton Turnpike, Lake Ariel, PA 18436 in preparation for the March 6, 2024, Board Meeting to be held immediately following the work session.

The meeting was advertised in the legal section of the March 9, 2024, 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 – Christina Hinz  
Board Member – Michael Ochlan  
Board Member – Kerin Weinberger  
Board Member- Ethan Wood

Board Member James Collins was excused.

Solicitor Brendan Ellis was present.

Administrators Present: Superintendent Dr. Matthew Barrett, High School Principal Paul Gregorski, Middle School Principal Jennifer Bradley, EverGreen Principal Justin Pidgeon, Principal of STEAM Elizabeth Watson, Assistant Middle School Principal Matthew Barr, Assistant Elementary Principal Kerrie Fitzsimmons, Director of Special Education Jennifer DeNike, Ed.D., Early Intervention Supervisor Elizabeth Gregory, Technology Director Brian Seaman, and Athletic Director Tyler Jakes.

Dr. Cindy LaRosa, Assistant Superintendent,, Business Manager/Board Secretary Rose Emmett, Robert D. Wilson Principal Maria Miller, Supervisor of Pupil Personnel Katie Shemanski, Psy.D., Food Service Director Maria Liptak, and Assistant High School Principal Robert Black were excused.

Student Recognition:

Mr. Gregorski announced the principal's list for the second marking period:

9 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Abigail Bell and Madelyn McClure
10 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Olivia Gries and Judah Strocchia
11 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Madison Stiffler and Cassidy Zeiler
12 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Adrian Agnello and Jacob Schott

Mr. Jakes recognized Adrian Agnello for swimming and the Boys and Girls Wrestling Teams this year, specifically Lexi DeSiato, Sara Shook and Tyler Barletta for making it to the state level of competition.

Mr. Gershey stated he was proud of all the students recognized this evening and thanked them for coming.

Staff Recognition:

Maintenance Supervisor, Ron Franks, recognized staff members Brian Merring, John VanLeuven and Rich Kotchessa for their assistance with a gentleman who had a medical emergency while doing some contract work for the district. Their quick actions saved his life.

Public Recognition:

Rebecca Hayden, Vice President of the Band Parents Association – representing the band students and scheduling conflicts and Lilly Maros, High School Student gave her perspective on scheduling.

Dr. Barrett reviewed the agenda for the Board Meeting.

The work session concluded at 6:53 PM. At this time the Board of Education started the Regular Board Meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,



Rose E. Emmett  
Board Secretary

ATTEST: William Gershey