

Board Work Session Minutes May 1, 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 May 1, 2024, at 6:00 pm at the Western Wayne Administration Building located at 1970C Easton Turnpike, Lake Ariel, PA 18436 in preparation for the May 1, 2024, Board Meeting to be held immediately following the work session.

The meeting was advertised in the legal section of the April 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 – James Collins
Board Member – Christina Hinz
Board Member – Michael Ochlan
Board Member – Kerin Weinberger
Board Member – Ethan Wood

Solicitors Brendan and Jessica Ellis were present.

Administrators Present: Superintendent Dr. Matthew Barrett, Assistant Superintendent Dr. Cindy LaRosa, Business Manager/Board Secretary Rose Emmett, Matthew Barr, Assistant MS Principal, Robert Black, Assistant HS Principal, Jennifer Bradley, Middle School Principal, Jennifer DeNike, Ed.D., Dir. of Special Education, Kerrie Fitzsimmons, EverGreen Assistant Principal, Elizabeth Gregory, Early Intervention Supervisor, Paul Gregorski, High School Principal, Tyler Jakes, Athletic Director, Maria Liptak, Food Service Director, Maria Miller, Robert D. Wilson Principal, Justin Pidgeon, EverGreen Principal, Brian Seaman, Technology Director, Katie Shemanski, Psy.D., Supervisor of Pupil Personnel and Elizabeth Watson, STEAM Principal

Student Recognition:

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

9 th Grade	Isabella Kolp and Makenzie Chearney
10 th Grade	Aiden Matthews and Paul Borowski
11 th Grade	Daymon McGuire and Colette Schmitt
12 th Grade	Jacob Schott and Alison Swingle

Mr. Gregorski also recognized the High School Robotics Team for their successful year of competition, most recently at the world competition in Houston, Texas. Members of the team who were present at

the meeting are: Jacob Schott, Jake Obloshny, and Logan Pauler along with Advisor Brian Landry. Jacob Dietrich and Sean Owen were not able to attend the work session.

Dr. Barrett also recognized two athletes who were honored at the Lackawanna League Academic/Athletic Scholarship Ceremony this morning – Adrian Agnello and Emily Romanowski.

Public Recognition:

Susan Booths, her daughter is a senior this year. She asked why graduation is being held on a Thursday and not Friday and why they were not notified until recently. Mr. Gregorski and Dr. Barrett explained that they give the students the choice and it was overwhelmingly in favor of graduating on Thursday, the last day of school. Historically we have been graduating on the last day of school, which in many years does work out to be a Friday.

Josh Harrison asked about our Bullying Policy and violence in school, his son has been having issues recently and he wants to have it addressed. Dr. Barrett said they will set up a meeting with him to discuss.

Dr. Barrett reviewed the agenda for the Board Meeting.

There was some discussion on how FID days are decided, Dr. Barrett stated we usually go with traditional snow days first as in person learning is always best, then use FID days in moderation if needed so the school year does not stretch too far into June.

The work session concluded at 7:10 PM. At this time, the Board of Education started the Regular Board Meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,


Rose E. Emmett
Board Secretary

ATTEST:

