

# Board Work Session Minutes August 7, 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 August 7, 2024, at 6:00 P.M. at the Western Wayne Administration Building located at 1970C Easton Turnpike, Lake Ariel, PA 18436 in preparation for the August 7, 2024, Board Meeting to be held immediately following the work session.

The meeting was advertised in the legal section of the August 6, 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 – Kerin Weinberger  
Board Member – Ethan Wood

Board Member Michael Ochlan was excused.

Solicitor Brendan Ellis was excused.

Administrators Present: Superintendent Dr. Matthew Barrett, Business Manager/Board Secretary Rose Emmett, Robert Black, Assistant HS Principal, Jennifer DeNike, Ed.D., Dir. of Special Education, Elizabeth Gregory, Early Intervention Supervisor, Paul Gregorski, High School Principal, Tyler Jakes, Athletic Director, Maria Liptak, Food Service Director, Justin Pidgeon, EverGreen Principal, Brian Seaman, Technology Director, and Elizabeth Watson, Robert D. Wilson Principal.

Assistant Superintendent Dr. Cindy LaRosa, Matthew Barr, Assistant MS Principal, Kerrie Fitzsimmons, EverGreen Assistant Principal and Katie Shemanski, Psy.D. Supervisor of Pupil Personnel were excused.

Public Recognition:

Mr. Mackle, our Transportation Supervisor recognized retiring transportation contractors Dianne Jenkins and William Hemmler. He thanked them for their many years of dedication and service to the Western Wayne School District and community.

Deborah Wheeler, Hamlin Community Library Trustee, thanked the Board of Education and Administration for their willingness to work together with our students on programs and activities offered through the Library.

Dr. Barrett reviewed the agenda for the Board Meeting. Mr. Mackle, Transportation Coordinator, reviewed the transportation runs for the upcoming year.

Mrs. Hinz asked some questions in regards to the changes to the dress code which prompted a discussion amongst the Board and Administration.

The work session concluded at 6:43 PM At this time, the Board of Education started the Regular Board Meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rose E. Emmett  
Board Secretary

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_