

Board Minutes September 4, 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 September 4, 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 August 31, 2024, edition of the Tri-County Independent.

President William Gershey called the meeting to order at 6:36 p.m.

Mr. Ochlan offered a prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Miss Emmett took roll call. (8) Board Members were present and are listed as follows:

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

Board Treasurer – Dana DeSiato was excused.

Solicitor Brendan Ellis was present.

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

Robert Black, Assistant HS Principal, Tyler Jakes, Athletic Director, and Brian Seaman, Technology Director were excused.

5. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Mr. Gombita and seconded by Mr. Wood to accept the minutes generated from the Board Work Session – August 7, 2024 and Regular Board Meeting August 7, 2024.

The motion carried with all affirmatives.

6. Treasurer's Reports

A motion was made by Mr. Wood and seconded by Mr. Collins 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 Mr. Ochlan and seconded by Mr. Gombita to approve the payment of bills generated from the General Account, the Food Service Account and the Construction Account.

The motion carried with all affirmatives.

8. Student Recognition:

None

9. Recognition of Public

None

10. Enrollment Report:

ENROLLMENT - DAY #3

2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR

GRADE	EG	RDW	MS	HS	TOTAL
EARLY INT.	16	6			22
PRE-K	56	39			95
KDG	78	61			139
GR. 1	68	42			110
GR. 2	76	53			129
GR. 3	80	54			134
GR. 4	66	58			124
GR. 5	97	39			136
GR. 6			118		118
TOTAL	537	352	118		1007
GR. 7			126		126
GR. 8			137		137
GR. 9				145	145
GR. 10				152	152
GR. 11				146	146
GR. 12				157	157
TOTAL	537	352	381	600	1870

Totals: EverGreen– 537 ; RDW- 352; MS– 381; HS– 600; TOTAL: 1870

A motion was made by Mr. Wood and seconded by Mr. Ochlan to approve a consent block motion for items 11 through 30-l, withholding item 13; adding “as needed” to item 21 and adding \$500 per month to item 30-d.

The motion carried with all affirmatives.

11. Service Contract – United Heating & Air Conditioning, Inc.

The Board of Education approved the service contract between Western Wayne School District and United Heating & Air Conditioning, Inc., for annual service on the Robert D. Wilson School boiler for the cost of \$2,912.00 and two High School boilers for the cost of \$10,380.00.

12. 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 2024-2025 school year as follows contingent upon receipt of necessary paperwork:

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| a. Contractor: Caruth Busing | Driver: Sebrina Bugiada-Bus |
| b. Contractor: Caruth Busing | Driver: Santa Pruchnick-Bus |
| c. Contractor: Henwood Busing | Driver: Brian Eckert-Van |
| d. Contractor: Henwood Busing | Driver: Thomas Fairclough-Van |
| e. Contractor: Henwood Busing | Driver: Wieslaw Piorkowski-Van |
| f. Contractor: Roy Swingle | Driver: Kathy Faller-Van |
| g. Contractor: S & H Utegg, LLC. | Driver: Harry R. Utegg-Bus/Van |
| h. Contractor: S & H Utegg, LLC. | Driver: Harry S. Utegg-Van |
| i. Contractor: Scottie Swingle | Driver: Kevin Keleher-Van |
| j. Contractor: Scottie Swingle Jr. | Driver: Vincent Grella-Van |
| k. Contractor: Sara Wasman | Driver: Allyson Merring-Van |
| l. Contractor: Sara Wasman | Driver: Samantha Gougeon-Van |
| m. Contractor: Yatsonsky Busing | Driver: Sara Yatsonsky-Van |

14. PROSPER Participation

The Board of Education allowed Western Wayne School District to participate with Penn State Extension in PROSPER (Promoting School, Community, University Partnership to Enhance Resilience).

15. Service Agreement – Wayne County Drug & Alcohol Commission

The Board of Education approved an agreement between Western Wayne School District and Wayne County Drug & Alcohol Commission for Prevention Services on a program-funded basis for the sum of \$16,648.00 for Student Assistance Program Agreement and Prevention Services Agreement effective July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025, for Elementary, Middle and High School.

16. Agreement – C & S Athletics

The Board of Education approved an Agreement between Western Wayne School District and C&S Athletics for strength and conditioning services in the amount of \$35.00 per hour for 470 hours of training during the school year and 60 hours during the summer, effective August 1, 2024 to July 31, 2025.

17. Dual Enrollment Agreement

The Board of Education approved a dual enrollment agreement between Western Wayne School District and the following:

- a. Lackawanna College, effective July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025.

18. Agreement-The Electric City Academy, Scranton School District

The Board of Education approved an Agreement between Western Wayne School District and The Electric City Academy, Scranton School District to provide alternative education at the following rates: Autistic Support-\$67,500.00 annually or \$375.00 per day; Emotional Support-\$54,000.00 annually or \$300.00 per day; Multiple Disabilities Support-\$72,000.00 annually or \$400.00 per day; and Lincoln-Jackson Academy AEDY Program-45 day placement-\$14,625.00 or \$325.00 per day, starting August 29, 2024 and continuing for the 2024-2025 school year.

19. Agreement-New Story Schools

The Board of Education approved an Agreement between Western Wayne School District and New Story at daily tuition rates of \$296.00; \$350.00; \$404.00; or \$536.00 per day for the 2024-2025 school year depending on student needs.

20. Agreement-Northern Light Counseling & Integrative Wellness

The Board of Education approved an Agreement between Western Wayne School District and Northern Light Counseling & Integrative Wellness. All billable counseling services will incur no out-of-pocket cost to the District, as they will be covered by the student's insurance. A \$75.00 fee will apply for non-billable units, which may potentially be covered under the PCCD Mental Health Grants.

21. Agreement-Guide Light, Limited

The Board of Education approved an Agreement between Western Wayne School District and Guide Light, Limited for counseling and support services at a rate of \$475.00 per day, effective September 4, 2024 through June 30, 2025 as needed.

22. Service Agreement-Interpretek

The Board of Education approved an agreement between Western Wayne School District and Interpretek for interpreting services at the standard rate of \$75.00 per hour for onsite and video remote interpreting (VRI); \$80.00 per hour for evenings, weekends and holidays; +20% for emergency differential; \$115.00 per hour for legal interpreting effective September 1, 2024, to June 30, 2025.

23. Agreement-Wayne County Office of Behavioral Health

The Board of Education approved an agreement between Western Wayne School District and Wayne County Office of Behavioral and Developmental Programs and Early Intervention regarding the Student Assistant Program for the 2024-2025 school year.

24. Agreement-Edpuzzle

The Board of Education approved a user agreement between Western Wayne School District and Edpuzzle in the amount of \$5,320.00 for the 2024-2025 school year.

25. Contract-Carol Lienert, C.R.N.P

The Board of Education approved a contract between Western Wayne School District and Carol Lienert, C.R.N.P., to provide the required medical review of the IEP students who are eligible for the Medical Access Program, confirming that services are needed, and further, that they are being provided, at the rate of \$10.00 for each Access Medical Practitioner Authorization form effective July 1, 2024 for the 2024-2025 school year.

26. Policies

The Board of Education adopted the second and final reading of the following policies.

- 805.1 Relations with Law Enforcement Agencies
- 805.2 School Security Personnel

27. Building Use Approval

The Board of Education approved the following building use requests:

- a. Hamlin Lake Ariel Rotary Club-EverGreen Elementary gym for Safe Kids Fair, September 14, 2024, 9:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
- b. Western Wayne Drama Club-High School cafeteria and LGI for rehearsal and Murder Mystery Dinner, November 23, 2024, 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.
- c. Western Wayne Band Parents Association-High School band room for monthly band parent meetings, September 24; October 22; November 26, 2024; January 28; February 25; March 25; April 22; May 27; June 24; and July 22, 2025, with meetings starting at 7:00 p.m.
- d. Robert D. Wilson PTA-Robert D. Wilson kitchen (freezer and refrigerator), LGI, classroom, and gym for the Fall Community Carnival, October 19, 2024, 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.
- e. North Pocono Preschool, Inc.-EverGreen Elementary classroom, gym, and fenced playground for the after-school program, every school day for the 2024-2025 school year, 2:30 pm. To 5:00 p.m.
- f. Girls On The Run-EverGreen Elementary cafeteria, gym and rear field every Tuesday and Wednesday starting September 17, 2024 through November 20, 2024, 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
- g. Western Wayne Drama Club-High School Football Stadium, concessions, and parking lot for annual Car Show, September 7, 2024, 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. with a rain date of September 15, 2024.

- h. Western Wayne Drama Club-High School Cafeteria and LGI for Sweets with Santa, December 6, 2024, 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- i. Lake Ariel Adult Basketball-EverGreen Gym for Men’s Basketball, Tuesday and Thursday Starting mid-September through late May, 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- j. EverGreen Elementary PTA-EverGreen library for monthly PTA meetings, September 11; October 9; November 13, 2024; January 15; February 12; March 12; April 9, 2025. Executive meeting from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., General Meeting from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
- k. Troop 102 BSA-EverGreen Gym for weekly meetings, every Wednesday starting September 2024 through end of school year, 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

28. Memorandum of Understanding

The Board of Education approved the Memorandum of Understanding between Western Wayne School District and the Western Wayne Education Association:

- a. Virtual/On-line Program

29. Agreement-Edmentum-Elementary

The Board of Education approved two program licenses between Western Wayne School District and Edmentum in the amount of \$2,300.00 for the 2024-2025 school year.

30. Personnel

a. Resignations

The Board of Education approved the following Resignations/retirements:

- 1. Christine Chesney-Paraprofessional-effective August 8, 2024.
- 2. Jaime Falsone-Custodial-effective August 30, 2024.
- 3. Kathleen Petty–Middle School Teacher-Effective upon Administrative release.
- 4. Carrie Williams-Custodian of Student Accounts-effective upon appointment of replacement.
- 5. Colleen Carmody-FCS Department Chair and SAP team member.

b. Sabbatical Leave

The Board of Education approved the following for a Sabbatical Leave for restoration of health:

- 1. 24-25-03

c. Appointment – Middle School Teacher

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

1. Jacquelyn Barna - Temporary Professional Employee-Middle School ELA/SS- Step 1B - \$62,863.00 pro-rated with applicable fringe benefits, effective September 2024, contingent upon receipt of employment paperwork.

d. Appointment-Safety & Security Coordinator

The Board of Education appointed Justin Pidgeon as the School Safety and Security Coordinator in addition to his duties as EverGreen Elementary Principal, with a monthly stipend of \$500 for the 2024-2025 school year.

e. Appointment-Long Term Substitute

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

1. Megan Green - Temporary Professional Employee-Long-Term Substitute for Elementary- Step 1B - \$62,863.00 pro-rated with applicable fringe benefits, effective August 21, 2024 for the 2024-2025 school year.
2. Andrea McClelland - Temporary Professional Employee-Long-Term Substitute for High School Family Consumer Science- Step 1B - \$62,863.00 pro-rated with applicable fringe benefits, effective August 22, 2024 for the 2024- 2025 school year.
3. Kaitlyn McConnell - Temporary Professional Employee-Long-Term Substitute for Elementary- Step 1B - \$62,863.00 pro-rated with applicable fringe benefits, effective August 26, 2024 for the 2024-2025 school year.
4. Elizabeth Reifler - Temporary Professional Employee - Long-Term Substitute for Middle School- Step 1M - \$67,413.00 pro-rated effective September 2024 for the first semester of the 2024-2025 school year, contingent upon receipt of employment paperwork.

f. Appointment

The Board of Education appointed the following to the listed position at the salary listed:

1. Alene Olsommer – 12-month secretary with applicable fringe benefits at the salary of \$ 23.86 per hour contingent upon receipt of clearances and release of current employment.

g. Appointment- Part Time Food service

The Board of Education approved the appointment of the following as a part-time Food Service worker-4 hours per day (this position will be a float position) with no fringe benefits at \$14.00 per hour contingent upon receipt of employment paperwork, effective for the 2024-2025 school year.

1. Amanda Effenberger

h. Appointments-Coaching

The Board of Education appointed the following to the listed position for the 2024-2025 school year at the salary as listed in the Professional Employee contract.

1. Zach Rovinsky - Head Coach-Varsity Boys Basketball–Year 1 - \$9,478.00
2. Michael Judge - Head Coach-Girls Basketball–Year 6 - \$9,762.34
3. Steve Fahnestock - Assistant Coach-Girls Basketball-Year 3 - \$6,713.64
4. Amanda Vinton - Coach-Girls Jr. High (7,8,9) Basketball–Year 5 - \$4,904.16
5. Brian Hodorawis - Coach-Girls Jr. High (7,8,9) Basketball–Year 17 - \$5,024.36
6. Todd Pauler - Coach-Girls Jr. High (7,8,9) Basketball–Year 17 \$5,024.36
7. Joshua Harrison - Head Coach-Wrestling–Year 4 - \$9,402.36
8. Harry Harrison - Assistant Coach-Wrestling–Year 3 - \$5,308.08
9. Michael Koch - Coach-Wrestling Jr. High (7,8,9)-Year 4 - \$4,302.36

i. Appointment – Extracurricular

The Board of Education appointed the following to the listed position for the 2024-2025 school year at the salary as listed in the Professional Employees Contract:

1. CATS Club - Middle School- Melissa Williams – Year 4 - \$1,652.40
2. Family Consumer Science Department Chair – Stephanie Zoppi - Year 1 - \$2,160.00

j. Corrections

The Board of Education approved the following corrections:

1. Ann Marie Rainey – Musical Vocal Director – Year 3 to Year 6 -\$4,256.99
2. Courtney Smargiassi – Temporary Professional Employee-Special Education, from - Step 1M - to Step - 1M +24 - \$73,413.00.

k. Appointments – SAP Team

The Board of Education approved the following appointments as SAP Team members for the 2024-2025 school year at the rate listed in the Professional Employees Contract.

1. High School-Shelly Jonas – 6 Years - \$1,514.10
2. High School-Jillian Mishko – 2 Years - \$1,470.00

l. Volunteers

The Board of Education approved the following Volunteers for the 2024-2025 school year contingent upon receipt of Clearances. Attendance by request of the Building Principal:

1. Cynthia Bianchi - Band/Drama
2. Kaitlyn Black - Drama
3. Heather Capozzi - Drama
4. Frank DeNunzio - Drama
5. Rhonda Denunzio - Drama

6. Stephanie French - Drama
7. Tara Jordan - Drama
8. Cathy Kipp - Robert D Wilson
9. Gina Knecht - Drama
10. Jennifer Lane - Drama
11. Lauren Maxell - Drama
12. Lester (Bill) Maxwell - Drama
13. Brian Petroziello – Drama
14. Matthew Rosengrant - Robotics
15. Christine Schmitt - Drama
16. Lynn Scramuzza - Drama
17. Joshua Shelly - Robotics
18. John Sloterbeek - Drama
19. Holly Swingle - Drama
20. Jackie Vass - Drama
21. Shannon Walton – Drama

13. BOND ISSUE 2024 RESOLUTION

A motion was made by Mr. Wood and seconded by Mr. Gombita to approve the Resolution as presented by bond counsel authorizing the issuance of general obligation bonds to fund various capital projects of the School District as described therein.

The motion carried by a role call vote of eight affirmatives.

31. Informational Items:

- a. DIETETIC INTERN: Be Well Solutions: Michelle Goreski - November and December 2024 - Maria Liptak

Upcoming Dates:

- September 7, 2024 High School Car Show 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m., Stadium (Rain Date, September 15th)
- September 9, 2024 EverGreen Wayne County Drug & Alcohol Presentation, Grades 4-5
- September 11, 2024 Evergreen PTA Meeting – 6:00 p.m.
- September 11, 2024 Robert D. Wilson PTA Meeting – 6:30 p.m.
- September 12, 2024 Middle School/High School Open House – 5:00-7:00 p.m.
- September 16, 2024 High School Picture Day
- September 19, 2024 Middle School Picture Day (Retakes held on 10-23-24)
- September 24, 2024 Robert D. Wilson Picture Day
- September 25, 2024 EverGreen Elementary Picture Day
- September 27, 2024 Noon Dismissal – Act 80 Day Teacher in Service
- October 1, 2024 Financial Aid Night, 6:00 p.m., Auditorium
- October 9, 2024 High School, Together For Health Presentation
- October 11, 2024 Homecoming vs. Lakeland

Correspondence

None

Superintendent's Report

Assistant Superintendent's Report

Principal's Reports

Federal Program Report

Other Business

None

Meetings held

Wednesday, August 7, 2024 – Executive Session – 5:30 p.m., Administration Building, 1970C Easton Turnpike, Lake Ariel, PA 18436.

Wednesday, August 7, 2024 – Work Session and Board meeting – 6:00 p.m., Administration Building, 1970C Easton Turnpike, Lake Ariel, PA 18436.

Executive Session for personnel and legal prior to this September 4th meeting and after the meeting.

Future Meetings

Wednesday, October 2, 2024- 6:00 p.m. Board Work Session, Administration Building, 1970C Easton Turnpike, Lake Ariel, PA 18436

Wednesday, October 02, 2024 - 6:00 p.m. Public Board Meeting, Administration Building, 1970C Easton Turnpike, Lake Ariel, PA 18436

Adjournment

A motion was made by Mr. Gombita and seconded by Mr. Ochlan to adjourn the regularly scheduled meeting of the Western Wayne Board of Education at approximately 6:44 p.m.

The motion carried with all affirmatives.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rose E. Emmett
Board Secretary

ATTEST: _____