

Board Minutes October 2, 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 October 2, 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 September 28, 2024 edition of the Tri-County Independent.

President William Gershey called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

Mr. Gershey 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 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, Assistant Superintendent Dr. Cindy LaRosa, Business Manager/Board Secretary Rose Emmett, Matthew Barr, Assistant MS Principal, Robert Black, Assistant HS 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, Brian Seaman, Technology Director, Katie Shemanski, Psy.D. Supervisor of Pupil Personnel and Elizabeth Watson, Robert D. Wilson Principal.

Tyler Jakes, Athletic Director was excused.

5. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Mr. Wood and seconded by Mr. Gombita to accept the minutes generated from the Board Work Session – September 4, 2024 and Regular Board Meeting September 4, 2024.

The motion carried with all affirmatives.

6. Treasurer's Reports

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

The motion carried with all affirmatives.

8. Student Recognition:

None

9. Recognition of Public

None

10. Enrollment Report:

ENROLLMENT - DAY #_21_ 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR

GRADE	EG	RDW	MS	HS	TOTAL
EARLY INT.	14	6			20
PRE-K	56	39			95
KDG	80	62			142
GR. 1	68	43			111
GR. 2	75	54			129
GR. 3	79	52			131
GR. 4	66	58			124
GR. 5	98	39			137
GR. 6			117		117
GR. 7			123		123
GR. 8			134		134
GR. 9				143	143
GR. 10				148	148
GR. 11				145	145
GR. 12				154	154
TOTAL	536	353	374	590	1853

Totals: EverGreen- 536; RDW- 353; MS- 374; HS- 590; TOTAL: 1853

A motion was made by Mrs. DeSiato and seconded by Mr. Gombita to approve a consent block motion for items 11 through 23-m, withholding item 23-L.

The motion carried with all affirmatives.

11. District Organizational Chart

The Board of Education approved the District Organizational Chart for the 2024-2025 school year.

12. Transportation Drivers

The Board of Education approved the following list of Western Wayne School District Transportation Drivers for the listed contractors for the 2024-2025 school year as follows:

- a. Contractor William Henwood-Driver Jackson Bortree/Van
- b. Contractor William Henwood-Driver William Christie/Van
- c. Contractor Sara Wasman-Driver Jessica Merring/Van

13. Transportation – Additional Contract - Van

The Board of Education approved the following Western Wayne School District Transportation Contractor for an additional contract at state formula for the 2024-2025 school year:

- a. April DeRosa Transportation – Van #358 – Holy Cross, Dunmore

14. Transportation Contract – Name Change

The Board of Education approved the following existing Transportation contract name change:

- a. John Lillie – Van 261 - to Catherine M. Magalski – Van 261

15. Overnight Field Trips

The Board of Education approved the following overnight field trips and chaperones for the 2024-2025 school year:

- a. FBLA State Leadership Workshop – November 2-4, 2024, Kalahari Resort. Chaperone: Brooke Hochreither.
- b. PMEA District 9 Orchestra – January 9–11, 2025, Lackawanna Trail High School. Chaperone: Elaine Ort.
- c. PMEA District 9 Band – January 23–25, 2025, Mountain View High School. Chaperone: Elaine Ort.
- d. PMEA Northeast Region Orchestra – February 20–22, 2025, -Lewisburg High School. Chaperone: Elaine Ort.
- e. PMEA Region IV Band – March 5-7, 2025, -Williamsport Area High School. Chaperone: Elaine Ort.
- f. PMEA Region IV Band – April 9-12, 2025, -Williamsport Area High School. Chaperone: Elaine Ort.

16. Xerox Copier Lease Renewal

The Board of Education approved the restructuring of our current leased copiers and sign an agreement with Xerox Corporation for a 60-month term on all copiers. This is state contract pricing and replaces current Xerox copiers.

17. Approval to Purchase

The Board of Education approved the purchase of a Ventrac Tractor and accessories through Sourcewell for an amount not to exceed \$50,810.

18. Amendment to Agreement – PA-ETEP

The Board of Education approved the amendment to the PA-ETEP Agreement to add the Differentiated Supervision EduLink Module for a three-year licensing fee of \$6,992.00 effective through July 31, 2027.

19. Performance Contract Scope and Cost

The Board of Education approved the scope of the Guaranteed Energy Savings Performance Contract Amendment with CM3 Building Solutions, Inc. for a cost not to exceed \$8,960,000.00.

20. Agreement – TruGreen

The Board of Education approved service agreements for the 2024-2025 school year with TruGreen for vegetation and weed control as follows: EverGreen Elementary \$2,189.25; Robert D. Wilson Elementary \$3,937.50 and the High School/Middle School complex \$9,395.40.

21. Memorandum of Understanding – Mentor Program

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

22. Handbook

The Board of Education approved revisions to the Induction Handbook for mentors and inductees.

23. Personnel

a. Appointment – Long Term Substitute

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

1. Brandyn Black - Temporary Professional Employee-Long-Term Substitute- Middle School - Step 1B - \$62,863.00 pro-rated with applicable fringe benefits for the 1st semester of the 2024-2025 school year.

b. Appointment - Paraprofessionals

The Board of Education approved the following appointments for full-time Paraprofessional with applicable fringe benefits effective October 3, 2024:

1. Ashley Paciotti – Full Time - \$14.25 per hour.
2. Maria Howard-Markoulli – Full Time - \$16.00 per hour contingent upon receipt of required paperwork and clearances.

c. Appointment – Custodians

The Board of Education approved the following appointment for Custodians at \$14.00/hour with fringe benefits contingent upon receipt of employment paperwork/clearances:

1. Joseph Cleary – Robert D. Wilson – 2nd Shift
2. Brianna DeAngelo – High School – 2nd Shift
3. Kathy Johnson – EverGreen – 2nd Shift
4. Lisa Fiocco – EverGreen – 2nd Shift

d. Custodial Transfer

The Board of Education approved the transfer of Michael Pajalich from 2nd shift at EverGreen to 1st shift at the High School.

e. Approval

The Board of Education approved Food Service workers for additional Custodial hours as needed.

f. Administrator Stipend

The Board of Education approved a one-time stipend of \$ 1,500.00 for performance of additional Principal duties for Matthew Barr, Middle School Assistant Principal, in accordance with the Act 93 Agreement.

g. Resignation

The Board of Education approved the following resignations:

1. Brandyn Black-Paraprofessional effective September 17, 2024.
2. Jacob Vituszynski-Long Term Substitute-Secondary Math effective September 27, 2024.
3. Maria Sequeira-Food Service effective October 14, 2024.
4. Maria Masankay-High School SAP Team effective October 2, 2024.

h. Appointment of Mentors

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

Mentor	Mentee	SALARY
Melissa Williams – 2nd year	Ashlyn Anderson	\$ 500.00
Todd Pauler – 1st year	Jacquelyn Barna	\$ 1,823.00
Julie Farley – 1st year	Anna Bonsick	\$ 1,823.00
Cara Romanski – 1st year	Brittany Burrell	\$ 1,823.00
Denise Johnson – 2nd year	Amanda Dalessandro	\$ 500.00
Alizabeth Takacs – 1st year	Madison Gasper	\$ 500.00
Pam Burke – 1st year	Megan Green	\$ 1,823.00
Justin Collins – 1st year	Brooke Hochreither	\$ 500.00
Jessica Gregorski – 1st year	Andrea McClelland	\$ 1,823.00
Theodore Macdonough – 1st year	Elizabeth Reifler	\$ 1,823.00*
Alyssa Wesley – 2nd year	Christine Rossi	\$ 500.00
Lisa Boguski – 1st year	Courtney Smargiassi	\$ 1,823.00
Diane Tansits – 1st year	Alysia Verrill	\$ 1,823.00
Andrea Jayne – 1st year	Teresa Vieira	\$ 500.00
Jessica McLaughlin – 1st year	Andrew Wetzel	\$ 1,823.00
Jennifer Hoch – 2nd year (split)	Juliana Muta	\$ 250.00
Susan Larkin – 2nd year (split)	“ “	\$ 250.00
Lisa Hughes – 1st year (split)	Kaitlyn McConnell	\$ 911.50
Catherine Henneforth – 1st year (split)	“ “	\$ 911.50
Maria Phillips – 2nd year	James Hutchinson	\$ 500.00

*Theodore MacDonough was previously approved to mentor Jacob Vituszynski who resigned and will now mentor Elizabeth Reifler.

i. Advisors

The Board of Education approved the following to the listed advisor positions for the 2024-2025 school year at the salary listed in the Professional Employees Contract:

1. Eric Olsommer-Yearbook Advisor - 1st year \$2,770.00
2. Gillian Groom-Middle School Student Council – 3rd year \$2,593.86
3. Alysia Verrill-High School SAP Team – 1st year \$1,470.00
4. Vincent Tomassoni-Middle School SAP Team – 7th year \$1,514.10
5. Jennifer Sanders-High School Custodian of Student Accounts – 1st year – salary pro-rated, effective October 3, 2024 \$2,529.75.

j. Appointment – Winter Coaches

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

1. Christopher Stefalo –Boys Basketball, Assistant 1st year \$6,582.00
2. Eric Olsommer–Boys Basketball, Jr. High (7,8,9) 6th year \$5,096.48
3. Shakur Jackson–Boys Basketball, Jr. High (7,8,9) 2nd year \$4,808.00

k. Appointment – 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. Sandra Mullen – EverGreen Elementary
2. Theresa Lubash - FBLA

m. Leave of Absence

The Board of Education approved the following unpaid leave of absence request, for no longer than 8 weeks, effective October 17, 2024:

1. #24-25-05

l. Sabbatical Request

A motion was made by Mrs. DeSiato and seconded by Mr. Collins to approve the following Sabbatical leave of absence request:

1. #24-25-04 - Professional Development - Second semester, 2024-2025 school year.

The motion carried with seven affirmatives and one abstention by Mr. Wood.

Informational Items

Calendar of Events:

- October 1, 2024 – High School Financial Aid Night 6:00 p.m.
- October 1, 2024 – Robert D. Wilson-after school-Roller Skating PK,K,1st,2nd
- October 2, 2024 – Robert D. Wilson-after school-Roller Skating 3rd,4th,5th
- October 3, 2024 – EverGreen 4th grade field trip–Stem Day with SWB Penguins
- October 9, 2024 – EverGreen PTA meeting 6:00 p.m.
- October 9, 2024 – Robert D. Wilson PTA meeting 6:30 p.m.
- October 9, 2024 – High School Together For Health Day 10th Grade
- October 10, 2024 – Middle School 6th Grade Social 3:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.
- October 11, 2024 – EverGreen Fire Safety
- October 11, 2024 – Homecoming (vs. Lakeland)

October 12, 2024 – Homecoming Dance 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
October 14, 2024 – NO SCHOOL – Columbus Day
October 16, 2024 – High School College & Career Fair
October 18, 2024 – High School ASVAB
October 19, 2024 – RDW PTA Fall Carnival
October 22-23, 2024 – High School PSAT
October 23, 2024 – Middle School picture re-takes
October 24-25, 2024 – High School Cap & Gown picture make-up days
October 24, 2024 – EverGreen PPL presentation - 5th Grade
October 25, 2024 – Middle School Halloween Dance 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.
October 26, 2024 – EverGreen PTA Trunk or Treat – 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.
October 29, 2024 – High School Picture make-up day
October 30, 2024 – Tentative end of 1st marking period
October 31, 2024 – Middle School PBIS Blow Out
October 31, 2024 – Noon Dismissal - Act 80 Day – Teacher in Service
November 2-4, 2024 – FBLA State Leadership Workshop (Kalahari)

University of Scranton Student Observers at Robert D. Wilson:

Kaitlin Cleary	Grace DiGiacomo
Megan Dittmar	Jessica Hughes
Nicole Justi	Kathleen Mooney
Marina Nunziato	Annaise Vasquez

Correspondence

None

Superintendent's Report

Assistant Superintendent's Report

Principal's Reports

Federal Program Report

No report

Other Business

Mr. Gershey reminded the administration that Wayne County Community Foundation YAC mini-grants are in process and any teacher can apply for these mini-grants. Also, Mr. Gershey announced that the board of education met in executive session for personnel prior to the work session.

Future Meeting:

Wednesday, November 06, 2024 - 6:00 p.m. Board Work Session with the Public Board Meeting to follow, Administration Building, 1970C Easton Turnpike, Lake Ariel, PA 18436.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Mr. Collins and seconded by Mr. Wood to adjourn the regularly scheduled meeting of the Western Wayne Board of Education at approximately 6:45 p.m.

The motion carried with all affirmatives.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rose E. Emmett
Board Secretary

ATTEST: _____