

Board Minutes November 6, 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 November 6, 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 November 2, 2024 edition of the Tri-County Independent.

President William Gershey called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m.

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

Mr. Gershey took roll call. (9) Board Members were present and are they 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 - Michael Ochlan
Board Member – Kerin Weinberger
Board Member – Ethan Wood

Solicitor Brendan Ellis was present.

Administrators Present: Superintendent Dr. Matthew Barrett, Assistant Superintendent Dr. Cindy LaRosa, , 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, 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.

Rose Emmett, Business Manager/Board Secretary, Tyler Jakes, Athletic Director and Maria Liptak, Food Service Director were 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 – October 2, 2024 and Regular Board Meeting October 2, 2024.

The motion carried with all affirmatives.

6. Treasurer's Reports

A motion was made by Mrs. DeSiato and seconded by Mr. Wood to accept the Treasurer’s Reports generated from the General Account, the Food Service Account and the Student Activities Account for July, August and September 2024.

The motion carried with all affirmatives.

7. Approval of Bills

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

The motion carried with all affirmatives.

8. Accounting of Taxes

9. Student Recognition:

None

10. Recognition of Public

None

11. Enrollment: Day # 46 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR

GRADE	EG	RDW	MS	HS	TOTAL
EARLY INT.	14	6			20
PRE-K	56	41			97
KDG	79	62			141
GR. 1	68	43			111
GR. 2	75	55			130
GR. 3	82	52			134
GR. 4	66	59			125
GR. 5	97	40			137
GR. 6			118		118
GR. 7			121		121
GR. 8			134		134
GR. 9				140	140
GR. 10				145	145
GR. 11				147	147
GR. 12				151	151
TOTAL	537	358	373	583	1851

Totals: EverGreen-537; RDW- 358; MS-373 HS-583 Total-1851

A motion was made by Mrs. DeSiato and seconded by Mr. Gombita to approve a consent block motion for items 12 through 21-g, modifying item 21-b to include a salary of \$65,000.

The motion carried with all affirmatives.

12. Policies – Review and Revise

The Board of Education approved:

a. First Reading

- 137.2 Participation in Co-curricular Activities and Academic Courses by Home Education Students
- 137.3 Participation in Career and Technical Education Programs by Home Education Students
- 218.3 Discipline of Student Convicted/Adjudicated of Sexual Assault
- 254 Educational Opportunity for Military Children

b. It is recommended that the Board of Education review and revise the following policies:

- 122 Extracurricular Activities
- 217 Graduation
- 218.2 Terroristic Threats
- 227 Controlled Substances/Paraphernalia
- 317.1 Educator Misconduct
- 351 Controlled Substance Abuse
- 718 Service Animals in Schools
- 810 Transportation
- 824 Maintaining Professional Adult/Student Boundaries
- 827 Conflict of Interest

13. Transportation

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:

- a. Cavage Transit, Contractor – Brian Curtis – Driver/Van
- b. Cavage Transit, Contractor – Jack Heinicke – Driver/Van
- c. G. Dennis, LLC, Contractor – Breanna Price – Driver/Van
- d. Joann Butler, Contractor – John Millare – Driver/Van
- e. S & L Swingle, LLC, Contractor – Michelle Gilchrist – Driver/Bus

14. Agreement - NEIU 19

The Board of Education approved an agreement for the 2024-2025 school year with NEIU 19 for partial hospitalization therapeutic services for 6 hours per day at a rate of \$285.04 per day.

15. Agreement - The Gregory Center

The Board of Education approved Service Agreement for the 2024-2025 school year with The Gregory Center for Applied Behavior Analysis at a rate of \$100.00 per hour for contracted classroom services.

16. Agreement – Devereux Advanced Behavioral Health

The Board of Education approved an agreement between Western Wayne School District and Devereux Advanced Behavioral Health to provide Functional Skills Acquisition, Personal Needs, Communication Skills and Personal Adjustment for the 2024-2025 school year.

17. Agreement – Lehigh Valley Center for Independent Living

The Board of Education approved an agreement between Western Wayne School District and Lehigh Valley Center for Independent Living for interpreter services at a rate of \$74.00 per hour for the 2024-2025 school year.

18. Agreement – Maxim Healthcare Services

The Board of Education approved an agreement between Western Wayne School District and Maxim Healthcare Services for licensed and certified healthcare providers at a rate of \$140.00 per hour for LPN and \$155.00 per hour for RN, effective October 16, 2024 for the 2024-2025 school year.

19. Waiver of Expulsion Hearing and Stipulation

The Board of Education adopted the proposed Waivers of Expulsion Hearing and Stipulation relating to the following student, thereby excluding the student from the Western Wayne School District in accordance with the terms thereof.

- a. S# 01-24-25

20. Overnight Field Trip

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

- a. Marching Band – Spring band trip – May 1-4, 2025 – Virginia Beach

21. Personnel

a. Resignation

The Board of Education accepted the following resignation:

1. Kathy Johnson - Custodian-effective October 15, 2024.

b. Amendment Non-Act 93

The Board of Education approved the amended Technology/Administration Non-Act 93 Agreement (Transportation \$65,000.00).

c. Appointment of Mentor

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

1. Timothy Hess – 1st Year Mentor for Brandyn Black – Salary pro-rated \$911.50.

d. Appointment - Winter Coaches

The Board of Education appointed 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 and required employment paperwork:

1. Brian Morcom Wrestling Assistant Coach 6th Year \$5,360.12
2. Kaitlyn Torquati Basketball Cheerleading Coach 6th Year \$ 4,691.65

e. 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. Heather Simyan Chorus
2. Gayle Hemmler EverGreen
3. Kathleen Nied EverGreen
4. Justin Collins Indoor Track and Field
5. Corey Foote Indoor Track and Field
6. Brent McClelland Indoor Track and Field
7. Desiree A. McDonough RDW PTA
8. Janine Arcadipane Wrestling
9. Dante Terenzio Wrestling

f. Leave of Absence

The Board of Education approved the following unpaid leave of absence request, from March 2025 through the rest of the 2024-2025 school year.

1. #24-25-06

g. Correction

The Board of Education approved the following corrections:

1. Teresa Vieira – Temporary Professional Employee to Professional Employee.
2. Theodore Macdonough – 2nd year Mentor – Elizabeth Reifler – pro-rated - \$250.00.

Informational Items:

Guidance Intern: Marywood University - Chloe Fischl – January 6, 2025 to May 30, 2025 –Robert D. Wilson and High School.

Observation & Pre-Student Teaching – Western Governors University – Leigh Ann Hanley – High School-Megan Rush – Tuesday & Wednesday, October 23 to November 13, 2024.

American Education Week – November 18, 2023-November 22, 2024

Parent/Teacher Conferences are scheduled for Tuesday, November 26, 2024 in all District Buildings. Conferences are scheduled for the afternoon of the 26th beginning at 1:00 p.m. and ending at 8:00 p.m. District Administrators and teachers strongly urge all parents to participate in these conferences. This will be a noon Early Dismissal Day for students for the Thanksgiving Holiday.

Upcoming Dates:

- November 2-4, 2024-FBLA State Leadership Workshop – Kalahari Resort
- November 4-8, 2024-EverGreen Scholastic Book Fair
- November 6, 2024- Report card distribution
- November 6, 2024- EverGreen picture retakes
- November 6, 2024- Robert D. Wilson After School Roller Skating (3, 4, 5)
- November 7, 2024- EverGreen Scholastic Book Fair Family Night 6-8 p.m.
- November 8, 2024- Veterans’ Day Assembly – Veterans Memorial Auditorium
- November 11, 2024– Early Dismissal Noon – Act 80 Day
- November 13, 2024- Robert D. Wilson Title 1 Parent Advisory Council Meeting – Library, 3:00 p.m.
- November 13, 2024- EverGreen PTA meeting – 6:00 p.m.
- November 13, 2024- Robert D. Wilson PTA meeting – 6:30 p.m.
- November 15, 2024- High School Blood Drive
- November 15, 2024- Middle School PBIS Kielbasa Sale orders due
- November 18, 2024- Robert D. Wilson picture retakes
- November 21, 2024- Robert D. Wilson – 3rd Grade, Wayne Co. Drug & Alcohol Healthy Conflict Resolution Skills – 9:30 a.m., LGI
- November 23, 2024- High School Semi Formal-4-8 p.m. – Ladore Lodge
- November 26, 2024- Middle School Annual Turkey Trot and PBIS Blow Out
- November 26, 2024- Early Dismissal Noon - Parent/Teacher Conferences –1:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- November 27-December 2, 2024– NO SCHOOL/Thanksgiving Break
- December 3, 2024- School resumes from Thanksgiving Break
- December 6, 2024- Holiday Murder Mystery Dinner

Correspondence

None

Superintendent's Report

Assistant Superintendent's Report

Principal's Reports

Federal Program Report

No report

Other Business

An executive session for personnel was held prior to the work session this evening.

Future Meetings:

Wednesday, December 4, 2024 – 6:00 p.m. - Board Work Session, Administration Building, 1970C Easton Turnpike, Lake Ariel, PA 18436

Wednesday, December 4, 2024 - 6:00 p.m. The Western Wayne Board of Education Reorganization and Regular Monthly Meeting, Administration Building, 1970C Easton Turnpike, Lake Ariel, PA 18436

Adjournment

A motion was made by Mr. Gombita and seconded by Mr. Wood to adjourn the regularly scheduled meeting of the Western Wayne Board of Education at approximately 6:47 p.m.

The motion carried with all affirmatives.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rose E. Emmett
Board Secretary

ATTEST: _____