

Board Work Session Minutes November 6, 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 November 6, 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 November 6, 2024, Board Meeting to be held immediately following the work session.

The meeting was advertised in the legal section of the November 2, 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

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.

Student Recognition:

Mr. Gregorski recognized Allison Irvine and our fall sports athletes in girls and boys Soccer, girls tennis, girls volleyball, cross country, football, cheerleading and golf.

Staff Recognition:

Dr. LaRosa read an acknowledgement from Wayne County Children & Youth recognizing Susan Schlasta

for her service to the youth of our county, the administration congratulated her on all her accomplishments.

Public Recognition:

A parent made a complaint to the Board of Education in regard to her son and an incident that occurred in our High School. She is looking for assurance that what happened won't happen again and others are not injured like her son was.

Mr. Newcomer proposed starting a Western Wayne Chapter of the National Junior Honor Society in the Middle School. He asked the Board of Education for permission to begin the process and if granted, will have additional information in the coming months. Dr. Barrett stated there is nothing to vote on at this point, but did give Mr. Newcomer permission to start the process.

Dr. Barrett reviewed the agenda for the Board Meeting.

The work session concluded at 6:40 PM. At this time, the Board of Education started the Regular Board Meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rose E. Emmett
Board Secretary

ATTEST: _____