

Board Minutes December 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 December 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 November 30, 2024 edition of the Tri-County Independent.

President William Gershey called the meeting to order at 6:21 p.m.

Mr. Ochlan 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, Rose Emmett, Business Manager/Board Secretary, 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, Maria Liptak, Food Service Director Justin Pidgeon, EverGreen Principal, Brian Seaman, Technology Director, Katie Shemanski, Psy.D. Supervisor of Pupil Personnel and Elizabeth Watson, Robert D. Wilson Principal.

Paul Gregorski, High School Principal, Tyler Jakes, Athletic Director and Casey Newcomer, Middle School Principal 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 – November 6, 2024 and the Regular Board Meeting - November 6, 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 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. 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:

The HS Principal's List Students for the 1st Marking Period were recognized at the Work Session:

- 9th Grade Christopher Pane and Olivia Moyer
- 10th Grade Makenzie Chearney and Audrey McHugh
- 11th Grade Paul Borowski and Aiden Matthews
- 12th Grade Makayla Walton and Daymon McGuire

10. Public Recognition

None

11. Enrollment Report:

ENROLLMENT - DAY #_60_ 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR

GRADE	EG	RDW	MS	HS	TOTAL
EARLY INT.	15	6			21
PRE-K	57	41			98
KDG	79	62			141
GR. 1	68	43			111
GR. 2	75	55			130
GR. 3	82	52			134
GR. 4	66	58			124
GR. 5	99	40			139
GR. 6			117		117
GR. 7			120		120
GR. 8			133		133
GR. 9				142	142
GR. 10				144	144
GR. 11				146	146
GR. 12				150	150

TOTAL	541	357	370	582	1850
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Totals: EG -541; RDW -357; MS -370; HS -582; TOTAL:1850

A motion was made by Mrs. DeSiato and seconded by Mr. Wood to approve a consent block motion for items 12 through 19.

The motion carried with all affirmatives

12. Settlement

The Board of Education approved a Settlement Agreement between Western Wayne School District and S#02-24-25.

13. Policies

The Board of Education approved new policy (Second and Final Reading) entitled:

- 137.2 Participation in Cocurricular 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

The Board of Education approved the revisions to the following policies:

- 200 Enrollment of Students
- 236.1 Threat Assessment
- 807 Opening Exercises/Moment of Silence/Flag Displays
- 819 Suicide Awareness, Prevention and Response

14. Agreement Graham Academy

The Board of Education approved an Agreement between Western Wayne School District and The Graham Academy at a rate of \$289.00 per day per student with an Extended School year rate of \$187.00 per day effective August 1, 2024 through July 31, 2025.

15. Memorandum of Understanding

The Board of Education approved the Memorandum of Understanding between Western Wayne School District and the Western Wayne Education Association for the 2024-2025 through 2026-2027 School Years:

- a. Flexible Instructional Days (FID)

16. 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:

- a. Sara Wasman – Contractor: Linda Harwitt – Driver - Van
- b. Yatsonsky Bussing – Contractor: James Rutledge – Substitute Driver - Bus
- c. Yatsonsky Bussing – Contractor: Theron Latourette – Substitute Driver – Bus

17. Overnight Field Trip

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

1. FIRST Robotics – February 28, 2025-March 2, 2025, Hatboro-Horsham High School.
Chaperone: Brian Landry
Chaperone: Ayla Savage

18. Personnel

a. Resignation

The Board of Education accepted the following resignation:

1. Steven Redmond – Musical Technical Director – Effective November 12, 2024.

b. Appointment - Part-Time Food Service

The Board of Education approved the appointment of the following as a part time Food Service Worker–5 hours/day with no fringe benefits at \$14.00 per hour effective November 18, 2024.

1. Kim Foster

c. Appointment – Part-Time Paraprofessional

The Board of Education approved the following appointment as a Part-Time Paraprofessional with no fringe benefits at \$14.00/hour.

1. Robyn Woehrl

d. Appointment

The Board of Education approved the appointment of the following to the listed position for the 2024-2025 school year at the salary listed in the Professional Employees Contract.

1. Maggie Podunajec – Musical Technical Director - \$ 827.00

e. Volunteers

The Board of Education approved the following to the list of volunteers for the 2024-2025 school year upon request of the Building Principal:

1. Ayla Savage – Robotics
2. Owen Kotchessa – EverGreen Elementary

19. Schedule of Meetings 2025

The Board of Education approved the following schedule of Monthly Public Board Meetings for 2025:

All meetings are held on the 1st Wednesday of the month except when noted different. (*not on the first Wednesday)

January 8, 2025*

February 5, 2025

March 5, 2025

April 2, 2025

May 7, 2025 – Tentative Budget Adoption for the 2025-2026 school year

June 11, 2025* – Adoption of District Budget for the 2025-2026 school year

July (if needed)

August 6, 2025

September 3, 2025

October 1, 2025

November 5, 2025

December 3, 2025 (Reorganization Meeting)

Note: All meetings are held at 6:00 PM – Western Wayne School District, 1970C Easton Turnpike, Lake Ariel, PA 18436. Work Sessions will be scheduled as needed.

Informational Items:

a. Student Teaching

1. Brianna Burdick – Grand Canyon University – Karen Firmstone, RDW – January 2025 to April 2025.
2. Meghan Callahan – The University of Scranton – Sara Lowe, EverGreen – February 10, 2025 to May 2, 2025.
3. Sabina Staab – The University of Scranton – Cheryl Shimkosky, EverGreen - February 10, 2025 to May 2, 2025.

Dates to Remember:

1. November 26-December 16 – MS Door Decorating Contest
2. December 3-4, 2024 – RDW Santa’s Shop (Science Lab-During Specials)
3. December 3, 2024 – RDW Roller-Skating (after school) Pre-K, K, 1st & 2nd
4. December 4, 2024 – RDW Roller-Skating (after school) 3rd, 4th, & 5th
5. December 6, 2024 – MS PBIS Holiday Treat Box Fundraiser Orders Due
6. December 6, 2024 – MS Cats Club Winter Wear Donation Drive Ends

7. December 6, 2024 – RDW Pictures with Santa
8. December 6, 2024 – HS Drama Club Murder Mystery Dinner, Cafeteria–6 p.m.
9. December 9-13, 2024 - EverGreen Elementary PTA Santa’s Workshop (Students only)
10. December 13 2024 – RDW 4th Grade field trip – The Ritz Theatre
11. December 10, 2024 - EverGreen Elementary 3rd & 4th grade Winter Musical (Snow date – December 12, 2024)
12. December 10, 2024 – FAFSA Completion Night, HS LGI – 5 p.m.
13. December 11, 2024 – MS Winter Chorus Concert – Veterans memorial Auditorium – 7 p.m.
14. December 13, 2024 – HS Christmas Concert, Veterans Memorial Auditorium – 7 p.m.
15. December 14, 2024-EverGreen Elementary PTA Winter Wonderland
16. December 14, 2024- High School Semi-formal 4-8 p.m. Ladore Lodge (rescheduled from November)
17. December 17, 2024 – MS Winter Band Concert – Veterans Memorial Auditorium – 7 p.m.
18. December 18, 2024 – RDW 3rd & 4th grade Chorus Concert
19. December 23, 2024 – RDW PBIS Blowout
20. December 23, 2024 – Noon Dismissal – Christmas Break
21. December 24, 2024 - January 1, 2025 – No School – Christmas Break

Correspondence

None

Superintendent’s Report

Assistant Superintendent’s Report

Principal’s Reports

Federal Program Report

No report

Other Business

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

Future Meetings:

Wednesday, January 8, 2025 – 6:00 PM – Board Work Session followed by the Public Board Meeting, Administration Building, 1970C Easton Turnpike, Lake Ariel, PA 18436. In case of inclement weather, the meetings will be held on January 9, 2025, or the next school day.

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 6:26 p.m.

The motion carried with all affirmatives.

Respectfully Submitted,



Rose E. Emmett
Board Secretary

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