

Board Minutes February 5, 2025

**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 February 5, 2025, 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 February 1, 2025 edition of the Tri-County Independent.

President William Gershey called the meeting to order at 6:52 p.m.

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

Miss Emmett 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, 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 – January 8, 2025 and the Regular Board Meeting – January 8, 2025.

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 the months of October, November and December 2024.

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. Accounting of Taxes

9. Student Recognition:

Student recognition occurred during the work session.

10. Recognition of Public

Public recognition occurred during the work session.

11. Enrollment Report:

ENROLLMENT – DAY # 98

2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR

GRADE	EG	RDW	MS	HS	TOTAL
EARLY INT.	17	7			24
PRE-K	56	39			95
KDG	79	63			142
GR. 1	69	41			110
GR. 2	78	56			134
GR. 3	79	52			131
GR. 4	68	57			125
GR. 5	98	40			138
GR. 6			116		116
GR. 7			120		120
GR. 8			132		132
GR. 9				139	139
GR. 10				144	144
GR. 11				147	147

GR. 12				147	147
TOTAL	544	355	368	577	1844

Totals: EverGreen – 544 RDW - 355 MS – 358 HS – 577; TOTAL: 1844

A motion was made by Mrs. DeSiato and seconded by Mr. Wood to approve a consent block motion for items 12 through 20i adding “with regret” to 20b on all three retirement motions.

The motion carried with all affirmatives

12. NEIU #19 Budget

The Board of Education approved the NEIU #19 Budget for the 2025-2026 school year with the estimated share from Western Wayne School District at \$48,216.48.

13. Waiver of Expulsion Hearing and Stipulation

The Board of Education adopted the proposed Waiver 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# 06-23-24

14. Transportation Contract – Van - New

The Board of Education approved the following New Transportation Contract for a van at State Formula for the 2024-2025 school year:

a. Contractor/Driver - Dennis Brown

15. Transportation Drivers

The Board of Education approved the following Western Wayne School District Transportation Driver for the listed contractor for the 2024-2025 school year:

a. Driver (Bus) – Anne Gregor Contractor – Scottie Swingle

16. Overnight Field Trips

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

- a. PMEA District 9 Chorus Festival – February 5 - 7, 2025 – Tunkhannock High School.
- b. FBLA State Leadership Conference – April 6 - 9, 2025 – Hershey Lodge & Convention Center.

17. Building Use

The Board of Education approved the following Building Use request for the 2025-2026 school year:

- a. Drama Club/Hot Rod Club – Annual Car Show - Saturday, September 6, 2025 – 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. – High School Stadium, Concession Stand, and Parking Lot. Rain date to be Sunday, September 14, 2025 – 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

18. Memorandum of Understanding

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

- a. Advisors

19. Memorandum of Understanding

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

- a. Class Coverage

20. Personnel

a. Extension of Long-Term Substitutes

The Board of Education approved the extension of the following Long-Term Substitute appointments for the remainder of the 2024- 2025 school year:

- 1. Brandyn Black – Temporary Professional Employee - Step 1B - \$62,863.00 pro-rated.
- 2. Elizabeth Reifler – Professional Employee - Step 1M - \$67,413.00 pro-rated.

b. Retirement

The Board of Education accepted the following retirements with regret:

- 1. Kristin Johnson – School Psychologist – Effective the last day of the 2024-2025 school year.
- 2. Mary Malec – Professional Employee – Effective the last day of the 2024-2025 school year.
- 3. Christine Thorpe – Secretarial Staff – Effective February 14, 2025.

c. Resignation

The Board of Education approved the following resignation:

- 1. Susan Edwards – Custodian – Effective January 15, 2025.

d. Appointment - 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 January 29, 2025:

1. Elizabeth Masker

e. Appointment – Mentor

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

1. Theodore Macdonough – Mentor for Jacob Vituszynski - \$455.75 (pro-rated-1st year)

f. Appointment – 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:

1. Justin Collins - Head Coach Track and Field - 21st year \$ 8,018.39
2. Mark Bell – Assistant Coach Track and Field – 7th year \$ 4,075.71
3. Corey Foote – Jr. High (7,8,9) Track and Field – 12th year \$ 4,095.50
4. Brent McClelland – Jr. High (7,8,9) Track and Field – 2nd year \$ 3,957.00
5. Joseph Romanowski – Softball Head Coach – 11th year \$ 7,162.20
6. Joseph Totsky – Softball Assistant Coach – 1st year \$ 4,218.00
7. Brittany Burrell – Jr. High (7,8,9) Softball Coach – 1st year \$ 4,218.00
8. Leonard Wargo – Jr. High (7,8,9) Softball Coach – 11th year \$ 4,365.63
9. Darren Thorpe – Boys Volleyball Head Coach – 20th year \$ 5,178.03

g. Appointment – Extracurricular

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

1. Nichole Musewicz - National Junior Honor Society Advisor – 1st year - \$1,771.00
2. Justin Hayden - Literary Magazine – Co-Advisor - 5th year - \$903.21

h. Correction – Extracurricular

The Board of Education approved the following correction for Literary Magazine Advisor from Advisor to Co-Advisor:

1. Sandra Summers – Literary Magazine Co-Advisor – 5th Year \$903.21

i. Volunteers/Chaperones

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

1. Jeannie Hedglin – Volunteer - Drama
2. Amanda Wilbur – Volunteer - Drama
3. Sara Malcolm – Chaperone - 6th Grade Band trip to Knoebels
4. Erica Musgrave – Chaperone - 6th Grade Band trip to Knoebels
5. Kristin Williams – Chaperone - 6th Grade Band trip to Knoebels
6. Susan DeBella – Volunteer – Accompanying Pianist – Elementary Spring Concerts

Informational Items:

STUDENT TEACHER: Marywood University: Caitlyn Burdick – March 17, 2025 through May 9, 2025 – Special Education/Middle School – Jessica Shelp.

Upcoming Dates:

1. February 4, 2025 – RDW PK-2nd After School Roller-Skating
2. February 5, 2025 – RDW 3rd-5th After School Roller-Skating
3. February 5, 2025 – 339 Meeting – High School Library – 9:00 a.m.
4. February 6-8, 2025 – PMEA District 9 Chorus Festival – Tunkhannock High School
5. February 6, 2025 - EverGreen PTA Meeting – 6:00 p.m.
6. February 7, 2025 – Middle School – Valentines Dance – 6:00 p.m.
7. February 12, 2025 – PTA Meeting – 6:30 p.m. – RDW Cafeteria
8. February 14, 2025 – Noon Dismissal – Act 80 Day Teacher in Service
9. February 17, 2025 – No School – President's Day
10. February 19, 2025 – EverGreen - Universal Technical Institute Presentation – Grades 4 & 5
11. February 20-22, 2025 – PEMA Northeast Region Orchestra – Lewisburg High School
12. February 25, 2025 – Spring Sports Physicals – High School
13. February 27, 2025 – RDW – PA Office of Attorney General Class Meetings - Grades 3, 4, & 5
14. February 27, 2025 – RDW – Book Fair Preview – During Specials
15. February 27, 2025 – RDW – Dr. Suess Read Across America – 5:30-8:00 p.m.
16. February 28, 2025 – EverGreen – PA Office of Attorney General Class Meetings – Grades 3, 4, & 5

The Comprehensive Plan and sub-plans will be available to view for the next 28 days on the District website and in the District Office.

Correspondence

None

Superintendent's Report

Assistant Superintendent's Report

Federal Program Report

No report

Other Business

Mr. Gershey announced that the Board met in executive session prior to the work session for personnel and legal matters.

Future Meetings:

Wednesday, March 5, 2025 – 6:00 p.m. – Board Work Session followed by the Public Board Meeting, Administration Building, 1970C Easton Turnpike, Lake Ariel, PA 18436. In case of inclement weather, the meeting will be held on March 6, 2025, or the next school day.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Mr. Gombita and seconded by Mr. Collins to adjourn the regularly scheduled meeting of the Western Wayne Board of Education at approximately 6:57 p.m.

The motion carried with all affirmatives.

Respectfully Submitted,



Rose E. Emmett
Board Secretary

ATTEST: 