

Board Minutes March 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 March 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 March 1, 2025 edition of the Tri-County Independent.

President William Gershey called the meeting to order at 6:53 p.m.

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

Mrs. Williams took roll call (substituting for Ms. Emmett). (7) Board Members were present and are they listed as follows:

Board President - William Gershey
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 Vice President – Joseph Gombita and Board Member - Michael Ochlan were excused.

Solicitor Brendan Ellis was excused.

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, Tyler Jakes, Athletic Director, 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.

Rose Emmett, Business Manager/Board Secretary, Elizabeth Gregory, Early Intervention Supervisor, and Paul Grogorski, High School Principal were excused.

5. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Mr. Wood and seconded by Mrs. Hinz to accept the minutes generated from the Board Work Session – February 5, 2025 and the Regular Board Meeting – February 5, 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 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. Recognition of Public

Public recognition occurred during the work session.

10. Enrollment Report:

ENROLLMENT - DAY 111

2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR

GRADE	EG	RDW	MS	HS	TOTAL
EARLY INT.	16	7			23
PRE-K	56	38			94
KDG	80	62			142
GR. 1	69	40			109
GR. 2	76	55			131
GR. 3	79	52			131
GR. 4	68	57			125
GR. 5	98	41			139
GR. 6			116		116
GR. 7			121		121
GR. 8			131		131
GR. 9				137	137
GR. 10				141	141
GR. 11				145	145
GR. 12				146	146
TOTAL	542	352	368	569	1831

Totals: EverGreen - 542; RDW – 352; MS – 368; HS – 569 TOTAL: 1831

Last month's Total: 1844

A motion was made by Mrs. DeSiato and seconded by Mr. Collins to approve a consent block motion for items 11 through 22e adding “with regret” to 22a on all three retirement motions.

The motion carried with all affirmatives.

11. Policies

The Board of Education reviewed and revised the following policies:

- 113.1 Discipline of Students with Disabilities
- 113.2 Behavior Support
- 202 Eligibility of Nonresident Students

12. Comprehensive Plan Affirmation

The Board of Education approved the Comprehensive Plan; Induction Plan; Professional Development Plan; and Gifted Education Plan Assurances. These plans have been available for public inspection and comment for a minimum of twenty-eight (28) days prior to approval.

13. Agreement - PEMA

The Board of Education approved an agreement between Western Wayne School District and Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency (PEMA), to provide intrusion detection equipment and related services to the District, at no cost, pursuant to §1904 with funding provided through the Local Cybersecurity Grant Program (SLCGP).

14. Agreement – Community Centered Consulting, LLC.

The Board of Education approved an agreement between Western Wayne School District and Community Centered Consulting, LLC for grant writing services at no cost to the District and will be compensated for grant evaluation and reporting responsibilities through a 5% fee of the total grant award, to be incorporated into the grant budget.

15. Agreement – The Meadows

The Board of Education approved an agreement between Western Wayne School District and The Meadows Psychiatric Center for educational services at a rate of \$100.00 per day for the 2025-2026; 2026-2027; and 2027-2028 school years.

16. Fuel Oil/Refuse Removal Bids

The Board of Education authorized the Business Manager to solicit bids for the purchasing of fuel oil and refuse removal for the 2025-2026 school year.

17. Proposal - NRG Controls North, Inc.

The Board of Education accepted the proposal of NRG Controls North, Inc. for Fire Alarm Device Upgrade at Evergreen Elementary at a cost of \$66,500.00.

18. E-rate Funding Application

The Board of Education allowed the Technology Department to apply for E-rate funding to replace the current firewall. If awarded, E-rate funding will cover approximately \$62,437.74 of the \$78,047.18 cost of the equipment. Final purchase will be contingent on receiving the E-rate funding. Total of \$15,609.44 owed by Western Wayne.

19. Waiver of Expulsion Hearing and Stipulation

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

- a. S# 04-24-25
- b. S# 05-24-25
- c. S# 06-24-25

20. Overnight Field Trips

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

- a. Lehigh University Stabler Arena – Robotics and Engineering - FIRST Robotics District Championship – April 3-5, 2025. Chaperones – Brian Landry, Josh Shelly, Matt Rosengrant, and Ayla Savage.

21. Transportation Drivers and Substitutes

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

- a. Contractor, April DeRosa - Driver, Michelle Ratliff - Van
- b. Contractor, William Henwood – Driver, Edward O'Connor - Van

22. Personnel

a. Retirement

The Board of Education accepted the following retirements with regret:

- 1. Ellen Muller – Secretary – Effective November 20, 2025.
- 2. Susan Schlasta – Social Worker – Effective the last day of the 2024-2025 school year.
- 3. Diane Tansits – Social Worker – Effective the last day of the 2024-2025 school year.

b. Leave of Absence

The Board of Education approved the following unpaid leave of absence:

- 1. # 24-25-10

c. Appointment Coaches

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

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| 1. John Boandl – Baseball Head Coach – 10th year - | \$ 7,162.20 |
| 2. Richard Ferraro – Baseball Assistant Coach – 6th year | \$ 4,344.54 |
| 3. Caitlin Henneforth – Jr. High (7,8,9) Track and Field - 2nd year | \$ 3,844.00 |
| 4. Joshua Harrison – Boys Volleyball Assistant Coach – 1st year | \$ 2,895.00 |

d. Appointment Advisor

The Board of Education appointed the following as Advisor for the 2024-2025 school year:

1. Theresa Lubash - Interim FBLA Advisor for the State Leadership Conference – Hershey Lodge & Convention Center – 4/6-4/9, 2025 - \$ 500.00.

e. Transfer

The Board of Education transferred Kathryn Palmer from elementary teacher to reading specialist starting in the 2025-2026 school year. This is in fulfillment of a federally funded position that will be vacant due to retirement at the end of the 2024-2025 school year.

Upcoming Dates

1. March 3-7, 2025 – EverGreen PTA book Fair
2. March 3-7, 2025 – EverGreen – Read Across America Spirit Week
3. March 4, 2025 – RDW – After school Roller-skating – Grades 1 & 2
4. March 5, 2025 – RDW – After school Roller-skating – Grades 3, 4, & 5
5. March 6, 2025 – EverGreen Family night book fair
6. March 6-8, 2025 – PMEA Region Band
7. March 12, 2025 – EverGreen – Kindness Quest Laser Show Assembly/PTA Meeting – 6:00 p.m.
8. March 12, 2025 – RDW - Girls STEM Club Meeting (after school)
9. March 12, 2025 – RDW PTA meeting – Cafeteria – 6:30 p.m.
10. March 13, 2025 – RDW – WW Jr. Wildcats Football Club sign-up (Football & Cheer) – LGI – 6:00-8:00 p.m.
11. March 14, 2025 – Middle School – PBIS Blowout
12. March 14, 2025 – Noon Dismissal, Act 80 Teacher In-Service
13. March 17-21, 2025 – AG Literacy Week
14. March 17-21, 2025 – EverGreen & RDW - Pre-K/Kindergarten registration
15. March 20-22, 2025 – PMEA Region Chorus
16. March 21, 2025 – High School - Blood Drive -Gym (Students and Staff only)
17. March 26, 2025 – EverGreen - 1st Grade poison prevention presentation
18. March 27, 2025 – EverGreen – VIP presentation to K & 3rd grades (snow date March 28)
19. March 31, 2025 – End of 3rd marking period (tentative)

Correspondence

None

Superintendent's Report

Assistant Superintendent's Report

Federal Program Report

No report

Other Business

None

Future Meetings

Wednesday, April 2, 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 meeting will be held on April 3, 2025, or the next school day.

Date to be determined – 6:00 p.m. – Presentation of the Narrative Budget, Administrative Building, 1970c Easton Turnpike, Lake Ariel, PA 18436.

Mr. Gershey announced that the Board of Education met in an executive session prior to the work session for personnel matters.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Mr. Collins and seconded by Mrs. DeSiato to adjourn the regularly scheduled meeting of the Western Wayne Board of Education at approximately 6:59 p.m.

The motion carried with all affirmatives.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rose E. Emmett
Board Secretary

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