

Board Minutes April 2, 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 April 2, 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 29, 2025 edition of the Tri-County Independent.

President William Gershey called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

Mr. Gershey 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, 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, Justin Pidgeon, EverGreen Principal, Brian Seaman, Technology Director, Katie Shemanski, Psy.D. Supervisor of Pupil Personnel and Elizabeth Watson, Robert D. Wilson Principal.

Robert Black, Assistant HS 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 – March 5, 2025 and the Regular Board Meeting – March 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, the Food Service Account and the Construction 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, the Food Service Account and the Construction Account.

The motion carried with all affirmatives.

8. Recognition of Public

None.

9. Enrollment Report:

ENROLLMENT - DAY 131

2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR

GRADE	EG	RDW	MS	HS	TOTAL
EARLY INT.	16	7			23
PRE-K	56	38			94
KDG	81	62			143
GR. 1	70	40			110
GR. 2	77	55			132
GR. 3	79	51			130
GR. 4	65	58			123
GR. 5	99	41			140
GR. 6			122		122
GR. 7			117		117
GR. 8			131		131
GR. 9				137	137
GR. 10				141	141
GR. 11				141	141
GR. 12				147	147
TOTAL	543	352	370	566	1831

Totals: EverGreen – 543; RDW – 352; MS – 370; HS - 566; TOTAL: 1831

Last Month's Total: 1831

A motion was made by Mrs. DeSiato and seconded by Mr. Ochlan to approve a consent block motion for items 10 through 24j adding "with regret" to 24d on all four retirement motions and correcting item 24g -11 to 12th year \$3,958.86 for James Moro.

The motion carried with all affirmatives.

10. Policies – Review

The Board of Education reviewed the following policy:

239 Foreign Exchange Students

Policies – Review and Revise

The Board of Education reviewed and revised the following policies:

308 Employment Contract/Board Resolution
336 Personal Necessity Leave
339 Uncompensated Leave
601 Fiscal Objectives
606 Tax Collection
609 Investment of District Funds
610 Purchases Subject to Bid/Quotation
611 Purchases Budgeted
612 Purchases Not Budgeted
613 Cooperative Purchasing
617 Petty Cash
618 Student Activity Funds
620 Fund Balance
622 GASB Statement
624 Taxable Fringe Benefits
625 Procurement Cards
800 Records Management
823 Opioid Antagonist (formerly named Naloxone)
830 Security of Computerized Personal Information/Breach Notification

Policy – First Reading

The Board of Education approved the first reading of the following policies:

820 Memorials
830.1 Data Governance – Safety/Security

Policy – Second Reading / Final Reading

The Board of Education approved the first reading of the following policy:

800.1 Electronic Signatures / Records

The Board of Education retired board policy 315 School Police Officers. Updated language is found in board policy 805.2 School Security Personnel.

11. 2025-2026 School District Calendar

The Board of Education approved the 2025-2026 School District Calendar.

12. 2025-2026 Act 80 Days

The Board of Education approved the listed early dismissal days for Students to conduct Act 80 activities with the Professional Staff:

- a. September 19, 2025
- b. October 31, 2025
- c. November 11, 2025
- d. February 13, 2026
- e. March 20, 2026 – full day Act 80
- f. April 24, 2026

13. Real Estate Transfer Tax Collector

The Board of Education appointed the Wayne County Deputy Realty Tax collector to serve the District as Real Estate Transfer Tax Collector for the 2025-2026 school year.

14. Memorandum of Understanding

The Board of Education approved the Memorandum of Understanding between the Western Wayne School District, the Wayne County District Attorney's Office and the Pennsylvania State Police.

15. Agreement/Data Processing Services

The Board of Education approved Western Wayne School District's participation in the following software services being offered by CSIU (Central Susquehanna Intermediate Unit) for the 2025-2026 school year.

- a. The Student Information System (SIS) includes Attendance, Transportation, Health, Discipline, Scheduling, and Gradebook. Cost per student is \$16.75 for first 2000 students plus a flat fee of \$200.00.
- b. Payroll at a cost per student of \$5.32 for the first 2000 students plus a flat fee of \$525.00.
- c. Fund Accounting at a per student cost of \$4.60 for 1st 1500 \$2.31 for each additional student plus a flat fee of \$830.00.
- d. Human Resources at a student cost of \$2.45 per student for 1st 2500 plus a flat fee of \$525.00.
- e. Employee Portal is included in the Human Resources module.
- f. The Student Information System – GURUBoard – ZAPS Only at a cost per student of \$0.80.

(Approximate total cost of \$55,350.00)

16. Agreement-Harris Education Solutions

The Board of Education approved an agreement with Harris Education Solutions (formerly OnHand Schools, Inc.) to continue to use their EdInsight data management system software for the 2025-2026; 2026-2027; and 2027-2028 school years.

17. Dual Enrollment Lackawanna College

The Board of Education approved the continuation of the current Dual Enrollment Agreement between Western Wayne School District and Lackawanna College from July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026.

18. Agreement – St. Joseph’s Center

The Board of Education approved an agreement with Saint Joseph’s Center to provide services to Western Wayne children at the rate of pay per Access Rate. Services will be provided on an as needed basis as determined by the child’s IEP team for the contract period July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026.

19. Agreement-Human Resource Center Inc.

The Board of Education approved an agreement between the Western Wayne School District and the Human Resource Center Inc. for psychological evaluation, academic training, and community transition for students at a rate of \$29.56 per hour for Level 1 and \$22.60 per hour for Level 2 students for the 2025-2026 school year.

20. Agreement – Sayegh Pediatric Therapy Services

The Board of Education approved a contract for Speech and Language Therapy between the Western Wayne School District and Sayegh Pediatric Therapy Services from April 1, 2025 through August 15, 2026 at a rate of \$80.00/hour for 7 hours/day plus \$0 .70/mile.

21. Exchange Student

The Board of Education approved the registration of the following as an exchange student, not to exceed one year, for the 2025-2026 school year.

- a. S# 01-25-26

22. 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. Contractor, Yatsonsky Busing – Driver, Jeffery Roberts – Van/Bus

23. Overnight Field Trips

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

- a. Penn State Main Campus – PJAS State Competition – May 18 – 19, 2025. Chaperones: Christine McClure and Timothy McClure.
- b. Houston Texas – FIRST Robotics World Championship – April 14 – 20, 2025. Chaperones: Brian Landry; Josh Shelly; Matt Rosengrant; Ayla Savage. This trip is dependent on the final ranking in the District Championships being held April 3 – 5, 2025.

24. Personnel

a. Appointment – Paraprofessional

The Board of Education approved the following as a Full- Time Paraprofessional with applicable fringe benefits at a rate of \$14.00/hour.

1. Joshua Harrison

b. Appointment – Custodian

The Board of Education approved the following appointment for Custodian at \$14.00/hour with applicable fringe benefits:

1. Jennifer Hall – EverGreen – 2nd Shift

c. Appointment of Mentor - Correction

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-Full Year \$1,823.00
2. Theodore Macdonough-2nd Year Mentor for Elizabeth Reifler-Full Year \$500.00

d. Retirement

The Board of Education accepted the following retirements with regret:

1. Cheryl Lazorack – Paraprofessional – effective April 2, 2025.
2. Maria Liptak - Food Service Director – effective the end of the 2024-2025 school year.
3. Deborah Salak – Food Service Head Cook – effective the end of the 2024-2025 school year.
4. Ann Vinton – Paraprofessional – effective the end of the 2024-2025 school year.

e. Resignation

The Board of Education approved the following resignations:

1. Kimberly Foster – Food Service – effective April 9, 2025.
2. Alexandra Solimine – Assistant Musical Director – effective March 7, 2025.

f. Coaching – Spring

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:

1. Robert Amos – Track and Field Assistant Coach – 11th year \$ 4,095.50

g. Coaching - Fall

The Board of Education approved the following to the listed coaching positions for the 2025-2026 school year at the salary listed in the Professional Employees Contract pending adjustment upon updated contract:

1. Laura Wojnar – Cross Country Head Coach – 7th year	\$ 4,719.46
2. Andrea McClelland – Jr. High (7,8,9) Cross Country – 2nd year	\$ 3,515.00
3. Shane Grodack – Football Head Coach – 17th year	\$10,345.50
4. David Shimkosky – Football Assistant – 9th year	\$ 5,462.09
5. John Boandl – Football Assistant – 9th year	\$ 5,462.09
6. Josh Harrison – Jr. High (7,8,9) Football Coach – 2nd year	\$ 5,303.00
7. Martin O’Hora – Golf – 10th year	\$ 4,305.60
8. Matthew Fitzsimmons – Boys Soccer Head Coach – 22nd year	\$ 6,768.07
9. Alex Iovacchini – Boys Soccer Assistant – 2nd year	\$ 3,825.00
10. John Fahrenbach – Girls Soccer Head Coach – 10th year	\$ 6,577.43
11. James Moro – Girls Soccer Assistant – 12th year (as corrected)	\$ 3,958.86
12. Christa Maiocco – Girls Tennis Head Coach – 4th year	\$ 4,243.20

h. Appointment - Special Olympics

The Board of Education approved participation in the Special Olympics PA Interscholastic Unified Indoor Bocce program. Sienna Cardamone will be the 2024-2025 Co-Ed Inclusive Unified Indoor Bocce Advisor at a rate of \$1,000.00 for Western Wayne. Special Olympics PA will provide funding and resources for this program.

i. Approval – Volunteers

The Board of Education approved the following to the list of volunteers for the 2024-2025 school year.

1. Mark Bell – Softball
2. David Doud – Softball
3. Joshua Hoch – Boys Volleyball

j. Approval – Volunteers

The Board of Education approved the following to the list of volunteers for the 2025-2026 school year.

1. Brandyn Black – Football
2. David Elias – Football
3. Zane Janiszewski – Football

25. Information Items:

STUDENT TEACHER: Marywood University – Jada Siino – March 17, 2025 through May 9th, 2025 – EverGreen Elementary - Grade 4 – MaryBeth Grandinetti.

INTERN: Point Park University – Jacquelyn Barna – Principal Program Practicum - Middle School – Casey Newcomer.

Upcoming Dates

April 1, 2025 Chorus Fest – Honesdale HS – Grades 6,7,8
April 4-6, 2025 High School Musical Mamma Mia! – Veterans Memorial Auditorium (April 4th & 5th – 7:00 p.m.; April 6th – 2:00 p.m.)
April 7-9, 2025 FBLA State Leadership Conference – Hershey, PA
April 8, 2025 EverGreen 1st & 2nd grade Concerts – 6:00 p.m.
April 9, 2025 Report Card Distribution
April 9-12, 2025 PMEA All-State Conference
April 11-17, 2025 High School Spirit Week
April 15, 2025 Envirothon
April 17, 2025 Noon Dismissal – Easter Holiday
April 18-21, 2025 School Closed – Easter Holiday
April 22-30, 2025 PSSA Testing
April 24, 2025 National Honor Society Induction Ceremony, 7:00 p.m., Veterans Memorial Auditorium
April 25, 2025 National Junior Honor Society Induction Ceremony, 6:00 p.m. – Veterans memorial Auditorium
April 25, 2025 Title 1 Awards Night at Robert D. Wilson
May 7, 2025 Sports Physicals for Fall Sports Students
June 6, 2025 Tentative last day of school for students – Graduation

Correspondence

None

Superintendent's Report

Assistant Superintendent's Report

Federal Program Report

Mrs. Fitzsimmons noted that we will be monitored on April 16th for our Homeless Funds.

Other Business

None

Mr. Gershey announced that the Board of Education met in executive session for personnel and legal matters prior to the work session and will meet again after the formal meeting.

Future Meetings:

April 30, 2025 (tentative) - Presentation of the Narrative Budget, Administration Building, 1970C Easton Turnpike, Lake Ariel, PA 18436.

Wednesday, May 7, 2025 – 6:00 PM – Board Work Session followed by the Public Board Meeting, Administration Building, 1970C Easton Turnpike, Lake Ariel, PA 18436.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Mrs. DeSiato and seconded by Mr. Gombita to adjourn the regularly scheduled meeting of the Western Wayne Board of Education at approximately 6:41 p.m.

The motion carried with all affirmatives.

Respectfully Submitted,


Rose E. Emmett
Board Secretary

ATTEST:

