

Board Minutes February 4, 2026

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 4, 2026, 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 January 31, 2026 edition of the Tri-County Independent.

President William Gershey called the meeting to order at 6:36 p.m.

Mrs. Booths offered a prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Miss Emmett took roll call. (8) Board Members were present and are listed as follows:

Board President - William Gershey
Board Vice President – Joseph Gombita
Board Member – Angela Booths
Board Member - James Collins
Board Member – Christina Hinz
Board Member – Matthew Nied
Board Member – Kerin Weinberger
Board Member - Ethan Wood

Board Treasurer – Dana DeSiato was excused.

Solicitor 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, Paul Gregorski, High School Principal, Elizabeth Gregory, Early Intervention Supervisor, Mary Hoover, TNG Food Service Director, Michael Motsko, Ass't Director of Special Education, Casey Newcomer, Middle School Principal, Justin Pidgeon, EverGreen Principal, Brian Seaman, Technology Director, and Elizabeth Watson, Ed.D., Robert D. Wilson Principal.

Tyler Jakes, Athletic Director was excused.

The Board of Education met in executive session prior to the work session for legal matters.

5. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Mr. Wood and seconded by Mr. Gombita to accept the minutes generated from the work session and Regular Board meeting – January 14, 2026.

The motion carried with all affirmatives.

6. Treasurer's Reports

A motion was made by Mr. Wood and seconded by Mr. Collins to accept the Treasurer's Reports generated from the General Account, the Food Service Account and the Student Activity Account for October, November and December 2025.

The motion carried with all affirmatives.

7. Approval of Bills

A motion was made by Mr. Wood and seconded by Mr. Nied 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. Accounting of Taxes

9. Student Recognition

Student recognition occurred during the work session.

10. Public Recognition on Agenda Items

None

11. Enrollment Report:

ENROLLMENT - DAY # 94

2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR

GRADE	EG	RDW	MS	HS	TOTAL
EARLY INT.	12	7			19
PRE-K	49	40			89
KDG	65	61			126
GR. 1	88	57			145
GR. 2	71	38			109
GR. 3	79	52			131
GR. 4	77	46			123
GR. 5	68	57			125
GR. 6			136		136
GR. 7			125		125
GR. 8			122		122
GR. 9				127	127
GR. 10				138	138
GR. 11				143	143
GR. 12				147	147
TOTAL	509	358	383	555	1805

Totals: EverGreen - 509; RDW - 358; MS - 383; HS - 555 **TOTAL: 1805**
JANUARY TOTAL: 1801

A motion was made by Mrs. Hinz and seconded by Mr. Wood to approve a consent block motion for items 12 through 19e with adding the amount of \$2,500 to item 19a.

The motion carried with all affirmatives.

12. Policy - Retire

The Board of Education retired the following policy:

225 Relations with Law Enforcement Agencies

13. NEIU #19 Budget

The Board of Education approved the NEIU #19 Budget for the 2026-2027 school year with the estimated share from Western Wayne School District at \$48,267.09.

14. Construction Invoices

The Board of Education allowed the Business Manager to pay construction invoices for the Wastewater Treatment Plant renovations once processed and approved by Entech Engineering, with a monthly report to the Board of Education.

15. Contract – Soliant Health

The Board of Education approved a contract for Speech, Physical and Occupational Therapy between the Western Wayne School District and Soliant Health for the remainder of the 2025-2026 school year at a rate of \$300.00 per hour.

16. Settlement and Release Agreement

The Board of Education approved the Settlement and Release Agreement between Western Wayne School District and the following:

- a. S# 07-25-26

17. Transportation Drivers

The Board of Education approved the following Western Wayne School District Transportation Drivers for the listed contractor for the 2025-2026 school year:

- a. Kaitlyn Tuite – Van Driver Gary Dennis – Contractor
- b. Lori Sinawa – Van Driver Roy Swingle – Contractor

18. Overnight Field Trips

The Board of Education approved the following overnight field trips and Chaperones for the 2025-2026 school year:

- a. PMEA District 9 Band performance/clinic – Dallas High School, Dallas PA – February 4-6, 2026.
Chaperone: Elaine Ort.

- b. Robotics Competition - Warren Hill Regional High School, Washington NJ – March 6-8, 2026. Chaperones: Brian Landry, Josh Shelly, Matt Rosengrant and Ayla Savage.
- c. Robotics Competition – Bensalem High School, Bensalem PA – March 27-29, 2026. Chaperones: Brian Landry, Josh Shelly, Matt Rosengrant and Ayla Savage.
- d. Mid-Atlantic Region District Robotics Championship – Stabler Arena, Lehigh University, Bethlehem PA – April 16-18, 2026. Chaperones: Brian Landry, Josh Shelly, Matt Rosengrant and Ayla Savage.

19. Personnel

a. Stipend

The Board of Education approved a one-time stipend to Stephen Mackle in the amount of \$2,500 for continued Transportation Supervisor services and training provided.

b. Appointment – Head Cook

The Board of Education approved the appointment of Kristy Rusin as Head Cook – 7 hours per day – at a rate of \$20.65 per hour with applicable fringe benefits effective immediately.

c. Appointment – Spring Coaching

The Board of Education approved the following to the listed Coaching position for the 2025-2026 school year at the salary listed in the Professional Employees Contract:

- 1. David Doud – Jr. High (7,8,9) Softball – 1st year \$ 4,355.00
- 2. Mark A. Bell – Track & Field, Assistant – 8th year \$ 4,208.58
- 3. Joshua Hoch – Boys Volleyball, Assistant – 1st year \$ 3,949.00

d. Appointment – Fall Coaching

The Board of Education approved the following to the listed Coaching position for the 2026-2027 school year at the salary listed in the Professional Employees Contract:

- 1. David Shimkosky – Football, Head Coach – 10th year \$10,923.39
- 2. R. Darren Thorpe – Girls Volleyball, Head Coach – 21st year \$ 7,215.38
- 3. Jordyn Hanna – Girls Volleyball, Assistant – 2nd year \$ 4,078.00
- 4. Laura Wojnar – Cross Country, Head Coach – 8th year \$ 5,031.55
- 5. Andrea McClelland – Cross Country, Assistant – 3rd year \$ 3,821.94
- 6. John Fahrenbach – Girls Soccer, Head Coach – 11th year \$ 7,012.13
- 7. James Moro – Girls Soccer, Assistant – 13th year \$ 4,220.73

e. Volunteers

The Board of Education approved the following to the list of Volunteers for the 2025-2026 school year. Attendance in the building will be at the request of the Building Principal:

- 1. Caitlin Henefforth – Track and Field
- 2. Mark P. Bell - Softball

20. Informational Items:

- a. STUDENT TEACHER: Marywood University: Angelina Servino – January 19-March 6, 2026 – Kindergarten – Susan Kotchessa, EverGreen and March 16-May 9, 2026 – Learning Support – Cheryl Shimkosky, EverGreen.
- b. STUDENT OBSERVER: American College of Education: Michael McDonnell – Dates to be selected beginning January 22, 2026 – through March 2026 - High School - Gregory Butler.

c. Upcoming Dates:

- February 3, 2026 – EverGreen – Wayne Memorial-BEFAST Heart Health – Grade 3
- February 3, 2026 – RDW Pre-K -2nd After School Roller-Skating
- February 3, 2026 – Curriculum Night 6:00 p.m. – Veterans Memorial Auditorium
- February 4, 2026 – Report Card Distribution
- February 4, 2026 – RDW 3rd - 5th After School Roller-Skating
- February 4-6, 2026- PMEA District 9 Band - Dallas High School
- February 6, 2026 – Middle School Valentine’s Day Dance 6:00-8:00 p.m.
- February 9, 2026 – EverGreen – National Assessment of Educational Progress – Grade 4
- February 10, 2026 – RDW PTA Meeting – 6:30 p.m. – RDW Cafeteria
- February 11, 2026 – EverGreen PTA Meeting – 6:00 p.m. – EG Library
- February 13, 2026 – Noon Dismissal – Act 80 Day Teacher in Service
- February 16, 2026 – No School – President’s Day
- February 20, 2026 – RDW Family Movie Night – 5:00-8:00 p.m. – Gym

Superintendent’s Report

Assistant Superintendent’s Report

Correspondence

None

Federal Program Report

None

Other Business

None

Public Comment

None

Future Meetings:

Wednesday, March 4, 2026 – 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 5, 2026, or the next school day.

Meetings Held:

Wednesday, January 14, 2026 – 6:00 p.m. – Board Work Session followed by the Regular Monthly Board Meeting, Administration Building, 1970C Easton Turnpike, Lake Ariel, PA 18436.

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 6:41 p.m.

The motion carried with all affirmatives.

Respectfully Submitted,



Rose E. Emmett
Board Secretary

ATTEST

