

Board Minutes March 5, 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 March 5, 2026 (rescheduled from March 4th due to winter weather), 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 28, 2026 edition of the Tri-County Independent.

President William Gershey called the meeting to order at 6:29 p.m.

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

Miss Emmett took roll call. (7) Board Members were present and are 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 – Matthew Nied
Board Member - Ethan Wood

Board Vice President Joseph Gombita and Board Member Kerin Weinberger were excused. Mr. Gombita gave his voting proxy to Ethan Wood for the meeting.

Solicitor Ellis was present.

Administrators Present: Superintendent Dr. Matthew Barrett, Assistant Superintendent Dr. Cindy LaRosa, Rose Emmett, Business Manager/Board Secretary, 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, Tyler Jakes, Athletic Director, Michael Motsko, Ass't Director of Special Education, Casey Newcomer, Middle School Principal, Justin Pidgeon, EverGreen Principal, and Brian Seaman, Technology Director.

Matthew Barr, Assistant MS Principal, Robert Black, Assistant HS Principal and Elizabeth Watson, Ed.D., Robert D. Wilson Principal were 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. Collins to accept the minutes generated from the work session and Regular Board meeting February 4, 2026.

The motion carried with all affirmatives.

6. Treasurer’s Reports

A motion was made by Mrs. DeSiato and seconded by Mr. Nied 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. Collins 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 111

2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR

GRADE	EG	RDW	MS	HS	TOTAL
EARLY INT.	12	7			19
PRE-K	49	41			90
KDG	66	62			128
GR. 1	88	57			145
GR. 2	72	38			110
GR. 3	80	53			133
GR. 4	76	46			122
GR. 5	67	57			124
GR. 6			136		136
GR. 7			126		126
GR. 8			121		121
GR. 9				126	126
GR. 10				136	136
GR. 11				142	142
GR. 12				150	150

TOTAL	510	361	383	554	1808
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Totals: EverGreen - 510; RDW – 361; MS – 383; HS – 554 TOTAL - 1808
February Total – 1805

A motion was made by Mrs. DeSiato and seconded by Mr. Wood to approve a consent block motion for items 12a through 21j with adding Mr. Gershey’s name to item 18; adding item 20e April 19, 2027 as a Full Day In-Service and tabling item 21b.

The motion carried with all affirmatives.

12. Transportation

The Board of Education approved the following existing Transportation Contract name change:

- a. S & L Swingle, LLC – Bus 059 – to Wade Maines – Bus 059

13. Building Use

The Board of Education approved the following Building Use request for the 2026-2027 school year:

- a. Drama Club/Hot Rod Club – Annual Car Show - Saturday, September 19, 2026 – 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. – High School Stadium, Concession Stand, and Parking Lot. Rain date to be Saturday, September 26, 2026 – 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

14. Overnight Field Trip

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

- a. PMEA Region IV Band – MMI Prep/Hazeltown Area High School – March 11-13, 2026.
Chaperone: Elaine Ort.

15. Audit Acceptance

The Board of Education accepted the Audit Report of the Western Wayne School District for the year ended June 30, 2025, as prepared by Brian T. Kelly, CPA & Associates, LLC.

16. Fund Balance Designation

The Board of Education approved the recommendation of the Business Manager to designate a portion of our ending 2024-2025 Fund Balance to manage future budgets as per Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement Number 54 (GASB 54). Committed: \$1,324,803; Assigned: \$4,424,754; and Unassigned: \$2,887,698.

17. Contract – Soliant Health

The Board of Education approved a contract for Paraprofessionals between the Western Wayne School District and Soliant Health for the remainder of the 2025-2026 school year at a rate of \$50.00 per hour with a minimum of 35 hours per week.

18. NEIU Board Appointment

The Board of Education appointed William Gershey as their representative to the Northeastern Education Intermediate Unit #19 Board effective July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2029.

19. 2026-2027 School District Calendar

The Board of Education approved the 2026-2027 School District Calendar. **Attachment I**

20. 2026-2027 Act 80 Days

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

- a. September 25, 2026
- b. October 30, 2026
- c. November 11, 2026
- d. February 12, 2027
- e. April 19, 2027 - FULL DAY

21. Personnel

a. Appointment – Middle School Assistant Principal

The Board of Education approved the recommendation of the Superintendent and District Administrators in the appointment of Curt Yenchik as Middle School Assistant Principal at a pro-rated salary in accordance with the Act 93 Agreement.

b. Appointment – Special Education Teacher TABLED

~~It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the recommendation of the Superintendent and District Administrators in the following appointment:~~

- ~~1. _____ Temporary Professional Employee – Special Education Teacher – Step 1 _____ pro-rated effective _____.~~

c. Appointment – Paraprofessionals

The Board of Education approved the appointment of the following contingent upon receipt of paperwork and clearances:

- 1. Christine McGrady – Full-Time Paraprofessional – Special Education at a rate of \$15.00 per hour.
- 2. Kelly Marold - Full-Time Paraprofessional – Special Education at a rate of \$20.00 per hour.

d. Appointment – Part Time Food Service Worker

The Board of Education approved the appointment of the following as a part-time Food Service Worker – 5 hours per day at a rate of \$15.00 per hour with no fringe benefits:

- 1. Stephanie Dellomo – Effective March 5, 2026.

e. Appointment of Mentor

The Board of Education appointed the following Mentor for the 2nd semester of the 2025-2026 school year at the salary listed in the Professional Employees Contract:

Mentee	Professional Employee	Salary
Andrea McClelland – 2nd year	Colleen Carmody	\$516.00/pro-rated

f. 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. Sarah Korty – Track and Field, Jr. High (7,8,9) – 1st year \$4,086.00

g. 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. John Boandl – Football, Assistant Coach – 10th year \$5,850.86
2. Donald McDonough - Football, Assistant Coach – 15th year \$5,907.39
3. Michael Nardone - Football, Assistant Coach – 2nd year \$5,653.00
4. Joshua Harrison – Football, Jr. High (7,8,9) – 3rd year \$5,766.06
5. Anthony Merone – Football, Jr. High (7,8,9) – 2nd year \$2,826.50*
6. Jason Sauter – Football, Jr. High (7,8,9) – 9th year \$2,911.30*

* Split position

h. The Board of Education approved a correction to the number of years of experience from three to four for Gregory Butler, Social Studies Department Chairperson for the 2025-2026 school year and to correct the years of experience factor for the 2024-2025 year to three.

i. 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. Greg Martin – Baseball

j. The Board of Education approved the following to the list of Volunteers for the 2026-2027 school year. Attendance in the building will be at the request of the Building Principal:

1. Brandyn Black - Football
2. David Elias, Jr. – Football
3. Raphael Rostock - Football

22. Informational Items:

a. Gillian Groom has attained Tenure in the Western Wayne School District.

b. STUDENT OBSERVER: Keystone College: Alex Iovachini – Secondary Social Studies - March 5 – May 1, 2026 – Shane Grodack.

c. Upcoming Dates

- March 2-6, 2026 – EverGreen Spring Book Fair
- March 2-6, 2026 – RDW Read Across America theme week
- March 3, 2026 – RDW Roller skating (after-school) – Pre-K, K, 1st & 2nd
- March 4, 2026 – RDW Roller skating (after-school) – 3rd, 4th, & 5th
- March 5, 2026 - EverGreen Book Fair – Parents night – 5:00-7:00 p.m.
- March 5, 2026 – RDW Read Across America Night, Musical Preview & Book Fair – 5:00-8:00 p.m.
- March 5-7, 2026 – PMEA Region Orchestra
- March 11, 2026 - EverGreen PTA Meeting – 6:00 p.m.
- March 11, 2026 – RDW PTA Meeting – 6:30 p.m. – Cafeteria
- March 11-13, 2026 – PMEA Region Band
- March 12, 2026 - WW Jr. Wildcats Football Club Sign-ups (Football & Cheer) 6:00-8:00 p.m. – RDW LGI
- March 13, 2026 – Blood Drive – High School Gymnasium
- March 16-19, 2026 – RDW - AG Reading – Kindergarten – 2nd Grades
- March 16-19, 2026 – 26-27 Pre-K & Kindergarten Registration
- March 18, 2026 - AG Literacy Day – Kindergarten – 2nd Grades
- March 20, 2026 – No School – Teacher in Service
- March 27, 2026 – RDW Family Skate Night – 6:00-8:00 p.m. - Gymnasium
- March 27-April 2, 2026 – High School Spirit Week
- March 28, 2026 – High School Musical Character Breakfast – 10:00 a.m. – Cafeteria
- March 31, 2026 – End of 3rd marking period (tentative)

Superintendent's Report

Assistant Superintendent's Report

Correspondence

None

Federal Program Report

None

Other Business

None

Courtesy of the Floor

Prior to opening up for comment Attorney Ellis read a statement in regards to student privacy and safety at our district which remains a priority for this Board of Education. The District is aware of public concerns regarding recent behavior incidents and will continue to follow current policy and procedures for all investigations. Public comment is a forum for general policy concerns and is not a forum for specific student discipline matters.

The following is a list of people who spoke during the comment section:

Kristy Montero, Salem Twp spoke on High School safety issues and is concerned for her son.

Frank DeNunzio, Lake Twp spoke on High School safety issues that he does not feel are being properly handled.

Jen Adams, Lake Twp spoke about her concerns over what her son tells her at home.

Kim Gifford, Sterling Twp spoke about an incident involving her daughter that happened 3 years ago and is still happening at the High School to others.

Erin Vinton, Canaan Twp spoke about parent struggles and encouraged new policy for all students that will put them on a path for their own educational experience.

Mr. Gershey thanked the public for their comments and concerns. The Board takes everything you say very seriously.

Future Meetings:

Wednesday, April 1, 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 April 2, 2026, 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.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Mrs. DeSiato and seconded by Mr. Wood to adjourn the regularly scheduled meeting of the Western Wayne Board of Education at 6:53 p.m.

The motion carried with all affirmatives.

Respectfully Submitted,



Rose E. Emmett
Board Secretary

ATTEST:

