

# Board Minutes April 1, 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 April 1, 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 March 28, 2026 edition of the Tri-County Independent.

President William Gershey called the meeting to order at 6:20 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 Vice President - Joseph Gombita  
Board Member – Angela Booths  
Board Member – Christina Hinz  
Board Member – Matthew Nied  
Board Member - Kerin Weinberger  
Board Member - Ethan Wood

Board Treasurer – Dana DeSiato and Board Member - James Collins were excused.

Solicitor Ellis was present.

Administrators Present: Superintendent Dr. Matthew Barrett, Assistant Superintendent Dr. Cindy LaRosa, Rose Emmett, Business Manager/Board Secretary, 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, Tyler Jakes, Athletic Directory, 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.

## **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 March 5, 2026.

The motion carried with all affirmatives.

**6. Treasurer's Reports**

A motion was made by Mr. Wood and seconded by Mrs. Hinz 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 Mr. Wood and seconded by Mrs. Hinz 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**

None

**9. Student Recognition**

Student recognition occurred during the work session.

**10. Recognition of visitors and comments on Agenda items only**

None

**11. Enrollment Report:**

ENROLLMENT - DAY 128

2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR

GRADE	EG	RDW	MS	HS	TOTAL
EARLY INT.	12	7			19
PRE-K	49	41			90
KDG	66	63			129
GR. 1	88	57			145
GR. 2	71	38			109
GR. 3	80	53			133
GR. 4	75	46			121
GR. 5	68	58			126
GR. 6			136		136
GR. 7			126		126
GR. 8			121		121
GR. 9				129	129
GR. 10				138	138
GR. 11				143	143
GR. 12				148	148

TOTAL	509	363	383	558	<b>1813</b>
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Totals: EverGreen - 509; RDW - 363; MS - 383; HS - 558: **Total - 1813**  
**March Total - 1805**

A motion was made by Mr. Wood and seconded by Mr. Nied to approve a consent block motion for items 12 through 30e adding "with regret" to item 30a.

The motion carried with all affirmatives.

**12. Policies – Review and Revise**

The Board of Education reviewed and revised the following policies:

- 006 Meetings
- 140 Charter Schools
- 221 Dress and Grooming
- 325 Dress and Grooming
- 332 Working Periods
- 619 District Audit
- 805 Emergency Preparedness and Response
- 810 Transportation

**13. Transportation Driver**

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

- a. Driver (Van) – Kevin Good                      Contractor – Scottie Swingle, Jr.
- b. Driver (Van) – Valerie Flyte                      Contractor – William Henwood
- c. Driver (Van) – Christopher Curry              Contractor – S & L Swingle
- d. Driver (Van) – Rachel Dennis                   Contractor – Gary Dennis
- e. Driver (Van) – Courtney Kizer                   Contractor – Gary Dennis

**14. 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 2026-2027 school year.

**15. Designation of Depositories**

The Board of Education approved the designation of depositories for the 2026-2027, 2027-2028 fiscal years as listed: (Section 621)

- a. Wayne Bank  
General Fund Interest Bearing Checking Account, Capital Reserve Fund Account, Flex Spending Account and Certificates of Deposit.
- b. Honesdale National Bank  
Certificates of Deposit.

- c. NBT Bank  
Payroll Account, Certificates of Deposit, Middle School Account, all Western Wayne High School Accounts including Activities Account, Athletic Account, and National School Lunch Program Accounts.

## 16. School Calendar

The Board of Education approved the following changes to the 2025-2026 school calendar and allows the Superintendent to change the dates if necessary.

- a. Thursday, June 4, 2026 – Noon Dismissal for Students – Act 80 day
- b. Friday, June 5, 2026 - Last Day of School for all Students and Graduation
- c. Monday, June 8, 2026 – Last Day for Teachers

## 17. Agreement/Data Processing Services

The Board of Education approved Western Wayne School District's participation in the following software services offered by Central Susquehanna Intermediate Unit (CSIU) for the 2026-2027 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 \$5.37 for the first 2000 students plus a flat fee of \$550.00.
- c. Fund Accounting at a per student cost of \$4.65 for 1st 1500, \$2.36 for each additional student, plus a flat fee of \$830.00.
- d. Human Resources at a student cost of \$2.50 per student for 1st 2500 plus a flat fee of \$550.00.
- e. Employee Portal is included in the Human Resources module.
- f. The Student Information System – GURUBoard – ZAPS Only at a cost per student of \$0.85.  
(Approximate total cost of \$54,450.00)

## 18. E-Rate

- a. The Board of Education approved to submit two E-Rate Funding Request Numbers for eligible Category 2 purchases under the Schools and Libraries Program (E-Rate). The requests are based on an estimated E-Rate discount of 85%, pending approval by the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC). Upon USAC approval, the district will be responsible for the remaining non-discounted 15% (\$20,350.40) of the total (\$135,669.27) project costs.
- b. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve a fiber-optic services agreement with PennTeleData at a cost of \$750 per month for a duration of 60 months, beginning on July 1, 2026. This service will be submitted for funding through the federal E-Rate program, and if approved, the district will be responsible for 10% of the monthly cost. This fiber-optic service connects our network infrastructure from the High School/Middle School campus to RDW and EverGreen Elementary.

## 19. Appointment - Special Counsel

The Board of Education approved King, Spry, Herman, Freund & Faul, LLC as Special Counsel for Western Wayne School District at the rate of \$180.00 per hour for Attorneys and \$95.00 per hour for Paralegals for the 2026-2027 school year.

## **20. 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.

## **21. Agreement – St. Joseph’s Center**

The Board of Education approved an agreement between Western Wayne School District and Saint Joseph’s Center to provide occupational, speech and physical therapy services to Students at the rate of pay per ACCESS rate. Services will be provided on an as needed basis as determined by the Student’s IEP for the contract period July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027.

## **22. Agreement – Sayegh Pediatric Therapy Services, P.C.**

The Board of Education approved an agreement between Western Wayne School District and Sayegh Pediatric Therapy Services, P.C. for Speech and Language Therapy from April 1, 2026 through August 1, 2027 at a rate of \$85.00/hour for 7 hours/day plus \$0.70/mile.

## **23. Agreement - Karen Kane, Physical Therapy Service Agreement**

The Board of Education approved an agreement between Western Wayne School District and Karen Kane, PT to provide physical therapy services for our Early Intervention Program as needed during the 2026-2027 school year at the rate of pay per ACCESS rate.

## **24. Agreement-Reading Allowed**

The Board of Education approved an Agreement between Western Wayne School District and Reading Allowed to provide tutoring services to students at a rate of \$140.00 per 1:1 session effective March 17, 2026 and continuing for the 2026-2027 school year.

## **25. Settlement Agreement**

The Board of Education approved the settlement agreement between Western Wayne School District and #04-25-26.

## **26. LEA Policies and Procedures – IDEA**

The Board of Education approved the LEA policies and Procedures that adhere to the requirements under the Individual with Disabilities Education Act, Part B (IDEA-B).

## **27. Overnight Field Trips**

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

- a. PJAS State Competition - Penn State Main Campus – May 17 – 18, 2026. Chaperones: Christine McClure and Timothy McClure.
- b. FBLA National Leadership Conference - San Antonia, TX – June 27-July 3, 2026. Chaperones: Christine McClure, Timothy McClure, and Megan Rush.

## 28. Building Use

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

- a. Western Wayne Band Parents Association – Annual Craft Fair – Saturday, October 17, 2026 – HS Cafeteria, Gymnasium, Kitchen, Parking Lot, Hallways and MS Hallways – 8:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. Event time 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

## 29. Exchange Student

The Board of Education approved the registration of the following as an exchange student, not to exceed one year, for the 2026-2027 school year.

- a. S# 01-26-27

## 30. Personnel

### a. Retirement

The Board of Education accepted the following retirements with regret:

1. Joseph Totsky – Middle School Guidance Counselor – Effective June 30, 2026
2. Colleen Carmody – Family Consumer Science Teacher – Effective June 8, 2026
3. Denise Johnson – Nurse – Effective end of 2025-2026 school year
4. Christine Davis – Nurse - Effective end of 2025-2026 school year
5. Joanne Connolly – Elementary Teacher – Effective end of 2025-2026 school year
6. Christine Carey – Mathematics 10-12 Teacher – Effective June 8, 2026

### b. Coaching - Fall

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:

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| 1. Martin O’Hora – Golf, Head Coach – 11th year                      | \$4,590.23 |
| 2. Kaitlyn Torquati – Varsity Football Cheerleading – 8th year       | \$5,001.68 |
| 3. Gillian Groom – Jr. High (7,8,9) Football Cheerleading – 2nd year | \$2,427.00 |

### c. Appointment

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

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| 1. Mary Miles – HS Musical, Set Construction – 1st year | \$854.00 |
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### d. Volunteers

The Board of Education approved the following to the list of Volunteers for the 2025-2026 school year:

1. Trina Rudd – Band/Drama

2. David Elias III – Track & Field
3. Susan DeBella – Accompanist – Elementary Spring Concerts
4. Owen Kotchessa – EverGreen Elementary

**e. Volunteer**

The Board of Education approved the following to the list of Volunteers for the 2026-2027 school year:

1. John Pyatt - Football

**31. Informational Items:**

**Upcoming Dates**

- April 1, 2026 - End of the 3rd marking period (tentative)
- April 2, 2026 - Noon Dismissal – Easter Break
- April 3-6, 2026 - No School – Easter Break
- April 7, 2026 - RDW After School Roller Skating - Pre-K; K; 1st & 2nd
- April 8, 2026 - RDW After School Roller Skating – 3rd; 4th & 5th
- April 8, 2026 - EverGreen PTA Meeting – 6:00 p.m.
- April 8, 2026 - Wayne-Pike Envirothon
- April 9, 2026 - EverGreen Spring Concert – 1st Grade, 6:00 p.m. & 2nd Grade – 7:00 p.m.
- April 10, 2026 - High School Musical, Charlie and the Chocolate Factory Veterans Memorial Auditorium – 7:00 p.m.
- April 11, 2026 - High School Musical, Charlie and the Chocolate Factory Veterans Memorial Auditorium – 7:00 p.m.
- April 12, 2026 - High School Musical, Charlie and the Chocolate Factory Veterans Memorial Auditorium – 2:00 p.m.
- April 13-15, 2026- FBLA State Leadership Conference, Hershey PA
- April 14, 2026 - RDW Spring Concert – 1st Grade, 6:15 p.m. & 2nd Grade 7:15 p.m.
- April 15, 2026 - Special Olympics – Delaware Valley School District - Rain Date - April 16, 2026
- April 15, 2026 - RDW PTA Meeting – Cafeteria – 6:30 p.m.
- April 20-May 8, 2026 – PSSA Testing
- April 22-25, 2026– PMEA All-State Conference
- April 23, 2026 - National Honor Society Induction Ceremony – Veterans Memorial Auditorium – 7:00 p.m.
- April 24, 2026 - Noon Dismissal – Act 80 Day
- April 24, 2026 - Title 1 Awards Night – EverGreen Cafeteria 5:00-7:00 p.m.
- April 24, 2026 - National Junior Honor Society Induction Ceremony – Veterans Memorial Auditorium – 6:00 p.m.

**Correspondence**

None

**Superintendent’s Report**

**Assistant Superintendent’s Report**

**Federal Programs Report**

None

**Other Business**

None

**Recognition of visitors and comments on Non-Agenda items only**

Linda Doering, Penn State Extension Pesticide Education, presented information about poison prevention presentations they conducted at our elementary schools known as "Mr. Yuck Program"

Adrian Brown of Canaan Twp commended the district about our STEM program and Title I program. He is requesting permission on behalf of the area little league program to work on our fields provided the work is done off school hours. Dr. Barrett gave him the ok, provided he coordinates the work with our Maintenance Supervisor, Ron Franks.

**Future meetings**

Wednesday, April 22, 2026 – 6:00 p.m. - Presentation of the Narrative Budget, Administration Building, 1970C Easton Turnpike, Lake Ariel, PA 18436.

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

**Meetings held**

Thursday, March 5, 2026 – 5:30 p.m. - Executive Session, Administration Building, 1970C Easton Turnpike, Lake Ariel, PA 18436.

Thursday, March 5, 2026 – 6:00 p.m. - Board Work Session followed by the Regular Monthly Board Meeting, Administration Building, 1970C Easton Turnpike, Lake Ariel, PA 18436.

Thursday, March 5, 2026 – 7:00 p.m. – Executive Session, Administration Building, 1970C Easton Turnpike, Lake Ariel, PA 18436.

Tuesday, March 17, 2026 – 5:30 p.m. – Executive Session, Administration Building, 1970C Easton Turnpike, Lake Ariel, PA 18436.

The Board will meet in executive session after the meeting for legal matters.

**Adjournment**

A motion was made by Mr. Gombita and seconded by Mrs. Hinz to adjourn the regularly scheduled meeting of the Western Wayne Board of Education at 6:35 p.m.

The motion carried with all affirmatives.

Respectfully Submitted,



Rose E. Emmett  
Board Secretary

ATTEST: 