

Board Minutes May 6, 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 May 6, 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 May 2, 2026 edition of the Tri-County Independent.

President William Gershey called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m.

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

Miss Emmett took roll call. (9) Board Members were present and are 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 – Matthew Nied
Board Member - Kerin Weinberger
Board Member - Ethan Wood

Solicitor Ellis was present.

Administrators Present: Assistant Superintendent Dr. Cindy LaRosa, Rose Emmett, Business Manager/Board Secretary, Jennifer DeNike, Ed.D., Dir. of Special Education, Kerrie Fitzsimmons, EverGreen Assistant 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, and Elizabeth Watson, Ed.D., Robert D. Wilson Principal.

Superintendent Dr. Matthew Barrett, Robert Black, Assistant HS Principal, Paul Gregorski, High School Principal, Tyler Jakes, Athletic Director, Brian Seaman, Technology Director and Curt Yenchick, Middle School Ass't 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 work session and Regular Board meeting April 1, 2026 and the Narrative Budget meeting on April 22, 2026.

The motion carried with all affirmatives.

6. Treasurer's Reports

A motion was made by Mrs. DeSiato and seconded by Mr. Collins to accept the Treasurer's Reports generated from the General Account, the Food Service Account and the Student Activities Account for January, February and March 2026.

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. Student Recognition

Student recognition occurred during the work session.

9. Recognition of visitors and comments on Agenda items only

None

10. Enrollment Report:

ENROLLMENT - DAY # 151

2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR

GRADE	EG	RDW	MS	HS	TOTAL
EARLY INT.	12	7			19
PRE-K	48	41			89
KDG	66	63			129
GR. 1	89	59			148
GR. 2	71	41			112
GR. 3	79	52			131
GR. 4	75	46			121
GR. 5	68	58			126
GR. 6			137		137
GR. 7			123		123
GR. 8			122		122
GR. 9				128	128
GR. 10				131	131
GR. 11				142	142
GR. 12				149	149
TOTAL	508	367	382	550	1807

Totals: EverGreen – 508; RDW – 367; MS – 382; HS – 550 TOTAL: 1807
APRIL TOTAL: 1813

A motion was made by Mrs. DeSiato and seconded by Mr. Nied to approve a consent block motion for items 11 through 38o withholding items 17-20.

The motion carried with all affirmatives.

11. Policy – First Reading

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

Section: 800 Operations
805.3 Use of Force

12. Adoption of the 2026-2027 Fiscal Year Tentative Budget

The Board of Education adopted the 2026-2027 Fiscal Year Tentative Budget showing estimated available resources of \$65,737,488.00 and Estimated expenditures and ending fund balance in the amount of \$65,737,488.00 establishing real estate tax millage of 13.2193 with a 2.00% discount if the whole amount of the tax is paid within two months after the date of the tax notice; payment at face if the tax is paid within two months following the end of the discount period; penalty of 10.00% on all taxes not paid within four months after the date of the tax notice. **ATTACHMENT I**

13. Adoption of the 2026-2027 Tax Resolutions

The Board of Education adopted the attached 2026-2027 Tax Resolutions. **ATTACHMENT II**

14. Approval of the 2026 Graduate List

The Board of Education approved the attached list for 2026 Graduation as presented by High School Principal Mr. Paul Gregorski contingent upon each having satisfactorily completed all school and state requirements by Graduation. **ATTACHMENT III**

15. Legislative Representative/Liaison

The Board of Education appointed the Board President as PSBA Legislative Representative/Liaison for the 2026-2027 school year.

16. PSBA Voting Delegate

The Board of Education appointed Treasurer Dana DeSiato as voting delegate to the PSBA 2026 Delegate Assembly.

21. Exoneration of Municipal Tax Collectors

The Board of Education approved the exoneration of the Municipal Tax Collectors from the collection of the 2025 Duplicates.

22. Appointment of Tax Collectors

The Board of Education appointed the following elected Tax Collectors to serve the District for the 2026 duplicates:

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| a. Canaan Township | Linda Davis, 456 O'Connell Road, Waymart, PA 18472 |
| b. Clinton Township #1 | Marianne Thorpe, 1095 Belmont Tpke, Waymart, PA 18472 |
| c. Lake Township | Maureen Barry, PO Box 72, Lake Ariel, PA 18436 |
| d. Salem Township | Laura Roos, PO Box 818, Hamlin, PA 18427 |
| e. South Canaan Township | Paula Herzog, 467 St. Tikhon's Rd., Waymart, PA 18472 |
| f. Sterling Township | Cindy Hefty, PO Box 99, Sterling PA 18463 |
| g. Waymart Borough | Lauren Coolbaugh, 51 Myrtle St., Waymart, PA 18472 |

23. Acceptance of Deputy Tax Collectors

The Board of Education accepted the following as Deputy Tax Collectors for their Townships during the term of January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2030:

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| Canaan Township | Daniel Davis, 456 O'Connell Road, Waymart, PA 18472 |
| Clinton Township #1 | Christine Kwiatkowski, 129 Lillie Rd., Waymart, PA 18472 |
| Lake Township | Gerald Powell, 1338 Fernwood Rd., Lake Ariel, PA 18436 |
| Salem Township | Christopher Roos, 56 Cemetery Rd., Moscow, PA 18444 |
| South Canaan Township | David J. Herzog, 467 St. Tikhons Rd, Lake Ariel, PA 18436 |
| Sterling Township | Stephanie Oltmann, PO Box 100, Sterling, PA 18463 |
| Waymart Borough | Nickolas Robinson, 51 Myrtle St., Waymart, PA 18472 |

24. Appointment – District Solicitor

The Board of Education appointed Ellis Law Group as District Solicitor at an annual retainer fee of \$1,000.00 and an hourly rate of \$200.00 for the 2026-2027 school year.

25. Memorandum of Understanding

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

26. Food Service Management extension

The Board of Education approved an extension with The Nutrition Group for a cost reimbursable contract to provide food service management services to the Western Wayne School District for a period of one year beginning on July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027, which may be renewed by mutual agreement for up to three additional one-year periods as per the Request for Proposal specifications.

27. Agreement Addendum – ESS Northeast, LLC

The Board of Education approved an addendum to the current agreement with ESS Northeast, LLC to cover the hourly professional rate of \$41.82 per hour for Teachers and Nurses and \$15.00 per hour for Paraprofessionals for the Extended School Year program. Any summer program positions not filled by Western Wayne School District staff will be filled through ESS Northeast, LLC.

28. Card Access System – Acceptance of Bid

The Board of Education awarded a bid to NRG Controls to furnish and upgrade our AX Vykon Security (Card Access System) as per their bid dated April 15, 2026. The total award is \$49,048.00, (we are accepting their \$3,200 deduction for the server from original bid amount of \$52,248.00). This upgrade will be funded partially by our 24-25 PCCD grant (\$30,203.50) and the remaining with 2025 construction funds (\$18,844.50).

29. Contract – Finalsight

The Board of Education approved a contract between Western Wayne School District and Finalsight for the mass communication blackboard connect program at a cost of \$5,923.00 effective July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027.

30. Service Agreement – Taylor A. Hunter

The Board of Education approved an agreement between Western Wayne School District and Taylor A. Hunter for Sign Language Interpreting Services at a rate of \$50.00 per hour during the regular school day; \$52.00 per hour for after school activities; and \$53.00 per hour for weekend services for the 2026-2027 school year.

31. Service Agreement – Merakey Pennsylvania

The Board of Education approved an agreement between Western Wayne School District and Merakey Pennsylvania for educational services at a rate of \$252.40 per day as needed and \$168.24 per day for extended school year services, effective August 1, 2026 through and including July 31, 2027.

32. Agreement – Johnson College Dual Enrollment

The Board of Education approved the Dual Enrollment Agreement between Western Wayne School District and Johnson College effective July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027.

33. Textbook – AP Environmental Science

The Board of Education approved the Superintendent's recommendation to adopt the Advanced Placement Environmental Science Textbook - Environmental Science for the AP Course, published by Bedford, Freeman & Worth.

34. Building Use

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

- a. Craft Fairs For A Cause – Annual Craft Fair – Saturday, October 24, 2026 – Robert D. Wilson Cafeteria, Gym, LGI and Stage areas - 7:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Event time 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

35. Settlement Agreement and Release

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

- a. S# 10-25-26

36. Waiver of Expulsion Hearing and Stipulations

The Board of Education adopted the proposed Waiver 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# 08-25-26
- b. S# 09-25-26
- c. S# 11-25-26

37. Approval – Non-Resident Student Enrollment

The Board of Education approved enrollment for the following students under Board Policy 202 for the 2026-2027 school year:

- a. NRS # 01-26-27
- b. NRS # 02-26-27
- c. NRS # 03-26-27
- d. NRS # 04-26-27
- e. NRS # 05-26-27
- f. NRS # 06-26-27
- g. NRS # 07-26-27
- h. NRS # 08-26-27

38. Personnel

a. Retirement

The Board of Education accepted the following retirement:

- 1. Karen Misiura – Paraprofessional – Robert D. Wilson – Effective June 8, 2026.

b. Resignation

The Board of Education accepted the following resignation:

- 1. Meghan Diehl – Food Service Worker – Middle School – Effective May 8, 2026.

c. Correction

The Board of Education approved a correction to the number of years of experience from three to four for Elizabeth Sandrowicz, Foreign Language Department Chairperson for the 2025-2026 school year and to correct the years of experience factor for the 2024-2025 year to three.

d. Correction

The Board of Education approved a correction to the number of years of experience from four to five for Carrie Wittenbrader, 10th Grade Class Advisor for the 2024-2025 school year and from five to six for the 2025-2026 11th Grade Class Advisor.

e. Appointment – Advisors

The Board of Education appointed the following to the listed advisor position for the 2026-2027 school year at the salary listed in the Professional Employees Contract. **Attachment IV**

f. Appointment – Department Chairperson & SAP Team Members

The Board of Education appointed the following to the listed Department Chairperson positions and Student Assistance Program (SAP) Team for the 2026-2027 school year at the salary listed in the Professional Employees Contract. **Attachment IV**

g. Appointment – Extended School Year

The Board of Education appointed the following to the listed position for the 2026 extended school year, contingent upon enrollment, at the rate listed in the Professional Employees Contract. **Attachment V**

h. Appointment - Summer School

The Board of Education appointed the following as instructors for the 2026 summer school program, contingent upon enrollment, at a rate of \$41.82 per hour as listed in the Professional Employees Contract:

1. Andrew McCaffery – Math 7-12
2. Vincent Tomassoni - Science
3. David Shimkosky – Social Studies
4. Carrie Wittenbrader – English – 2 weeks
5. Rebecca Banik – English – 2 weeks

i. Appointment – Spring Coaching

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

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| 1. Sarah Korty* – Track and Field, Jr. High (7,8,9) – 1st year | \$2,043.00/split |
| 2. David Elias, III – Track and Field, Jr. High (7,8,9) – 1st year | \$2,043.00/split |

Effective upon receipt of employment paperwork.

*Was previously approved.

j. 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:

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| 1. Steven Gregorski – Girls Tennis, Head Coach – 1st year | \$4,435.00 |
| 2. Heather Fedoryk – Jr. High (7,8,9) Girls Soccer – 2nd year | \$3,027.00 |
| 3. Alex Iovacchini – Boys Soccer, Head Coach – 3rd year | \$6,910.50 |

k. Letters of Assurance

The Board of Education approved the authorization of Reasonable Assurance of Employment letters to be sent out by the Superintendent's Office by May 29, 2026 to 10-month Secretaries, Cafeteria workers and Teacher Aides.

l. District Dentist

The Board of Education appointed Dr. Cathy Salak, DMD, as the District Dentist to examine students in Grades Kindergarten, 3 and 7 for the 2026-2027 school year. The fee of \$13.00 per student will include the dental equipment needed for the screenings.

m. District Physician

The Board of Education appointed Dr. Nathan Greczek as District Physician for the 2026-2027 school year, duties as defined per Pennsylvania School Code for District Policy as duly licensed by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania – Department of Health and in compliance with Acts 24/34/151/114 guidelines as follows:

1. Mandated Physicals for grades Kindergarten, 6 & 11 and sports physicals at a rate of \$20.00 per physical for the 2026-2027 school year.
2. Physician coverage for home football games at a rate of \$100.00 per game.

n. Approval – Volunteer

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

1. Bridgit Erb – Middle School

o. Approval – Volunteer

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

1. Luke Gregory – Girls Soccer

17. Election of Board Treasurer

A motion was made by Mr. Collins to nominate Dana DeSiato Board Treasurer – in accordance with Section 404 of the Public School Code. Hearing no other nominations, Mrs. DeSiato was elected Board Treasurer for the 2026-2027 School Year.

The motion carried with all affirmatives.

18. Board Treasurer's Salary

A motion was made by Mr. Wood and seconded by Mrs. Hinz to approve the amount of \$3,000.00 for the Board Treasurer's salary for the 2025-2026 school year.

The motion carried with eight affirmatives and one abstention from Mrs. DeSiato.

19. Board Treasurer's Bond

A motion was made by Mrs. DeSiato and seconded by Mrs. Hinz to approve the Public Official's Treasurer's Bond at \$25,000.00 for the 2025-2026 school year at an estimated cost of \$250.00.

The motion carried with all affirmatives.

20. Donation of Board Treasurer's Salary

A motion was made by Mrs. DeSiato and seconded by Mr. Gombita to approve the donation of the Board Treasurer's salary to the following in the amounts listed:

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| a. Track and Field | \$1,000.00 |
| b. Girls Tennis | \$ 500.00 |
| c. Golf | \$ 500.00 |
| d. Boys Basketball | \$ 500.00 |
| e. Girls Basketball | \$ 500.00 |

The motion carried with all affirmatives.

Informational Items:

- a. May 4 - 8, 2026 Education Appreciation Week
- b. The district has submitted the required information for Keystone College's Certified Teacher Apprenticeship Grant application.
- c. STUDENT TEACHER: Arizona State University: Mary Olivani – 2026-2027 fall semester, Alizabeth Takacs, Grade 1 - Robert D. Wilson.
- d. STUDENT TEACHER: The University of Scranton: Benjamin Bauman - September 7 through December 4, 2026 – Joann Tomassoni – Robert D. Wilson.
- e. STUDENT TEACHER: The University of Scranton: Cameron Magardino – September 7 through December 4, 2026 – Lorrie Zeiler, Kindergarten – Robert D. Wilson.
- f. STUDENT TEACHER: Eastern University: Lacey Falloon – August 31 through December 11, 2026 – Laura Wojnar, Secondary Math – High School.

Dates to Remember:

May 6, 2026 RDW After School Roller Skating – 3rd, 4th & 5th
May 9, 2026 Art Exhibit & Spring Concerts – HS Gym & Veterans Memorial Auditorium – Art Show Exhibit – 2:00 – 5:00 p.m; Concerts – 6th grade – 11:00 a.m.; 7th grade - 1:00 p.m. ; 8th grade – 3:00 p.m.; High School – 5:00 p.m.
May 13, 2026 Junior Information Night – 6:00 p.m.
May 15, 2026 EverGreen PTA Installation Dinner – 5:30 p.m.
May 19, 2026 RDW Kindergarten end of year program – 9:00 a.m.
May 20, 2026 National Junior Honor Society Banquet – 6:00 p.m. – Ladore Lodge
May 22, 2026 Noon Dismissal – Memorial Day Holiday

May 25, 2026 No School – Memorial Day
May 26, 2026 RDW 5th Grade moving up ceremony – 9:00 a.m.
May 27, 2026 RDW PTA meeting – 6:30 p.m. - Cafeteria
May 27, 2026 Athletic Awards – 7:00 p.m. - Veterans Memorial Auditorium
May 28, 2026 Senior Night – 7:00 p.m. - Veterans Memorial Auditorium
May 29, 2026 8th Grade Dance 6 – 8 p.m.
June 2, 2026 8th Grade Moving Up Ceremony– 9:00 a.m.– Sharkey-Rosetti Stadium (weather permitting)
June 3, 2026 EverGreen 5th Grade Moving Up Ceremony – 1:30 p.m.
June 4, 2026 Noon Dismissal – Act 80 Day
June 5, 2026 Last Day of School – 9:00 a.m. Dismissal
June 5, 2026 Graduation - 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

Adrian Brown – Canaan Township wanted to thank our teachers during teacher appreciation week. He also had praise for our Title I Program, Maintenance Team and FID days.

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

Future Meetings:

Wednesday, June 10, 2026 – 6:00 p.m. – Board Work Session followed by the Public Board Meeting and Final Adoption of the 2026-2027 General Fund Budget, Administration Building, 1970C Easton Turnpike, Lake Ariel, PA 18436.

Meetings Held:

Wednesday, April 1, 2026 - 6:00 p.m. - Board Work Session followed by the Regular Monthly Board Meeting, Administration Building, 1970C Easton Turnpike, Lake Ariel, PA 18436.

Wednesday, April 1, 2026 – Executive Session for legal items – 6:40 p.m., Administration Building, 1970C Easton Turnpike, Lake Ariel, PA 18436

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

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 6:51 p.m.

The motion carried with all affirmatives.

Respectfully Submitted,



Rose E. Emmett
Board Secretary

ATTEST:

