WESTERN WAYNE SCHOOL DISTRICT
ADMINISTRATION OFFICE
1970C Easton Turnpike
LAKE ARIEL, PA 18436

MEMORANDUM

TO: All School Board Members

FROM: Matthew Barrett, Ed.D., Superintendent

DATE: October 7, 2026

SUBJECT: AGENDA - Board Meeting
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2026 – immediately following the Board Work Session

1. Call to Order — William Gershey, Board President
2. Prayer
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Roll Call

BOARD

___William Gershey, President
___Joseph Gombita, Vice President
___Dana DeSiato, Treasurer
___Angela Booths
___James Collins
___Christina Hinz
___Matthew Nied
___Kerin Weinberger
___Ethan Wood

SOLICITOR

___Brendan Ellis

ADMINISTRATION

___Matthew Barrett, Ed.D., Superintendent
___Cynthia LaRosa, Ph.D., Asst. Superintendent
___Rose Emmett, Business Manager/Board Secretary
___Robert Black, High School Asst. Principal
___Jennifer DeNike, Ed.D., Dir. of Special Education
___Kerrie Fitzsimmons, EverGreen Asst. Principal
___Elizabeth Gregory, Early Intervention Supervisor
___Paul Gregorski, High School Principal
___Mary Hoover, TNG Food Service Director
___Tyler Jakes, Athletic Director
___Michael Motsko, Asst. Dir. of Special Education
___Casey Newcomer, Middle School Principal
___Justin Pidgeon, EverGreen Principal
___Brian Seaman, Technology Director
___Elizabeth Watson, Ed.D., Robert D. Wilson Principal
___Curt Yenchik, Middle School Asst. Principal

5. Approval of Minutes
   Board Work Session – September 2, 2026
   Regular Board Meeting – September 2, 2026

6. Treasurer's Reports
   General Account
   Food Service Account

7. Approval of Bills
   General Account

Food Service Account
Construction Account

8. Student Recognition

9. The Nutrition Group – Melissa Hatala

10. Recognition of visitors and comments on agenda items only – 15 minutes

11. Enrollment Report:

ENROLLMENT - DAY # 24 2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR

GRADE	EG	RDW	MS	HS	TOTAL
EARLY INT.	10	4			14
PRE-K	54	31			85
KDG	61	58			119
GR. 1	66	63			129
GR. 2	82	57			139
GR. 3	71	42			113
GR. 4	83	52			135
GR. 5	71	46			117
GR. 6			128		128
GR. 7			136		136
GR. 8			123		123
GR. 9				117	117
GR. 10				126	126
GR. 11				124	124
GR. 12				145	145
TOTAL	498	353	387	512	1750

Totals: EverGreen – 498; RDW – 353; MS – 387; HS – 512; **TOTAL:1750**

September Total: 1770

12. District Organizational Chart

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the District Organizational Chart for the 2026-2027 school year. ***Attachment I***

13. Transportation Drivers and Substitutes

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the following list of Western Wayne School District Transportation Drivers and Substitutes for the listed contractors for the 2026-2027 school year:

a. Richard Smith – Bus Driver – Cavage Transit, Contractor
b. Shari Fabiani – Van Driver – Kruetz, Contractor
c. Matthew Johnson – Van Driver – Kreutz, Contractor
d. Crystal Hohl – Van Driver – Kreutz, Contractor
e. Valerie Flyte – Van Driver – S.Swingle Jr., Contractor
f. Robert Neve – Van Driver – JD Transportation, Contractor

14. Transportation – Extracurricular

It is recommended that the board of education award contractors Cavage Transit, Inc., Caruth Bus Lines, Inc., and Utegg Transportation, LLC., the extracurricular transportation runs for the 2026-2027 school year at the following rates: Rate per mile $4.46 with a minimum for mileage of $118.99 and a waiting time at the hourly rate of $15.81 per hour. This is a 2.7% increase. Additionally, to meet the needs of the district if we are unable to secure transportation with Cavage Transit, Inc., Caruth Bus Lines, Inc., or Utegg Transportation, LLC. for extracurricular transportation, we reserve the right to make provisional awards as needed.

15. Overnight Field Trip

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the following overnight field trip and chaperones for the 2026-2027 school year:

a. FBLA State Leadership Workshop – November 1-2, 2026 – Kalahari Resorts & Conventions, Pocono Mountains, PA. Chaperones: Christine McClure, Timothy McClure and Megan Rush.

16. Memorandum of Understanding

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the following Memorandums of Understanding between Western Wayne School District and the Western Wayne Education Association for the 2026-2027 school year:

a. Virtual/On-Line Learning
b. Flexible Instruction Days (FID)
c. Act 48/Continuing Professional Education Committee

17. Resolution – Motley Rice

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the resolution to use Motley Rice as the Attorneys to represent the District in the Social Media Harm Litigation.

18. Change Order – Sewer Plant Renovations

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the following Change Orders related to the Sewer Plant Renovations and approve payment of these from budgeted debt service and/or capital reserve funds once work is completed:

a. Pioneer Construction Company - Structural steel repairs, sandblasting and air drop in EQ tank beyond the scope of our current agreement for an additional sum of $268,106.70.

b. G.R. Noto Electrical Construction, Inc. – Furnish and install new stainless steel EQ pump control panel and projected Backwash Filter Panel replacement allowance exceeded the scope of our original agreement for an additional sum of $10,449.39.

19. Agreement – Independent Educational Consulting

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve an agreement between Western Wayne School District and Eliza Vagni, Independent Educational Consultant to provide support to district and building administrators through a structured implementation process including training, systems development, and coaching support funded through Title IV 2026-2027.

20. Agreement – Wayne Memorial Community Health Centers

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve an agreement between Western Wayne School District and Wayne Memorial Community Health Centers to provide the required medical doctor review of the IEP students who are eligible for the Medical Access Program, confirming that services are needed, and further that they are being provided, at the rate of $15.00 per IEP effective August 1, 2026 through July 31, 2027.

21. Agreement – Jennifer Barillo, OT

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve an agreement with Jennifer Barillo for independent Occupational Therapy services for our Early Intervention program during the 2026-2027 school year at a per session rate of $130.00 and a travel rate of $65.00 per hour for home-based students.

22. Settlement and Release Agreement

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve settlement and release agreement between Western Wayne School District and the following:

a. S#04-26-27

23. Personnel

a. Superintendent

It is recommended that the Board of Education, in accordance with Section 1073 of the Pennsylvania School Code, notify Dr. Matthew Barrett of its intention to retain him as Superintendent of the School District for a third term of three to five years, as shall be negotiated and subject to subsequent Board approval.

b. Assistant Superintendent

It is recommended that the Board of Education, in accordance with Section 1077 of the Pennsylvania School Code, notify Dr. Cynthia LaRosa of its intention to retain

her as Assistant Superintendent of the School District for a second term of three to five years, as shall be negotiated and subject to subsequent Board approval.

c. Appointment – Computer Science

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the recommendation of the Superintendent and District Administrators in the appointment of Travis Toth, Professional Employee – Computer Science Teacher – Step 1M+48 – at the salary listed in the Professional Employees Contract of $85,136.00 pro-rated, with applicable fringe benefits, effective upon release of current employment and receipt of employment paperwork.

d. Appointment – Long Term Substitute

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the recommendation of the Superintendent and district Administrators in the appointment of Nicholas Gombita, Temporary Professional Employee – Social Studies Long Term Substitute – Step 1B, $67,836.00 pro-rated, effective October 8, 2026 for 90 days.

e. Resignations

It is recommended that the Board of Education accept the following resignations:

1. Stephanie Hess – Paraprofessional, effective September 25, 2026
2. Jaclyn Williams – 12-Month Secretary, effective September 25, 2026

f. Appointment – Winter Coaching

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the following to the listed coaching position for the 2026-2027 school year at the salary listed in the Professional Employees Contract:

1. Brian Hodorawis – Jr. High (7,8,9) Girls Basketball – 19th Year	$5,356.67
2. Brianna Smith – Jr. High (7,8,9) Girls Basketball – 1st Year	$5,126.00
3. Brian Morcom – Boys Wrestling Assistant – 8th Year	$5,714.44

g. Appointment – Unified Champions

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve participation in the Unified Champions (Special Olympics/Bocce Ball) program. Sienna Cardamone will be the Western Wayne 2026-2027 Co-Ed Unified Champions Advisor at a rate of $1,000.00. Unified Champions (Special Olympics) will provide funding and resources for this program.

h. Appointment - Advisor

It is recommended that the Board of Education appoint the following to the listed advisor position for the 2025-2026 school year at the salary listed in the Professional Employees Contract:

1. Gillian Groom – MS Student Government – 1st Year	$2,626.00

i. Appointment - Advisor

It is recommended that the Board of Education appoint the following to the listed advisor position for the 2026-2027 school year at the salary listed in the Professional Employees Contract:

1. Gillian Groom – MS Student Government – 2nd Year	$2,711.00

j. Appointment – Mentor

It is recommended that the Board of Education appoint the following Mentor for the 2026-2027 school year at the salary listed in the Professional Employees Contract:

1. Ryan Onder – 1st Year mentor for Nicholas Gombita $1,943.00/pro-rated

k. Appointment – Volunteers

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the following Volunteers for the 2026-2027 school year. Attendance by request of the building principal:

1. Gianna Austin – RDW PTA – RDW Elementary
2. Gianna Bagnick – RDW PTA – RDW Elementary/MS
3. Robert Benedict – EG PTA – EG Elementary
4. Alicia Boguski – RDW PTA – RDW Elementary
5. Coty Calvanese – EG PTA – EG Elementary
6. Amy Cellar – EG PTA – EG Elementary
7. Autumn Chapman – EG PTA – EG Elementary
8. Kayla Dixon – RDW PTA; Girls Wrestling – RDW Elementary/HS
9. Erika Dolph – EG PTA – EG Elementary
10. Jessica Glasser – EG PTA – EG Elementary
11. Gayle Hemmler – Classroom Helper – EG Elementary
12. Kenneth Hineline – Color Guard; Marching Band; Drama; EG PTA; Robotics Club; Baseball and Boys Basketball Athletics Helper – EG Elementary/HS/MS
13. Joshua Hoch – Volunteer Coach, Boys Volleyball – HS
14. Christina Jenkins – RDW PTA – RDW Elementary
15. Caitlin Johnson-Nied – EG PTA – EG Elementary
16. Amanda Laskowski – EG PTA – EG Elementary
17. Jenna Polachek – EG PTA – EG Elementary
18. Bridget Revello-Slezak – EG PTA – EG Elementary
19. Alyssa Salak – RDW PTA – RDW Elementary
20. Alexa Schamberger – EG PTA – EG Elementary
21. Jessica Schumaker – RDW PTA – RDW Elementary
22. Jamie Seymour – RDW PTA – RDW Elementary
23. Amy Scott – RDW PTA – RDW Elementary
24. Ashley Sparrow – RDW PTA – RDW Elementary
25. Kirsten Stratton – Marching Band; RDW PTA – HS/RDW Elementary
26. Robin Sylvestri – EG PTA – EG Elementary
27. Kathryn Tyler – RDW PTA – RDW Elementary
28. Shelby Vanorden – RDW PTA – RDW Elementary
29. Kimberly Wasco – RDW PTA – RDW Elementary

24. Informational Items

a. Student Observers - **University of Scranton**

Molly Blakely – 3rd Grade with Brenda Queipo – EverGreen
Valentina LaPorta – 3rd Grade with Summer Klikus-Machiesky – EverGreen
Alexa Stabile – 5th Grade with Kathleen Swartz – EverGreen
Clodaugh Kenneally – 1st Grade with Alizabeth Takacs – RDW
Helen Socorso – Kindergarten with Anna Bonsick – RDW
Benjamin Kearney – Kindergarten with Anna Bonsick - RDW

b. Student Observer – **East Stroudsburg University**

Lexi DeSiato – Pre-K with Jennifer Hoch and Erin Schane - EverGreen

c. Upcoming Dates

October 1, 2026 RDW PTA Meeting – 6:30 p.m. – RDW Cafeteria
October 10, 2026 RDW PTA Fall Carnival

October 12, 2026 **No School** – Columbus Day
October 14, 2026 HS College & Career Fair – HS Gym – 1st through 4th periods
October 14, 2026 EG PTA Meeting – 6:00 p.m.
October 15, 2026 EG Picture Day
October 15, 2026 MS Halloween Dance – 6-8 p.m. – MS Cafeteria
October 16, 2026 Homecoming (vs. Riverside) – Sharkey Rosetti Stadium – 6:30 p.m.
October 17, 2026 Homecoming Dance – HS Cafeteria – 6:00-8:00 p.m. – WW Students only
October 17, 2026 Western Wayne Band Parents Assoc. Annual Craft Fair – 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
October 20, 2026 HS – PSAT testing
October 22, 2026 Jr. Wildcat Wrestling Sign-Up – 6-7 p.m. – MS Parking Lot
October 27, 2026 RDW Picture Retake Day
October 28, 2026 HS – ASVAB testing
October 29, 2026 Jr. Wildcat Wrestling Sign-Up – 6-7 p.m. – MS Parking Lot
October 30, 2026 **Noon Dismissal** for Students – Teacher Act 80 Day
October 31, 2026 EG Trunk or Treat – 1-3 p.m. – EG Parking Lot
October 31-November 2, 2026 FBLA State Leadership Workshop – Kalahari Resort, PA
November 2-6, 2026 EG Book Fair

25. Correspondence

26. Superintendent's Report

27. Assistant Superintendent's Report

28. Federal Programs Report

29. Other Business

30. Recognition of visitors and comments on Non-Agenda items only – 15 minutes

31. Meetings Held:

Wednesday, September 2, 2026 – Work Session followed by Board meeting – 6:00 p.m., Administration Building, 1970C Easton Turnpike, Lake Ariel, PA 18436.

Thursday, September 17, 2026 – Executive Session for legal matters – 5:30 p.m., Administration Building, 1970C Easton Turnpike, Lake Ariel, PA 18436.

Monday, September 28, 2026 – Executive Session for Personnel – 5:00 p.m., Administration Building, 1970C Easton Turnpike, Lake Ariel, PA 18436.

32. Future Meeting:

Wednesday, November 04, 2026 - 6:00 p.m. Board Work Session with the Public Board Meeting to follow, Administration Building, 1970C Easton Turnpike, Lake Ariel, PA 18436. In the case of inclement weather, the meeting will be held on the following day or when school resumes.

33. Adjournment - Board Policy - 11:00 p.m.