Board Work Session Minutes October 7, 2026

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

The work session of the Western Wayne Board of Education was held on October 7, 2026 at the Western Wayne Administration Building located at 1970C Easton Turnpike, Lake Ariel, PA 18436 in preparation for the October 7, 2026 board meeting to be held immediately following the work session.

The meeting was advertised in the legal section of the October 3, 2026 edition of the Tri-County Independent.

Board President - William Gershey
Board Vice President – Joseph Gombita
Board Treasurer – Dana DeSiato
Board Member – James Collins
Board Member – Christina Hinz
Board Member – Matthew Nied
Board Member - Ethan Wood

Board members Angela Booths and Kerin Weinberger were excused.

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, Elizabeth Gregory, Early Intervention Supervisor, Paul Gregorski, High School Principal, 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, Elizabeth Watson, Ed.D., Robert D. Wilson Principal and Curt Yenchick, Middle School Ass't Principal.

Robert Black, Assistant HS Principal, and Tyler Jakes, Athletic Director were excused.

Dr. Barrett announced that the Board of Education met in executive session prior to the meeting for personnel.

Student Recognition:

Mr. Newcomer recognized 4-H members from across the district, there are forty seven in total. Hattie Williams, an equestrian, was in attendance at the meeting and recognized for her accomplishments.

Mr. Gregorski congratulated and recognized all our fall sports athletes who had some great accomplishments this fall. Archer Long – golf; Kaitlyn Kloss – cross country; Olivia Haines – volleyball; and Makenzie Chearney – soccer.

Melissa Hatala, Regional Manager of The Nutrition Group, provided a review of our first year using TNG for our Food Service Management. She also introduced us to our new on-site Food Service Director – Christine Major. Christine will be taking over for Mary Hoover, who had accepted a different placement within TNG. Dr. Barrett and Mr. Gershey welcomed Christine and wished Mary well in her new school.

Dr. Barrett reviewed the agenda for the Board Meeting.

The work session concluded at 6:33 PM. At this time, the Board of Education started the Regular Meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rose E. Emmett

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Board Secretary

ATTEST: