

Board Minutes December 3, 2014

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 December 3, 2014 in the Western Wayne Administration Building located at 1970C Easton Turnpike, Lake Ariel, PA 18436.

The meeting was advertised in the legal section of the November 21, 2014 edition of the Wayne Independent.

Board President Alvin Hollister called the meeting to order at 7:22 P.M.

Miss Faliskie offered a prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board Secretary Rose Emmett took roll call. (9) Board Members were present and are listed as follows:

Board President – Alvin Hollister

Board Member – David Lindow

Board Vice President – Donald Olsommer Jr.

Board Member – Donald McDonough

Board Treasurer – William Gershey

Board Member – Doris Pliss

Board Member - Bernice Fiorella

Board Member – Gary Podunajec

Board Member – Andrew Gaudenzi

Administrators Present: Superintendent Dr. Clayton LaCoe, Business Manager/Board Secretary Rose Emmett, Assistant Superintendent Patrick Sheehan, Middle School Principal Kristen Donohue, EverGreen Principal Ellen Faliskie, Robert D. Wilson Principal Maria Miller, Assistant High School Principal Paul Gregorski, Assistant Middle School Principal Mary Ann Olsommer, Early Intervention Supervisor Elizabeth Gregory, and Food Service Director Maria Liptak.

Administrators excused: High School Principal Dr. Matthew Barrett, Director of Special Education Tanya Carrelle, and Assistant Director of Special Education Cynthia LaRosa.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Mrs. Pliss and seconded by Mrs. Fiorella to accept the minutes generated from the Regular Board Meeting of November 5, 2014.

The motion carried with all affirmatives.

Treasurer's Report

A motion was made by Mr. Gershey and seconded by Mrs. Pliss to accept the Treasurer's reports generated from the General Account, and the Food Service Account.

The motion carried with eight affirmatives and one no vote from Mr. Gaudenzi.

Approval of Bills

A motion was made by Mr. Gershey and seconded by Mr. Podunajec to pay the bills generated from the General Account and the Food Service Account.

The motion carried with eight affirmatives and one no vote from Mr. Gaudenzi.

Accounting of Taxes

There were no questions regarding the Accounting of Taxes.

Student Recognition

High School Assistant Principal Paul Gregorski introduced two outstanding students, Tim Lescinski and Bethany Giombetti for student recognition.

Recognition of Public

Roger Shaffer Jr. asked what the cell phone policy is for teachers.

Amanda Johnson talked about the Board meeting minutes on the website, there has not been audio on the website since July. Also, there is nothing about clubs on the website, only sports. She wants to know when the Board will discuss videotaping the board meetings. Mr. Hollister stated that the topic will be discussed in the next few months.

Enrollment Report:

ENROLLMENT - DAY #61 2014-2015 SCHOOL YEAR

GRADE	EVERGREEN	SN	P	RDW	SN	P	MS	SN	P	HS	SN	P	TOTAL
EARLY INT.		9			7								16
PRE K	62			34									96
KDG	76	5		36	10								127
GR. 1	62	12		44	10								128
GR. 2	87	8		45	8								148
GR. 3	71	10		41	12								134
GR. 4	66	15		29	4								114
GR. 5	80	13	1	43	20								157
GR. 6							99	37	3				139
TOTAL	504	72	1	272	71	0	99	37	3	0	0	0	1,059
GR. 7							121	37	3				161
GR. 8							144	34	2				180
GR. 9										133	33	3	169
GR. 10										112	37	7	156
GR. 11										133	35	1	169
GR. 12										152	28	7	187
TOTAL	504	72	1	272	71	0	364	108	8	530	133	18	2,081

Key: SN – Special Needs, P – Placement outside of District

Totals: EverGreen-577; RDW-343; MS-480; HS-681

TOTAL: 2,081

November 5, 2014 Total: 2,083

Real Estate Tax Rebate

A motion was made by Mr. Podunajec and seconded by Mr. Olsommer to approve a Real Estate Tax Rebate in the amount of \$1,483.40 on property # 06-1-0211-0029.0005 in Clinton I Township. The rebate is due to the removal of a building on the property.

The motion carried with all affirmatives.

Xerox Contract

A motion was made by Mr. Olsommer and seconded by Mr. Podunajec to approve the restructuring of our current leased copiers and sign an agreement with Xerox Corporation for a 60 month term on all copiers. This is a state contract pricing and replaces current Xerox copiers with an approximate \$800 savings per month.

The motion carried with all affirmatives.

First Reading – Adoption of Board Policy

A motion was made by Mrs. Fiorella and seconded by Mrs. Pliss to adopt the following Policies – First Reading:

- 230 Public Performances by Students
- 231 Social Events and Class Trips
- 232 Student Involvement in Decision Making
- 233 Suspension & Expulsion
- 234 Pregnant/Parenting Married Students
- 235.1 Surveys
- 235 Student Rights & Responsibilities
- 236 Student Assistance Program
- 237 Electronic Devices
- 239 Foreign Exchange Students
- 246 Student Wellness
- 247 Hazing
- 248 Attachment
- 248 Unlawful Harassment
- 249 Bullying/Cyberbullying
- 250 Student Recruitment
- 251 Homeless Students

The motion carried with eight affirmatives and one no vote from Mr. Gaudenzi.

Curriculum Guide Approval

A motion was made by Mr. Gershey and seconded by Mr. Olsommer to approve the Western Wayne High School Curriculum Guide for the 2015-2016 school year.

The motion carried with all affirmatives.

Agreement

A motion was made by Mr. Podunajec and seconded by Mr. Hollister to approve the 2015 Pest Control Service Agreement between Western Wayne School District and JC Ehrlich Co. Inc. at \$57.00 per month per building.

The motion carried with seven affirmatives and two no votes from Mr. Gaudenzi and Mr. Lindow.

Overnight Trips and Chaperones

A motion was made by Mr. Gaudenzi and seconded by Mrs. Fiorella to approve the overnight trips and chaperones as listed:

- a) District Band Festival – Marywood University – January 7-9, 2015. Chaperone: Elaine Ort
- b) Chorus Festival – Tunkhannock Area HS – January 21-23, 2015. Chaperone: Tom Lopatofsky
- c) Regional Chorus – Milton HS – February 25-27, 2015. Chaperone: Tom Lopatofsky
- d) All State Chorus Festival – Hershey PA – March 25-28, 2015. Chaperone: Tom Lopatofsky
- e) Mt. Olive FRC Robotics Regionals – Flanders, NJ – March 6-8, 2015. Chaperones: Brian Landry and Marty O’Hora
- f) New Brunswick FRC Robotics Regionals – Flanders, NJ – April 2-4, 2015. Chaperones: Brian Landry and Marty O’Hora

Mr. Podunajec stated he would not vote for it without costs associated with each item. Mr. Hollister directed Dr. LaCoe to add costs on all future agenda items, per student costs are acceptable when total cost is not yet known.

The motion carried with seven affirmatives and two no votes from Mrs. Pliss and Mr. Podunajec.

Waivers of Expulsion Hearing and Stipulation

A motion was made by Mrs. Fiorella and seconded by Mr. McDonough to adopt the proposed Waivers of Expulsion Hearing and Stipulation, thereby excluding the students from the Western Wayne School District in accordance with the terms thereof as listed:

- a) S#05-14-15
- b) S#06-14-15

The motion carried with all affirmatives.

A motion was made by Mr. Olsommer and seconded by Mr. Podunajec to adopt the proposed Waiver of Expulsion Hearing and Stipulation, thereby excluding the student from the Western Wayne School District in accordance with the terms thereof as listed:

- a) S#07-14-15

The motion carried with six affirmatives and three no votes from Mr. McDonough, Mrs. Fiorella, and Mr. Gaudenzi.

Personnel

District Substitute List

A motion was made by Mr. Gershey and seconded by Mr. McDonough to approve the following personnel to be added to the District Substitute List for the 2014-2015 school year per Certification, Act 24/34/151/114 Guidelines, Employment Eligibility Verification - U.S. Department of Justice, contingent upon receipt of clearances:

1. Justin C. Collins – Area of Certification: Social Studies
2. Francis DuPlessis – Area: Custodian
3. Emily Mahoski – Area: Teacher Assistant
4. John Swingle – Area: Custodial
5. Ronald Zeiler – Area of Certification: Industrial Arts

The motion carried with all affirmatives.

Resignation for Retirement Purposes

A motion was made by Mr. Podunajec and seconded by Mr. Olsommer to accept the resignation for retirement purposes of Bernadette Martarano effective September 8, 2015.

The motion carried with all affirmatives.

Appointment – Part-Time Temporary Professional Employee

A motion was made by Mrs. Pliss and seconded by Mr. Gershey to approve the recommendation of the Superintendent and District Administrators in the following appointment:

Sarah Wood – Part-time Temporary Professional Employee – Special Education Teacher – Salary Step 1M \$48,633.00 prorated pending adjustment upon updated contract with applicable fringe benefits effective December 2, 2014.

The motion carried with eight affirmatives and one no vote from Mr. Gaudenzi.

Appointment of Winter Coach

A motion was made by Mrs. Fiorella and seconded by Mr. McDonough to appoint the following to the listed coaching position for the 2014-2015 school year at the salary listed in the Professional Employees Contract pending adjustment upon updated contract contingent upon receipt of clearances:

1. Tracey Rhodes Winter Cheerleading Coach \$3,369.00

Mr. Gaudenzi stated he voted no last month, two salaries with one squad, he cannot vote for.

The motion carried with eight affirmatives and one no vote from Mr. Gaudenzi.

Appointment of Spring Coaches

A motion was made by Mr. McDonough and seconded by Mr. Podunajec to appoint the following to the listed coaching positions for the 2014-2015 school year at the salary listed in the Professional Employees Contract pending adjustment upon updated contract contingent upon receipt of clearances:

1. David Piwowarczyk	Track, Assistant	\$2,768.00
2. Christopher Ortiz	Baseball, Head Coach	\$5,296.00
3. Justin C. Collins	Baseball, Assistant Coach	\$3,210.00
4. Kenneth Rizzi	Baseball, Assistant Coach	\$3,210.00
5. Tim Hess	Baseball, Jr. High Coach	\$3,210.00

The motion carried with eight affirmatives and one no vote from Mr. Gaudenzi.

Volunteers

A motion was made by Mrs. Fiorella and seconded by Mrs. Pliss to approve the following to the list of volunteers for the 2014-2015 school year contingent upon receipt of clearances:

1. Doris Weintz – EverGreen Elementary School
2. Karen Kizer - Band

The motion carried with all affirmatives.

Resignation

A motion was made by Mr. McDonough and seconded by Mr. Olsommer to accept the resignation of Virginia Parry, Middle School Secretary effective December 23, 2014. Mr. Hollister added – with regret and we wish her well.

The motion carried with all affirmatives.

Schedule of Meetings

A motion was made by Mr. McDonough and seconded by Mr. Gershey to approve the following schedule of Monthly Public Board Meetings for 2015:

All meetings are on the 1st Monday except when noted different. (*not on the first Monday)

- *January 12, 2015 – Proposed Preliminary Budget
- *February 9, 2015 – Preliminary Budget
- March 2, 2015
- *April 13, 2015 (April 06 – Easter Monday)
- May 4, 2015 – Tentative Budget Adoption for the 2015-2016 School Year
- *June 8, 2015 - Adoption of District Budget for the 2015-2016 School Year
- July (if needed)
- August 3, 2015
- *September 14, 2015 (September 07 - Labor Day)

October 5, 2015
November 2, 2015
December 7, 2015 (Reorganization Meeting)

Mr. Gaudenzi asked why we have “1st Monday” when not many are on “1st Monday”.

The motion carried with all affirmatives.

Informational Items

- a. Student Teachers/Interns- MARYWOOD UNIVERSITY – Amber Healey – Intern – Meg Barbarino, Trainer – January 2015; UNIVERSITY OF SCRANTON – Caroline Conners – Intern – Matthew Fitzsimmons – January 2015.

Dates to Remember

1. Middle School Chorus Concert - December 10, 2014 – 7 PM
2. RDW Holiday Concert – Grades 3 & 4 – December 11, 2014 - 7 PM
3. Middle School 7th & 8th Grade Band Concert –December 16, 2014- 7 PM
4. High School Concert – December 19, 2014 – 7 PM
5. 6th Grade Band Concert – January 8, 2015 – 7PM
6. HS Curriculum Night – January 14, 2015 – 6 PM
7. Teacher In-Service Early Dismissal 12:00 Noon – January 19, 2015

Correspondence

No correspondence.

Superintendent's Report

No questions.

Assistant Superintendent's Report

No questions.

Principal's Reports

No questions.

Special Education Reports

No questions.

Federal Program Report

No report.

Other Business

Mrs. Pliss asked Mr. Gaudenzi why he objected to the policy motion. Mr. Gaudenzi said it was because of the discussions in executive session and was not at liberty to discuss.

Mr. McDonough wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Future Meetings

December 10, 2014 – 6:00 PM – Executive Session for Negotiations, WWEA, District Board Room, Administration Building, 1970C Easton Turnpike, Lake Ariel, PA 18436

January 07, 2015 – 6:00 PM - Board Committee Meeting, Library, Robert D. Wilson Elementary School, 74 Belmont Street, Waymart PA 18472

January 12, 2015 – 7:00 PM - Public Board Meeting, District Board Room, Administration Building, 1970C Easton Turnpike, Lake Ariel, PA 18436

Informational: Meetings held

November 12, 2014 – 6:30 PM – Board Committee for Negotiations, WWEA, District Board Room, Administration Building, 1970C Easton Turnpike, Lake Ariel, PA 18436

November 25, 2014 – 9:00 AM – Board Policy Committee Meeting, District Board Room, Administration Building, 1970C Easton Turnpike, Lake Ariel, PA 18436

An Executive session for legal matters was held prior to this meeting.

Prior to adjournment, Dr. LaCoe presented a brief overview of the 2015-2016 Budget.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Mr. McDonough and seconded by Mr. Lindow to adjourn the regularly scheduled meeting of the Western Wayne Board of Education at 8:23 PM.

The motion carried with all affirmatives.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rose E. Emmett
Board Secretary

ATTEST: _____

APPROVED: _____