

Board Minutes February 18, 2015

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

The regular meeting and special meeting for the Preliminary Budget Approval of the Western Wayne Board of Education was held on February 18, 2015 in the Western Wayne Administration Building located at 1970C Easton Turnpike, Lake Ariel, PA 18436. The regular meeting was rescheduled from February 9, 2015 due to inclement weather.

The meeting was advertised in the legal section of the February 13, 2015 edition of the Wayne Independent.

Board President Alvin Hollister called the meeting to order at 6:03 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 (via phone conference)
Board Member - Bernice Fiorella	Board Member – Gary Podunajec
Board Member – Andrew Gaudenzi	

Administrators Present: Superintendent Dr. Clayton LaCoe, Business Manager/Board Secretary Rose Emmett, High School Principal Dr. Matthew Barrett, Middle School Principal Kristen Donohue, EverGreen Principal Ellen Faliskie, Assistant High School Principal Paul Gregorski, Assistant Middle School Principal Mary Ann Olsommer, Director of Special Education Tanya Carrelle, and Assistant Director of Special Education Cynthia LaRosa, Early Intervention Supervisor Elizabeth Gregory and Food Service Director Maria Liptak.

Administrators excused: Assistant Superintendent Patrick Sheehan and Robert D. Wilson Principal Maria Miller.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Mr. Gershey and seconded by Mr. Olsommer to accept the minutes generated from the Regular Meeting of January 13, 2015 and the Special Meeting for Adoption of the Proposed Preliminary Budget of January 27, 2015.

The motion carried with all affirmatives.

Treasurer's Report

A motion was made by Mr. Gershey and seconded by Mr. McDonough to accept the Treasurer's reports generated from the General Account, the Food Service Account and the Student Activities Account – October – December 2014.

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

Approval of Bills

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

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

Student Recognition

High School Principal Matthew Barrett introduced two outstanding students Westen Johnson (who was not able to make the meeting) and Wyatt Bishop for student recognition.

Dr. LaCoe recognized our 3rd Grade Teachers for their outstanding work with Early Literacy, our 3rd Grade Students ranked 3rd in the Region for their Literacy Scores. The teachers recognized were: Stacey Box, Grace Clauss, Cheryl Davitt, Allison Gillis, Brenda Queipo and Kelly Vinton.

Recognition of Public

Roger Shaffer Jr. asked what the status is about videoing the meetings. Mr. Hollister stated that we are working on it with our Administration and Technology staff. The Board will need to consider changing our current policy to allow this to occur. Mr. Shaffer also thanked the staff for the Curriculum Night he attended with his daughter.

Joe Espisito asked if the budget includes the 5.45% tax increase. Mr. Hollister stated that it does include the 5.45% increase. Mr. Espisito asked Dr. LaCoe if our students are taking the Keystone Exams and if so, are we taking the state money. Dr. LaCoe says our students are taking the exams but he is not sure what money he is talking about. Mr. Espisito also asked the Board of Education if they have met with Legislators to talk about unfunded mandates. Many of the Board members replied yes, they have.

Amanda Johnson talked about videotaping the meetings and also about the budget items that the board may consider cutting.

Enrollment Report:

ENROLLMENT – DAY #91

2014-2015 SCHOOL YEAR

GRADE	EVERGREEN	SN	P	RDW	SN	P	MS	SN	P	HS	SN	P	TOTAL
EARLY INT.		7			5								12
PRE K	62			34									96
KDG	78	5		37	9								129
GR. 1	62	12		44	9								127
GR. 2	86	10		45	8								149
GR. 3	71	10		41	12								134
GR. 4	67	13		29	5								114
GR. 5	80	13	1	43	21								158
GR. 6							99	36	3				138
TOTAL	506	70	1	273	69	0	99	36	3	0	0	0	1,057
GR. 7							121	37	2				160
GR. 8							145	33	3				181
GR. 9										134	32	3	169
GR. 10										115	37	9	161
GR. 11										130	32	1	163
GR. 12										154	27	5	186
TOTAL	506	70	1	273	69	0	365	106	8	533	128	18	2,077

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

Totals: EverGreen-577; RDW-342; MS-479; HS-679 TOTAL: 2,077

Last month-January Total: 2,071

Resolution

A motion was made by Mr. Podunajec and seconded by Mr. Olsommer to approve the attached Resolution to ratify the Board’s actions of January 26 and/or January 27, 2015 at a subsequent public meeting of the Board. **Attachment I**

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

Adoption of Preliminary Budget

A motion was made by Mr. Olsommer and seconded by Mr. Gershey to adopt the 2015-2016 Fiscal Year Preliminary Budget showing estimated available resources of \$42,702,040 and estimated expenditures and ending fund balance in the amount of \$42,702,040 establishing real estate tax millage of 16.6720 with a 2% 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% on all taxes not paid within four months after the date of the tax notice. This will be a 5.45% tax increase. **ATTACHMENT – II**

The motion carried with five affirmative votes and four no votes from Mrs. Fiorella, Mr. Gaudenzi, Mr. Lindow and Mr. Podunajec.

E-Rate Funding Application

A motion was made by Mr. Olsommer and seconded by Mr. McDonough to allow the Technology Department to apply for E-Rate funding to purchase a replacement Internet Filter. If we receive the award, E-Rate funding will cover approximately 70% of the \$23,000 cost of the filter. Final purchase will be contingent on receiving the E-Rate funding.

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

Retainer

A motion was made by Mrs. Fiorella and seconded by Mr. Podunajec to approve the Consultative Retainer Agreement being offered by DeHey McAndrew, Scranton, PA for employee benefit plan and related personnel/human resource issues, for the one year period commencing January 1, 2015 at the cost of \$4,975.00.

The motion carried with seven affirmatives and two no votes from Mr. Guadenzi and Mr. McDonough.

Final Adoption of Board Policy

A motion was made by Mrs. Fiorella and seconded by Mr. Gershey to consider the final adoption of the following Policies – Second Reading:

- 301 Creating a Position
- 302 Employment of Superintendent/Assistant Superintendent
- 304 Employment of District Staff

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

Transportation – New Contract

A motion was made by Mr. Gershey and seconded by Mr. McDonough to approve the following new Transportation contract at State Formula for the 2014-2015 school year:

- a. Scottie Swingle – Van #97 – Indian Rocks to Wallenpaupack School District Partial Hospitalization. Effective February 29, 2015.

The motion carried with all affirmatives.

Acceptance of Deputy Tax Collector

A motion was made by Mr. Gaudenzi and seconded by Mr. Podunajec to accept Karen Robinson's, Waymart Borough Tax Collector, appointment of Amanda N. Vinton as Deputy Tax Collector for Waymart Borough during the term of January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2017.

The motion carried with all affirmatives.

Acceptance of Deputy Tax Collector

A motion was made by Mr. Gershey and seconded by Mrs. Fiorella to accept Kelly Kyzer's, Lake Township Tax Collector, appointment of Judith A. Harris as Deputy Tax Collector for Lake Township during the term of January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2017

The motion carried with all affirmatives.

Informational Items:

Upcoming Events:

1. FAFSA Completion Night – February 5, 2015 – 6:00 PM – High School LGI
2. Read Across America – March 2, 2015 - 5:00 PM – Robert D. Wilson
3. Dangers of Social Media Presentation – March 12, 2015 – 7:00 PM – HS
4. Wayne County Heroin Prevention Task Meeting – March 19, 2015 – 7:00 PM - HS
5. Robert D. Wilson Science Fair – March 26, 2015 – 6-8 PM

Pre-kindergarten and Kindergarten (pending program availability) registration for the Western Wayne School District will be held the week of March 23, 2015 in the Robert D. Wilson and EverGreen Elementary Schools.

Student Teacher: UNIVERSITY OF SCRANTON – Michael Goonan – Secondary History – Western Wayne Middle School – Shane Grodack – February 17-May 15, 2015

Correspondence

No correspondence.

Superintendent's Report

No questions.

Assistant Superintendent's Report

No questions.

Principal's Reports

No questions.

Federal Program Report

No report.

Other Business

Mr. Gershey congratulated the 3rd Grade Teachers and Dr. LaCoe on their achievement. Mr. Guadenzi wished the Girls Basket Ball Team good luck.

Future Meetings

February 25, 2015 – 6:00 P.M. Board Committee Meeting, Library, Western Wayne, High School, 1970A Easton Turnpike, Lake Ariel PA 18436

March 02, 2015 - 7:00 P.M. Public Board Meeting, District Board Room, Administration Building, 1970C Easton Turnpike, Lake Ariel PA 18436

Meetings Held:

January 27, 2015 – 6:00 P.M. Board Committee Meeting followed by the Proposed Preliminary Budget and General Purposes Meeting, District Board Room, Administration Building, 1970C Easton Turnpike, Lake Ariel PA 18436

February 4, 2015 – 6:00 P.M. Board Committee Meeting, Library, EverGreen Elementary School, 739 Easton Turnpike, Lake Ariel PA 18436

February 4, 2015 – 7:30 P.M. Executive Session for Personnel, Library, EverGreen Elementary School, 739 Easton Turnpike, Lake Ariel PA 18436

Mr. Hollister announced that the Board of Education would meet in Executive Session for personnel and legal matters immediately following tonight’s meeting.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Mr. McDonough and seconded by Mr. Podunajec to adjourn the regularly scheduled meeting of the Western Wayne Board of Education at 6:54 PM.

The motion carried with all affirmatives.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rose E. Emmett
Board Secretary

ATTEST: _____

APPROVED: _____