

# Board Minutes January 11, 2016

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

The regular monthly meeting of the Western Wayne Board of Education was held on January 11, 2016 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 December 30, 2015 edition of the Wayne Independent.

Board President Donald Olsommer Jr. called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

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

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

Board President – Donald Olsommer Jr.	Board Member – Andrew Gaudenzi
Board Vice President – William Gershey	Board Member – Rich Hoch
Board Treasurer - Jeffrey Gogolski	Board Member - Donald McDonough
Board Member – Gary Enslin	Board Member – Roger Shaffer Jr.
Board Member – Bernice Fiorella	

Administrators Present: Superintendent Joseph W. Adams, Assistant Superintendent Dr. Matthew Barrett, Business Manager/Board Secretary Rose Emmett, High School Principal Paul T. Blaum, EverGreen Principal Ellen Faliskie, Robert D. Wilson Principal Maria Miller, Assistant High School Principal Paul Gregorski, Assistant Middle School Principal Elizabeth Watson, Director of Special Education Cynthia LaRosa, Assistant Director of Special Education Mary Jo Price, Early Intervention Supervisor Elizabeth Gregory, Food Service Director Maria Liptak, and Technology Director Brian Seaman.

Administrator Excused: Middle School Principal Kristen Donohue

## Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Mr. Gershey and seconded by Mr. Hoch to accept the minutes generated from the Reorganization Meeting on December 7, 2015 and the Regular Board Meeting on December 7, 2015.

The motion carried with all affirmatives.

## Treasurer's Report

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

The motion carried with seven affirmatives two no votes by Mr. Gaudenzi and Mr. McDonough.

### **Approval of Bills**

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

Mr. Shaffer asked about missing check numbers from one of the reports. Miss Emmett stated they may be voided checks, but she did not have the information with her at the meeting to determine that.

The motion carried with seven affirmatives and two no votes by Mr. Gaudenzi and Mr. Shaffer.

### **Accounting of Taxes**

Mr. Gaudenzi asked about status of collections for this year. Miss Emmett said collections are still on-going but can give an update next month.

### **Student Recognition**

January - School Board Recognition Month – Student Government Officers – Jillian Weston and Matt Russo thanked the Board of Education for their dedicated service to the District.

### **Teacher Recognition**

Miss Faliskie introduced teacher Kathleen Riley. Mrs. Riley received several innovative grants for her music classes to be able to experience music outdoors through the use of iPods and other equipment.

### **Student Recognition**

High School Principal Paul T. Blaum introduced two outstanding students Jillian Weston and Tyler Atcavage.

### **Recognition of Public**

Amanda Johnson notified the public about a community meeting featuring discussions of the rights, roles and responsibilities of citizens and school boards. The meeting will be held January 27, 2016 at 7 P.M. in the District Office.

Doris Pliss asked what type of funding we received from the State since the Governor released funds for School Districts. Miss Emmett and Mr. Adams answered the funds received which included \$5.1 million dollars based on our 2014-2015 funding levels, the sources of which were Basic Education, Special Education, Transportation, Retirement, and Social Security.

Erin Shane asked what the status was on Western Wayne School District using Kelly Services. Dr. Barrett stated that we are still in the research phase and no final decision has been made. We have added Guest Teachers to our substitute list to try and help with coverage. Mrs. Shane also asked about considering a raise for substitutes. The rate has not been raised for several years.

Linda Walck stated she had a concern about posts on social media regarding our head football coach posting. She asked for an explanation from the Board member who posted the negativity on social media. Mr. Shaffer stated he was the

Board member who made the post and he stands by his comments on social media. He is willing to talk to anyone after the meeting who wants to talk with him. Tim Hess stated the comments did not put kids first. Mrs. Walck suggested that the negativity needs to stop and Board members should not be posting such things on Facebook.

**Enrollment Report:**

ENROLLMENT - DAY # 80 - 2015-2016 SCHOOL YEAR

GRADE	EVERGREEN	SN	P	RDW	SN	P	MS	SN	P	HS	SN	P	TOTAL
EARLY INT.		17			8								25
PRE K	65			36									101
KDG	66	10		37	5								118
GR. 1	73	3		41	8								125
GR. 2	59	14		41	8								122
GR. 3	81	12	1	40	6	1							141
GR. 4	68	14	1	39	13	1							136
GR. 5	73	10	1	27	7								118
GR. 6							123	37	1				161
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>485</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>261</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,047</b>
GR. 7							104	31	4				139
GR. 8							128	30	6				164
GR. 9										142	25	2	169
GR. 10										134	22	5	161
GR. 11										120	28	2	150
GR. 12										125	21	5	151
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>485</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>261</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>355</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>521</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>1,981</b>

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

Totals: EverGreen-570; RDW-318; MS-467; HS-628 TOTAL: 1,983

Last meeting Total: 1,976

**Budget Resolution**

A motion was made by Mrs. Fiorella and seconded by Mr. Gershey to adopt the attached resolution regarding no increase in the rate of any tax for the support of its public schools for the 2016-2017 fiscal year by more than the index established by the Department of Education for the District. The index for the District is 2.4%. ATTACHMENT I

Mr. Shaffer discussed a comparison of Western Wayne School District to another local district in regards to this motion. Miss Emmett explained the Act 1 of 2006 timeline and what are the decisions that need to be made during the month of January in regards to that timeline. The Board of Education either passes a resolution stating that they will not increase the rate of taxes by more than our Act 1 Index for 16-17 or they approve a Proposed Preliminary Budget at this time that states we need to raise taxes above the Act 1 Index amount for 16-17. Miss Emmett is recommending the resolution to stay within the Act 1 Index.

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

## **Audit**

A motion was made by Mr. Gogolski and seconded by Mr. Hoch to accept the Audit Report of the Western Wayne School District for the year ended June 30, 2015 as prepared by Brian T. Kelly, CPA.

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

## **Fund Balance Designation**

A motion was made by Mr. Gershey and seconded by Mrs. Fiorella to approve the recommendation of the Business Manager to designate a portion of our ending 2014-2015 Fund Balance to manage future budgets as per Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement Number 54 (GASB 54). Committed: \$1,476,877.00; Assigned: \$1,928,128.00; and Unassigned: \$1,181,074.00.

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

## **Donation of Board Treasurer's Salary**

A motion was made by Mr. Gogolski and seconded by Mr. Hoch to approve a donation of the Board Treasurer's salary in the amount of \$500.00 to The Olga and Dorothea Dessin Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, \$500.00 to The Western Wayne Education Foundation, and \$500.00 to the Western Wayne Jr. Wildcats.

Mr. Gogolski stated he will continue to donate his Treasurer salary for as long as he is elected to serve. He will split the donation among various organizations that support Western Wayne School District. Mr. Hoch thanked him for giving back.

The motion carried with all affirmatives.

## **Clearance Reimbursement**

A motion was made by Mrs. Fiorella and seconded by Mr. Gershey to agree to reimburse the Secretaries and Paraprofessionals for half of the total costs for all clearances and background checks as required by law for employment in the school district. Employees will be required to complete a District reimbursement request form and turn in all receipts with this form to the business office for the reimbursement to be fulfilled. This agreement coincides with the WWESPA 2013-2020 contract.

The motion carried with all affirmatives.

## **E-Rate Funding Application**

A motion was made by Mr. Gaudenzi and seconded by Mr. Gogolski to allow the Technology Department to apply for E-Rate funding to purchase nine Cisco Switches, fifty-one Wireless Access Points, and ten Uninterrupted Power Supplies. If we receive the award, E-Rate funding will cover approximately 77% of the \$37,826.50 cost of the listed items. Final purchase will be contingent on receiving the E-Rate funding.

The motion carried with all affirmatives.

## **Overnight Trips**

A motion was made by Mr. Gaudenzi and seconded by Mr. Hoch to approve the following overnight trips and chaperones for the 2015-2016 school year:

- a. FIRST Robotics Event – March 4-6, 2016 – Mt. Olive High School, Mt. Olive, NJ – approximately nine students and two Advisors – approximate cost \$170.00. Advisors: Brian Landry and Marty O’Hora.
- b. FIRST Robotics Event – April 1-3, 2016 – Bridgewater High School, Bridgewater, NJ – approximately nine students and two Advisors – approximate cost \$170.00. Advisors: Brian Landry and Marty O’Hora.

The motion carried with all affirmatives.

## **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 2015-2016 school year per Certification, Act 24/34/151/114/153/168 Guidelines, and Employment Eligibility Verification – U.S. Department of Justice, Contingent upon receipt of clearances:

1. Linda Amos – Guest Teacher
2. Robert Amos – Guest Teacher
3. Kaitlyn Karney – Guest Teacher
4. Mary (Sandy) Watson – Area of Certification: Elementary

The motion carried with all affirmatives.

### **Appointment of Winter/Spring Coaches**

A motion was made by Mr. Gaudenzi and seconded by Mr. Gogolski to appoint the following to the listed coaching positions for the 2015-2016 school year at the salary listed in the Professional Employees Contract:

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| 1. Jordyn Iacono | Boys Basketball, Jr. High 8th | \$3,801.00 |
| 2. Tim Hess      | Baseball, Jr. High            | \$3,306.00 |
| 3. Robert Amos   | Track, Assistant              | \$2,851.00 |

The motion carried with all affirmatives.

### **Appointment of Spring Coach**

A motion was made by Mr. McDonough and seconded by Mrs. Fiorella to appoint the following to the listed coaching positions for the 2015-2016 school year at the salary listed in the Professional Employees Contract:

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| 1. Kenneth Rizzi | Baseball, Assistant | \$3,306.00 |
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After some discussion about applicants, the motion was tabled.

### **Appointment of Fall Coach**

A motion was made by Mrs. Fiorella and seconded by Mr. Gershey to appoint the following to the listed coaching position for the 2016-2017 school year at the salary listed in the Professional Employees Contract:

1. Nichole Musewicz            Girls Soccer, 7th & 8th            \$2,149.00

The motion carried with all affirmatives.

### **Resignation/Retirement**

A motion was made by Mr. Gershey and seconded by Mr. Shaffer to accept the resignation for retirement purposes of Maria Neri, Middle School teacher effective the day after the last day of the 2015-2016 school year, with regret.

The motion carried with all affirmatives.

### **Volunteers**

A motion was made by Mr. McDonough and seconded by Mrs. Fiorella to approve the following to the list of volunteers for the 2015-2016 school year contingent upon receipt of clearances:

1. Lyndsay Barna – Track and Field
2. Brian Bolduc - Baseball
3. Gregg A. Davis – Middle School TSA
4. Gail Lamberton – Middle School TSA
5. Todd Pope – Baseball

Mr. Olsommer thanked all our volunteers.

The motion carried with eight affirmatives and one abstention from Mr. Enslin because of a family relation.

### **Informational Items:**

#### **Upcoming Dates:**

1. 6th Grade Band & Chorus Concert – January 7, 2016 – 7 P.M.
2. HS Curriculum Night – January 12, 2016 – 6 P.M. (snow date January 19, 2016)
3. EverGreen PTA meeting – January 12, 2016 – 7 P.M.
4. Middle School TSA Fun Family Night – January 16, 2016 – 12:00 Noon to 6 P.M.
5. Act 80, Code Red Drill with State Police Early Dismissal at Noon - January 18, 2016
6. Semi-Formal – January 23, 2016 – 4 P.M. to 8 P.M. – Ladore Lodge
7. Middle School TSA Dance – January 29, 2016 – 7 P.M.
8. EverGreen PTA Bingo – January 29, 2016 – 6 P.M. to 8 P.M.

**Informational:** The IRS mileage rate is decreasing to 54 cents per mile effective January 01, 2016.

**Student Teacher:** UNIVERSITY OF SCRANTON: Kaitlyn Maloney – Elementary – Robert Wilson Elementary – Jessica Agnello – February 18 to May 1, 2016

**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**

No other business.

**Future Meetings**

Monday, January 25, 2016 - 6:00 P.M. Board Committee Meeting, District Board Room, Administration Building, 1970C Easton Turnpike, Lake Ariel, PA 18436

Monday, February 01, 2016 - 7:00 P.M. Public Board Meeting, District Board Room, Administration Building, 1970C Easton Turnpike, Lake Ariel, PA 18436

**Meetings Held**

January 4, 2016 – 6:00 P.M. Board Committee Meeting, District Board Room, Western Wayne Administration Office, 1970C Easton Turnpike, Lake Ariel, PA 18436

An Executive Session for Personnel was held following the January 11, 2016 meeting.

**Adjournment**

A motion was made by Mr. McDonough and seconded by Mr. Gaudenzi to adjourn the regularly scheduled meeting of the Western Wayne Board of Education at 8:22 P.M.

The motion carried with all affirmatives.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rose E. Emmett  
Board Secretary

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_