

Board Minutes January 18, 2018

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 18, 2018 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 January 9, 2018 edition of the Wayne Independent.

Board President Bernice Fiorella called the meeting to order at 7:03 P.M. Mrs. Fiorella announced that the Board met in Executive session for personnel prior to the meeting.

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

Board Secretary Rose Emmett took roll call. Six (6) Board Members were present and are listed as follows:

Board President – Bernice Fiorella
Board Vice President – Rick Hoch
Board Member – William Gershey
Board Member – Joseph Gombita

Board Member – Roger Shaffer, Jr.
Board Member – Ethan Wood

Board Members Jeffrey Gogolski, Gary Enslin, and Michael Ochlan were excused.

Administrators Present: Superintendent Dr. Matthew Barrett, Assistant Superintendent Ellen Faliskie, Business Manager/Board Secretary Rose Emmett, High School Principal Paul Gregorski, EverGreen Principal Justin Pidgeon, Robert D. Wilson Principal Maria Miller, Assistant High School Principal Jennifer Bradley, Assistant Middle School Principal Elizabeth Watson, Assistant Elementary Principal Kerrie Fitzsimmons, Director of Special Education Cynthia LaRosa, Assistant Director of Special Education Jennifer DeNike, Early Intervention Supervisor Elizabeth Gregory, Technology Director Brian Seaman, and Director of Building and Grounds Joseph Dunda.

Administrators excused: Middle School Principal Kristen Donohue, and Food Service Director Maria Liptak.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Mr. Gershey and seconded by Mr. Hoch to accept the minutes generated from the Regular Board Meeting of December 4, 2017, and the Reorganization Meeting of December 4, 2017.

The motion carried with all affirmatives.

Treasurer's Report

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

The motion carried with all affirmatives.

Approval of Bills

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

The motion carried all affirmatives.

Accounting of Taxes

There were no questions regarding the Accounting of Taxes.

Student Recognition

High School Principal Paul Gregorski introduced one outstanding student, John Kear and he spoke about another student, Desiree Counterman, who was not able to be at the meeting. They are both art students who have been recognized as WVIA's Artists of the Week for the Week of January 7th. Each of the students have a vignette produced about them that is featured online at wvia.org and pbs.org. Both students are in the running to win WVIA Artist of the Year which will be announced in May. Mr. Gregorski said he is extremely proud that our talented and hardworking seniors are being recognized for their efforts in the arts.

January is School Board Recognition Month - Jason Telese and Benjamin Burkhardt, members of the Student Council, thanked the Board of Education for their dedication and volunteer work.

Recognition of Public

Victoria Barcarola thanked Dr. Barrett for making the tough snow calls the last few days/weeks. Sherri McAllister along with several other parents voiced their concern about the safety of the Middle School students and adults at the school. She has heard about a few violent incidences that occurred recently. Dr. Barrett and Mrs. Fiorella assured the parents that they are aware of what is going on, they are working with State and local officials to ensure the safety of our students, staff, and schools and they take the matters seriously.

Enrollment Report:

ENROLLMENT - DAY #79

2017-2018 SCHOOL YEAR

GRADE	EVERGREEN	SN	P	RDW	SN	P	MS	SN	P	HS	SN	P	TOTAL
EARLY INT.		20			8								28
PRE K	57			40									97
KDG	72	11		26	6								115
GR. 1	65	10		32	10								117
GR. 2	55	19		37	9								120
GR. 3	69	17		33	11								130
GR. 4	56	15	1	43	13	1							129
GR. 5	78	21	2	36	5	3							145
GR. 6							99	36	3				138
TOTAL	452	113	3	247	62	4	99	36	3	0	0	0	1,019
GR. 7							103	23	0				126
GR. 8							134	32	5				171
GR. 9										111	33	2	146
GR. 10										133	25	2	160
GR. 11										142	24	2	168
GR. 12										129	28	0	157
TOTAL	452	113	3	247	62	4	336	91	8	515	110	6	1,947

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

Totals: EverGreen-568; RDW-313; MS-435; HS-631 TOTAL: 1,947

Last meeting total: 1,947

Budget Resolution

A motion was made by Mr. Hoch 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 2018-2019 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

The motion carried five affirmatives and one no vote from Mr. Shaffer.

Audit

A motion was made by Mr. Wood and seconded by Mr. Gershey to accept the Audit Report of the Western Wayne School District for the year ended June 30, 2017 as prepared by Brian T. Kelly, CPA.

The motion carried all affirmatives.

Fund Balance Designation

A motion was made by Mr. Gershey and seconded by Mr. Hoch to approve the recommendation of the Business Manager to designate a portion of our ending 2016-2017 Fund Balance to manage future budgets as per Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement Number 54 (GASB 54). Committed: \$610,500.00; Assigned: \$6,559,847.48 and Unassigned: \$3,149,484.52.

The motion carried all affirmatives.

Curriculum Guide Approval

A motion was made by Mr. Shaffer and seconded by Mr. Wood to approve the Western Wayne High School Curriculum Guide for the 2018-2019 school year.

The motion carried all affirmatives.

Transportation Drivers and Substitutes

A motion was made by Mr. Shaffer and seconded by Mr. Gershey to approve the following list of Western Wayne School District Transportation Drivers and Substitutes for the listed contractors for the 2017-2018 school year as follows contingent upon receipt of necessary paperwork:

- a. Contractor Cavage Transit: Drivers Keith Arch and Donna Miller
- b. Contractor Clyde VanSickle: Driver Bonnie Cooke
- c. Contractor Kreutz Inc.: Driver Kristen Theobald
- d. Contractor Roy Swingle: Driver Angelo Carachilo

The motion carried all affirmatives.

Transportation Contract Extensions

A motion was made by Mr. Wood and seconded by Mr. Gershey to approve the following Transportation Contract extensions at State Formula for the 2017-2018 school year:

- a. Cavage Transit Inc. – Bus #46A – Waymart to WWHS/WWMS & Late Run effective December 11, 2017.
*This contract will replace Bus #19 – Contractor Donna & Dennis Miller
- b. Cavage Transit Inc. – Van #135 – Waymart to Bus, WWHS/MS, PATH, Wayne Highlands and RDW – effective December 15, 2017.
- c. Caruth Bus Lines Inc. – Bus #83 – Sterling to EverGreen and Late Run as needed effective December 13, 2017.

The motion carried all affirmatives.

Transportation – New Contract

A motion was made by Mr. Gershey and seconded by Mr. Hoch to approve the following New Transportation Contract at State Formula for the 2017-2018 school year:

- a. Cavage Transit Inc. – Bus #29A – Waymart to Robert D. Wilson Elementary effective January 2, 2018.
- *This contract will replace Bus #29 – Contractor Donna & Dennis Miller

The motion carried all affirmatives.

Waivers of Expulsion Hearing and Stipulation

A motion was made by Mr. Hoch and seconded by Mr. Gershey to adopt the proposed Waivers of Expulsion Hearing and Stipulation relating to the following students, thereby excluding the students from the Western Wayne School District in accordance with the terms thereof.

- a. 01-17-18
- b. 02-17-18

The motion carried all affirmatives.

Dual Enrollment Agreement – Johnson College

A motion was made by Mr. Hoch and seconded by Mr. Gershey to approve the Dual Enrollment Agreement between Western Wayne School District and Johnson College effective December 15, 2017 through June 22, 2018.

The motion carried all affirmatives.

Personnel

District Substitute List

A motion was made by Mr. Gershey and seconded by Mr. Wood to approve the following personnel to be added to the District Substitute List for the 2017-2018 school year per Certification, Act 24/34/151/114/153/168 Guidelines, Employment Eligibility Verification – U.S. Department of Justice, Contingent upon receipt of clearances:

1. Megan Pajalich: Area of Certification: Guest Teacher

The motion carried all affirmatives.

Appointment Renewal

A motion was made by Mr. Wood and seconded by Mr. Gershey to renew the appointment of Monir Bruckner as an intern with the Technology Department at \$11.00 per hour on an as needed basis, effective January 18, 2018 to June 30, 2018.

The motion carried all affirmatives.

Appointment of Spring Coaches

A motion was made by Mr. Gershey and seconded by Mr. Hoch to appoint the following to the listed coaching positions for the 2017-2018 school year at the salary listed in the Professional Employees Contract:

1. Robert Amos	Track, Ass't Coach-4th yr	\$2,995.74
2. Trina Collins	Track, Ass't Coach-7th yr	\$3,025.11
3. Corey Foote	Track, Ass't Coach-5th yr	\$2,995.74
4. Emily Martinkovitch	Track, Ass't Coach-5th yr	\$2,995.74

The motion carried all affirmatives.

Act 93 Salary

A motion was made by Mr. Shaffer and seconded by Mr. Hoch to approve Joseph Dunda’s salary for the remainder of the current Act 93 Agreement.

The motion carried all affirmatives.

Appointment

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

1. Tara Morcom - Elementary Guidance Counselor - Temporary Professional Employee – Step 1M \$52,692.00 pro-rated - with applicable fringe benefits effective upon release of current employment.

The motion carried all affirmatives.

Resignation for Retirement

A motion was made by Mr. Gershey and seconded by Mr. Hoch to accept Food Service worker Patricia M. Reilly’s resignation for retirement purposes effective February 16, 2018.

The motion carried all affirmatives.

Sabbatical Request Extension

A motion was made by Mr. Gershey and seconded by Mr. Hoch to approve the following Sabbatical leave of absence for Health Reasons request for the Second Semester of the 2017-2018 school year:

1. PS# 01-17-18

The motion carried all affirmatives.

Appointment – Long Term Substitute

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

1. Jessica Short – Long Term Substitute – English Language Arts – Step 1M –\$52,692.00 pro-rated – with applicable fringe benefits effective for the 2nd Semester of the 2017-2018 school year.

The motion carried all affirmatives.

Informational Items

Upcoming Dates

1. January 4, 2018 – 6th Grade Band/Chorus Concert – 7:00 PM
2. January 8-22, 2018 – Wave 2 Winter Keystone Exams
3. January 9, 2018 – EverGreen PTA Meeting – 3:00 PM
4. January 12, 2018 – Middle School Student Council After-School Game Activity – 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM
5. January 17, 2018 – High School Curriculum Night – 6:00 PM (snow date: January 24, 2018)
6. January 18, 2018 – RDW PTA Meeting – 6:00 PM

The IRS mileage rate is increasing to 54.5 cents per mile effective January 01, 2018.

STUDENT INTERN/TEACHER: MARYWOOD UNIVERSITY – Intern Isabella DiBileo – School Counseling practicum – January 2018 to June, 2018 – Matthew Fitzsimmons

Correspondence

None.

Superintendent's Report

No questions.

Assistant Superintendent's Report

No questions.

Principal's Report

No questions.

Federal Program Report

No report.

Other Business

None.

Future Meetings

Monday, January 29, 2018 - 6:00 P.M. Board Committee Meeting, District Board Room, Administration Building, 1970C Easton Turnpike, Lake Ariel, PA 18436

Monday, February 05, 2018 - 7:00 P.M. Public Board Meeting, District Board Room, Administration Building, 1970C Easton Turnpike, Lake Ariel, PA 18436

Meeting held: (Rescheduled from January 8, 2018)

January 10, 2018 – 6:00 P.M. Board Committee Meeting, Executive Session for Personnel immediately following the Committee meeting, Board Room, Western Wayne Administration Office, 1970C Easton Turnpike, Lake Ariel, PA 18436

Adjournment

A motion was made by Mr. Hoch and seconded by Mrs. Fiorella to adjourn the regularly scheduled meeting of the Western Wayne Board of Education at 7:51 P.M.

The motion carried with all affirmatives.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rose E. Emmett
Board Secretary

ATTEST: _____

APPROVED: _____