

Board Minutes January 15, 2020

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 15, 2020 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 4, 2020 edition of the Tri-County Independent.

Board President Bernice Fiorella called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

Mrs. Fiorella offered a prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Board President – Bernice Fiorella	Board Member – William Gershey
Board Vice President – Rick Hoch	Board Member - Joseph Gombita
Board Treasurer – Jeffrey Gogolski	Board Member – Michael Ochlan
Board Member – Dana DeSiato	Board Member – Ethan Wood
Board Member – Gary Enslin	

Solicitor Matthew Meagher was present.

Administrators Present: Superintendent Dr. Matthew Barrett, Assistant to Superintendent Cindy LaRosa, Business Manager/Board Secretary Rose Emmett, High School Principal Paul Gregorski, Middle School Principal Jennifer Bradley, EverGreen Principal Justin Pidgeon, Robert D. Wilson Principal Maria Miller, Principal of STEAM Elizabeth Watson, Assistant High School Principal Matthew Barr, Assistant Elementary Principal Kerrie Fitzsimmons, Director of Special Education Jennifer DeNike, Assistant Director of Special Education Angela Geyer, Early Intervention Supervisor Elizabeth Gregory, Food Service Director Maria Liptak, Technology Director Brian Seaman, Director of Buildings and Grounds Joseph Dunda, and Athletic Director Robert Black.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Mr. Gershey and seconded by Mr. Hoch to accept the minutes generated from the Reorganization Meeting and the Regular Board Meeting of December 4, 2019.

The motion carried with all affirmatives.

Treasurer's Report

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

The motion carried with all affirmatives.

Student/Community Recognition

January is School Board Recognition Month. Kristi Kromko presented the School Board Members with a token of her appreciation on behalf of the students of Western Wayne School District and thanked them for their volunteer service.

High School Principal Paul Gregorski introduced two outstanding students, Alyssa Iovacchini and Abigail Black. Mrs. Fiorella congratulated the students on their achievements. Best of luck in the future to both students and their parents. Mr. Gregorski also announced that 56 FBLA students placed high enough in the regional completion to qualify to for the State FBLA Competition in Hershey.

School Police Officer R. Martin Robbins awarded Citizenship Awards to three deserving students. Paityn Duprey – for holding fundraisers throughout the year for a holiday toy drive; Nicholas Fisichella and Antonio Fisichella – for assisting a local fire department at a car fire near their home and later donating funds to the local fire department to help them out. Mrs. Fiorella and the Board congratulated these students for their hard work and compassion.

Recognition of Public

Amanda Johnson publicly thanked Jeff Gogolski for meeting with several members of the public recently.

Enrollment Report

ENROLLMENT - DAY #81 2019-2020 SCHOOL YEAR

GRADE	EVERGREEN	SN	P	RDW	SN	P	MS	SN	P	HS	SN	P	TOTAL
EARLY INT.		13			8								21
PRE K	59			51									110
KDG	67	13	1	32	9								122
GR. 1	59	15		35	8								117
GR. 2	75	18		26	6	1							126
GR. 3	62	23		31	9								125
GR. 4	61	29		32	11								133
GR. 5	62	23		30	13								128
GR. 6							99	37	1				137
TOTAL	445	134	1	237	64	1	99	37	1	0	0	0	1,019
GR. 7							114	25	5				144
GR. 8							99	35	4				138
GR. 9										104	22	2	128
GR. 10										121	26	6	153
GR. 11										100	27	4	131
GR. 12										127	32	6	165
TOTAL	445	134	1	237	64	1	312	97	10	452	107	18	1,878

Key: SN – Special Needs, P – Placement outside of District
Totals: EverGreen-578; RDW-301; MS-417; HS-577 TOTAL: 1,873
Last meeting total: 1,870

Audit

A motion was made by Mr. Enslin and seconded by Mr. Gombita to accept the Audit Report of the Western Wayne School District for the year ended June 30, 2019 as prepared by Brian T. Kelly, CPA.

The motion carried with all affirmatives.

Fund Balance Designation

A motion was made by Mr. Gogolski and seconded by Mr. Gershey to approve the recommendation of the Business Manager to designate a portion of our ending 2018-2019 Fund Balance to manage future budgets as per Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement Number 54 (GASB 54). Committed: \$403,653; Assigned: \$7,884,009 and Unassigned: \$2,981,134.

The motion carried with all affirmatives.

Transportation Contract Extension

A motion was made by Mr. Wood and seconded by Mr. Gogolski to approve the following Transportation Contract Extension at State Formula for the 2019-2020 school year:

- a. Contractor Sara Wasman – Van #72 – Lake Ariel to PATH and Meyers High School, Wilkes Barre effective December 9, 2019.

The motion carried with all affirmatives.

Transportation Drivers and Substitutes

A motion was made by Mr. Gombita and seconded by Mr. Ochlan to approve the following list of Western Wayne School District Transportation Drivers and Substitutes for the listed contractor for the 2019-2020 school year as follows contingent upon receipt of necessary paperwork:

- a. Contractor Caruth Bus Lines – Driver Paul Piotrowski
- b. Contractor Sara Wasman – Driver Kimberly O'Donnell
- c. Contractor Yatsonsky Busing LLC – Driver Wayne Bouchard

The motion carried with all affirmatives.

Overnight Field Trip – change in date

A motion was made by Mr. Gershey and seconded by Mr. Hoch to approve the following overnight field trip date change for the 2019-2020 school year:

- a. National Honor Society – Baltimore MD/Washington DC – May 27-29, 2020 – Approximately 50-60 students and 5 chaperones. Student funded trip (District cost is \$1800.00 for substitutes). Chaperones: Kendra Wayman, Greg Butler, Tim McClure, Steve Gregorski, and Shelly Jonas.

The motion carried with all affirmatives.

Waiver of Expulsion Hearing and Stipulation

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

- a. S#02-19-20

The motion carried with all affirmatives.

Memorandum of Understanding – Special Olympics

A motion was made by Mr. Gogolski and seconded by Mr. Ochlan to approve a Memorandum of Understanding between Western Wayne School District and Special Olympics Pennsylvania for Interscholastic Unified Sports effective January 15, 2020 to June 30, 2020.

The motion carried with all affirmatives.

Personnel

District Substitute List

A motion was made by Mr. Enslin and seconded by Mr. Gogolski to approve the following personnel to be added to the District Substitute List for the 2019-2020 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 and employment paperwork:

1. Bridgette Brown – Area: Cafeteria
2. Summer Klikus – Area of Certification: Elementary PreK-4
3. Maria Nunley – Area: Guest Teacher; Teacher Aide; Secretarial
4. Margaret Rennekamp – Area: Custodial

The motion carried with all affirmatives.

Appointment – Custodian

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

1. Carla Antidormi - Custodian – full time - \$11.00 per hour – with applicable fringe benefits – effective January 20, 2020.

The motion carried with all affirmatives.

Resignation

A motion was made by Mr. Hoch and seconded by Mr. Enslin to approve the resignation of Kathleen Riley – Music teacher – effective the end of the 2019-2020 school year.

The motion carried with all affirmatives.

Resignation

A motion was made by Mr. Gombita and seconded by Mr. Ochlan to approve the resignation of Maria Arneil as Vocal Director for the Musical for the 2019-2020 school year.

The motion carried with all affirmatives.

Appointment of Coach

A motion was made by Mr. Ochlan and seconded by Mr. Gershey to appoint the following to the listed coaching positions for the 2019-2020 school year at the salary listed in the Professional Employees Contract. *[Note: This salary is not in the Professional Employees Contract, the salary is based on the amount of grant funds received for the program.]*

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| 1. Melissa Williams | Unified Track Coach | \$1,500.00 |
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The motion carried with all affirmatives.

Appointments – Musical

A motion was made by Mr. Gombita and seconded by Mr. Ochlan to appoint the following to the listed Advisor-Musical positions for the 2019-2020 school year at the salary listed in the Professional Employees Contract contingent upon receipt of clearances:

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| 1. Ann Marie Rainey | Vocal Director, Musical | \$3,582.00 |
| 2. Agnes Cummings | Assistant Director, Musical | \$1,195.00 |

The motion carried with all affirmatives.

Volunteers

A motion was made by Mr. Hoch and seconded by Mr. Gershey to approve the following to the list of volunteers for the 2019-2020 school year contingent upon receipt of necessary clearances:

1. Glenn Fiorella – Middle School
2. Clayton LaCoe Jr – Middle School

3. Donna Robbins - Band
4. Sarah Skirpan – Indoor Track

The motion carried with all affirmatives.

Informational Items

Upcoming Dates:

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| 1. January 6-17, 2020 | Winter Keystone Exams |
| 2. January 14, 2020 | EverGreen PTA Meeting – 7 PM |
| 3. January 14, 2020 | Family STEAM Night at RDW – 6-8 PM |
| 4. January 15, 2020 | High School Curriculum Night – 6:00 PM (snow date: January 22, 2020) |
| 5. January 16-18, 2020 | PMEA District Chorus |
| 6. January 20, 2020 | NO SCHOOL – Martin Luther King Day |
| 7. January 21, 2020 | Family STEAM Night at EverGreen – 6-8 PM |

Informational: The IRS mileage rate is decreasing to 57.5 cents per mile effective January 01, 2020.

STUDENT INTERN/TEACHERS: DREXEL UNIVERSITY – STUDENT TEACHER – Robert D. Wilson Elementary – Melissa Pekarski – PREK-4TH – Karen Firmstone – January 6, 2020 to April 10, 2020. MARYWOOD UNIVERSITY – STUDENT TEACHERS – Robert D. Wilson Elementary – Brooke Panek – Grade 2 – Jessica Matthews – January 14, 2020 to March 6, 2020; Alexis Osborne – Grades 1-5 – Marnell Fortuner – March 17, 2020 to May 8, 2020.

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

Mr. Gombita congratulated the District on the RDW STEAM program held recently. He received a lot of positive feedback on the event.

Future Meetings

Wednesday, January 29, 2020 - 6:00 P.M. Board Committee Meeting; District Board Room Administration Building, 1970C Easton Turnpike, Lake Ariel, PA 18436

Wednesday, February 5, 2020 – 7:00 PM. – Public Board Meeting, District Board Room, Administration Building, 1970C Easton Turnpike, Lake Ariel, PA 18436

Meetings held

Thursday, January 09, 2020 – 6:00 P.M. Rescheduled Board Committee Meeting, Executive Session for Legal Matters followed - 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 7:30 P.M.

The motion carried with all affirmatives.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rose E. Emmett
Board Secretary

ATTEST: _____

APPROVED: _____