

# Board Minutes

## May 20, 2020

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

The special meeting for the Tentative Budget and General Purposes of the Western Wayne Board of Education was held on May 20, 2020 via zoom due to the COVID-19 pandemic and was live broadcast over YouTube.

The meeting was advertised in the legal section of the May 16, 2020 edition of the Tri-County Independent.

Board President Bernice Fiorella called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

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

Miss Emmett took roll call. Eight (8) Board Members were present and are listed as follows:

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

Board Vice President Rick Hoch arrived at 6:20 PM

Solicitor Matthew Meagher was present.

Administrators Present: Superintendent Dr. Matthew Barrett, Assistant to Superintendent Cindy LaRosa, and Business Manager/Board Secretary Rose Emmett.

All other Administrators were excused.

Public Comment (taken via [publiccomment@westernwayne.org](mailto:publiccomment@westernwayne.org))

Amanda Johnson asked: Based on the \$400 million Federal Emergency Funds to be provided to PA public schools will the plan to increase taxes be adjusted? Miss Emmett replied that the Federal Stimulus funds couldn't be used to offset on-going expenses of the District. They must be used for one-time expenses related to the COVID-19 Pandemic. Some of the items that can be purchased are personal protective equipment; technology and mental health supports.

### **Adoption of the 2021-2022 Fiscal Year Tentative Budget**

A motion was made by Mrs. Fiorella and seconded by Mr. Gogolski to adopt the 2020-2021 Fiscal Year Tentative Budget showing estimated available resources of \$57,263,180.00 and estimated expenditures and ending fund balance in the amount of \$57,263,180.00 establishing real estate tax millage of 17.3793 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 five months after

the date of the tax notice, December 31, 2020. Please note there is no penalty phase for the 2020-2021 School Year taxes. **(ATTACHMENT I)**

Mr. Wood asked what happens if we need to change the budget. Solicitor Meagher answered that this is a tentative budget and what is approved tonight can be changed when the final budget is approved at the June 2020 meeting. He stated you can increase or decrease the tax rate approved at that time depending on our needs. Mrs. Fiorella stated that the decision is not being taken lightly, she understands that a property with a \$100,000 assessment, will pay approximately \$30 more in taxes for the 20-21 school year. Mrs. DeSiato wanted to confirm that this is a tentative budget and not the final budget. Yes it is the tentative budget, not the final budget being voted on tonight.

The motion carried with six affirmatives and two no votes by Mrs. DeSiato and Mr. Enslin.

**Adoption of the 2020-2021 Tax Resolutions**

Mr. Gershey made a motion and Mrs. Fiorella seconded the motion to adopt the attached 2020-2021 Tax Resolutions. **(ATTACHMENT II)**

The motion carried with all affirmatives.

**Printing of Tax Duplicates**

Mr. Gershey made a motion and Mr. Gombita seconded the motion to approve a contract with Government Software Services, Honesdale, PA to print school tax duplicates and bills for Real Estate for the 2020 year as proposed at \$0.065 each, per name printed for the two copies of the Real Estate Duplicate, \$0.1695 for each tax statement prepared, and the sum of \$9.50 each per duplicate bound.

The motion carried with all affirmatives.

Mrs. Fiorella thanked the students who have been out cleaning trash from the roads.

**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 6:21 P.M.

The motion carried with all affirmatives.

Respectfully Submitted,



Rose E. Emmett  
Board Secretary

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

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