

# Board Minutes February 1, 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 February 1, 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 January 20, 2016 edition of the Wayne Independent.

Board President Donald Olsommer Jr. called the meeting to order at 7:02 P.M. He also announced that the Board of Education met in Executive Session for Personnel matters prior to this public meeting.

Miss Faliskie asked for a moment of silence in memory of Michael J. Burkhardt followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board Secretary Rose Emmett took roll call. Eight (8) 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 – Rick Hoch
Board Treasurer - Jeffrey Gogolski	Board Member - Donald McDonough
Board Member – Gary Enslin	Board Member – Roger Shaffer Jr.

Board Member Bernice Fiorella was excused.

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, and Technology Director Brian Seaman

Administrator 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 on January 11, 2016.

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, the Food Service Account and the Student Activities Account for October, November and December 2015.

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

### 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.

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

### Accounting of Taxes

Mr. Gaudenzi asked about status of collections for this year. Miss Emmett said that as of December 2015 our collection rate is about 90%, which is lower than the same time last year. Last year we were around 91.5% in collections as of December 2014.

### Student Recognition

High School Principal Paul T. Blaum introduced two outstanding students Jessica McCormick and Rebecca Telese.

### Recognition of Public

No public comment.

### Enrollment Report

ENROLLMENT – DAY #96                      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
TOTAL	485	80	3	261	55	2	123	37	1	0	0	0	1,047
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
TOTAL	485	80	3	261	55	2	355	98	11	521	96	14	1,981

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

Totals: EverGreen-568; RDW-318; MS-464; HS-631

TOTAL: 1,981

Last Month-January Total: 1,983

### **Retainer**

A motion was made by Mr. Gershey and seconded by Mr. Shaffer 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, 2016 at the cost of \$4,975.00. There is no increase from last year.

The motion carried with six affirmatives and two no votes from Mr. Gaudenzi and Mr. McDonough.

### **District School Calendar for the 2016-2017 School Year**

A motion was made by Mr. Hoch and seconded by Mr. McDonough to approve the 2016-2017 School District Calendar.

Mr. Adams noted that pending a construction project this summer, we will be starting after Labor Day to allow time for completion of construction. Mr. Gaudenzi commended Mr. Adams on building in snow days and starting after Labor Day to allow for construction, but wishes we set the 180<sup>th</sup> day as Graduation not holding it on a Friday.

The motion carried with all affirmatives.

### **Act 80 Days**

A motion was made by Mr. McDonough and seconded by Mr. Hoch to approve the listed early dismissal days for students in order to conduct Act 80 activities with the Professional Staff:

- a. November 11, 2016
- b. February 17, 2017

The motion carried with all affirmatives.

### **Appointment - Auditor**

A motion was made by Mr. Gogolski and seconded by Mr. Gershey to appoint Brian T. Kelly, CPA & Associates as the audit firm for the Basic Audit Services for the years ending June 30, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, and 2020 at a cost of \$22,400.00 per year.

Mr. Adams stated that this is a \$1,000 increase in the first year over the current year price and then the remaining four years will have no increase. Mr. Gaudenzi asked about competitive firms and locking in pricing. Mr. Adams said there are two other firms in the area who also do school district audits and their pricing is comparable, but we are happy with the services of Mr. Kelly's firm, they are professional and are subject to peer reviews, which are always great reviews, he feels we were given a fair price and should take advantage of locking in the amount for five years.

The motion carried with all affirmatives.

## **Personnel**

### **Revision of Hourly/Per Diem Rates for the 2015-2016 school year**

A motion was made by Mr. McDonough and seconded by Mr. Hoch to revise the hourly/per diem rates for the 2015-2016 school year effective February 1, 2016 as follows:

1. Substitute Teachers - \$95 per diem – Guest Teachers - \$85 per diem
2. Substitute Teacher Aide - \$9.50 per hour
3. Substitute Secretary - \$10.50 per hour
4. Homework Help - \$95 per diem
5. Security - \$19.00 per hour (Minimum of \$40.00 per event)

Mr. Adams stated that the rates for these substitutes have not increased in several years.

The motion passed with all affirmatives.

### **Resignation/Retirement**

A motion was made by Mr. McDonough and seconded by Mr. Hoch to accept the resignation for retirement purposes of Kimberly Waters, EverGreen Elementary teacher effective February 10, 2016.

The motion carried with all affirmatives.

### **Resignation**

A motion was made by Mr. McDonough and seconded by Mr. Hoch to accept the resignation of Dominick Carachilo as Girls Soccer Assistant Coach for the 2016-2017 school year.

The motion carried with all affirmatives.

### **Resignation**

A motion was made by Mr. McDonough and seconded by Mr. Hoch to accept the resignation of Elizabeth Musso as Assistant Softball Coach for the 2015-2016 school year.

The motion carried with all affirmatives.

### **Appointment – Long Term Substitute**

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

1. Kara Wiseman – 2nd Semester Long Term Substitute – Reading – Step 1B \$45,589.00 pro-rated - with applicable fringe benefits for the Second Semester of the 2015-2016 school year effective November 2, 2015.

Mr. Adams stated the effective date is in November because Kara has been in the position as a substitute since that date, which is more than 90 days.

The motion carried with all affirmatives.

### **Appointment of Spring Coach**

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

1. Kenneth Rizzi      Baseball, Assistant      \$3,372.12

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

### **Appointment of Fall Coach**

A motion was made by Mr. Gaudenzi and seconded by Mr. McDonough 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. Randy Wolff      Football, Head Coach      \$7,603.00

The motion carried with seven affirmatives and one abstention from Mr. Shaffer.

### **Volunteers**

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

1. Clayton LaCoe Jr. – Tutoring - Western Wayne Middle School
2. Elizabeth Musso – Softball

The motion carried with all affirmatives.

### **Informational Items**

### **Upcoming Events**

1. On-line scheduling for students grades 8-11 – opens January 29, 2016 @ 3:00 P.M. and closes at 10:00 P.M. on February 7, 2016
2. FAFSA Completion Night – February 9, 2016 – 6:00 P.M. – High School LGI
3. Middle School Winter Ball – February 19, 2016 – 7:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M.
4. Read Across America – March 2, 2016 - 5:00 P.M. – Robert D. Wilson Elementary
5. Early Dismissal Teacher In-Service – March 9, 2016 – Noon
6. Early Dismissal Easter Break – March 24, 2016 – 1 P.M.
7. Robert D. Wilson Science Fair – March 31, 2016 – 6-8 P.M.

Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten registration for the Western Wayne School District will be held the week of March 21, 2016 in the Robert D. Wilson and EverGreen Elementary Schools.

**Student Teacher:** SUMMIT UNIVERSITY (BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE) – Amber Kachelries – Physical Education – EverGreen Elementary – Jill Butler – January 11, 2016 to March 4, 2016.

### **Correspondence**

No correspondence.

### **Superintendent's Report**

Mr. Adams reminded everyone of our noon dismissal on February 12, 2016. He also congratulated the High School Students who competed in the PPL Environmental Challenge and the Wrestling Team who won the Lackawanna League for seven consecutive years.

### **Assistant Superintendent's Report**

Dr. Barrett informed everyone that Western Wayne School District was awarded a Safe Schools Grant to assist with the cost of our School Police Officers and we are awaiting final approval of another Safe Schools Grant that will cover the cost of safety equipment throughout the District.

### **Principal's Reports**

No questions.

### **Federal Program Report**

No report.

### **Other Business**

No other business.

### **Future Meetings**

February 29, 2016 – 6:00 P.M. Board Committee Meeting, District Board Room, Administration Building, 1970C Easton Turnpike, Lake Ariel PA 18436

March 07, 2016 - 7:00 P.M. Public Board Meeting, District Board Room, Administration Building, 1970C Easton Turnpike, Lake Ariel PA 18436

### **Meetings Held**

January 25, 2016 – 5:30 P.M. Executive Session for Personnel Matters and 6:00 P.M. Board Committee Meeting, District Board Room, Administration Building, 1970C Easton Turnpike, Lake Ariel PA 18436

January 25, 2016 – 6:55 P.M. Executive Session for Personnel Matters, District Board Room, Administration Building,  
1970C Easton Turnpike, Lake Ariel PA 18436

**Adjournment**

A motion was made by Mr. McDonough and seconded by Mr. Hoch to adjourn the regularly scheduled meeting of the Western Wayne Board of Education at 7:37 P.M.

The motion carried with all affirmatives.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rose E. Emmett  
Board Secretary

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

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