

Western Wayne Schools
Minutes
January 11, 2023

The Western Wayne Board of School Trustees met on Wednesday, January 11, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Room at 205 East Parkway Drive. Board members present were Phil Pflum, Dave Sturgis, Alan Austin, Sarah Pennington, and Brent Fortman. Also, in attendance: Andy Stover, AJ Sickman, Grady Munchel, Chad Lieberman, Peggy Huesman, Robin Hokey, Elizabeth Miller, Jim Antle, Bob Hansen, Kevin Munchel, Karen Hinkein, Jessica Williams, Jennifer Vance, Kelsey Agee, Misty Ingalls, Yvonne Swafford, Evan Underwood, Eric Underwood, Gary Rushton, Amber Rushton, Robert VanHorn, Eric VanHorn, Whitney Dunaway, Caroline and David Maupin, Pete, Grace, and Avery Smith, Mark and Constance Smith, and Kyle Aubuchon.

1. President, Alan Austin, called the meeting to order, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Upon motion of Sarah Pennington, seconded by Phil Pflum, the minutes for the Regular meeting of December 14, 2022 were approved as presented.
Motion carried, 4-0 with Brent Fortman abstaining.

3. Patron Comments:

Karen Hinkein addressed the many comments lately on Facebook stating that there is a massive turnover and a lot of employees are leaving. She handed papers to the board with all the data from 2019/2020 to the current school year. The summary shows our turnover is actually much less than two years ago. She feels as part of the public record this needs to be posted. She thinks our school and employees are awesome and it saddens her to hear all the negativity. She said everyone thinks we are the lowest in the district when we are not. Mr. Stover requested her to read off the numbers:

2019/20 – 7 left
2020/21 – 29 left
2021/22 – 16 left
2022/23 – 11 left

She was thanked for the information and the time and effort she put into her research.

4. New board member, William Brent Fortman, was sworn in to office by the school’s lawyer, AJ Sickman.

5. Discussion items:

5.1 Receipts Reported

Lincoln Middle/High School-Supplies for Eagle Creation	\$ 46.05
Boys & Girls Club-2022 Utilities	\$ 10,500.00
Gerald Gerard-Donation to Pre-K thru 3rd Grade programs	\$ 2,000.00
HC Claim-Medicaid reimbursement	\$ 4,210.77
HC Claim-Medicaid reimbursement	\$ 2,794.56

Lincoln Middle/High School-VICA Club	\$ 2,639.92
Lincoln Middle/High School-Athletic trip reimbursement	\$ 366.06
Lincoln Middle/High School-Athletic trip reimbursement	\$ 1,085.71
Lincoln Middle/High School-cafeteria reimbursement	\$ 40.00
Northeastern Wayne Schools-Student Tuition	\$ 17,500.00
Richmond Family YMCA-Meal reimbursement	\$ 1,871.25
Richmond Family YMCA-Meal reimbursement	\$ 1,960.00
State Auditor-Title I FY23 reimbursement	\$ 16,065.48
State Auditor-Title I FY22 reimbursement	\$ 162.72
State Auditor-Employability Skills Grant reimbursement	\$ 14,500.00
State Auditor-Basic Grant	\$ 451,147.84
State Auditor-Title IIA FY21 reimbursement	\$ 1,838.64
State Auditor-Title IIA FY22 reimbursement	\$ 1,319.32
State Auditor-ESSER II Reimbursement	\$ 31,900.95
State Auditor-ESSER III Reimbursement	\$ 24,239.88
State Auditor-School lunch program reimbursement	\$ 51,216.74
State Auditor-School lunch program reimbursement	\$ 80,105.37
State Auditor-Common School Loan 10 reimbursement	\$ 11,286.57
State Auditor-Title IV FY22 Reimbursement	\$ 880.76
USAC (BEAR)-Emergency Connectivity Grant reimbursement	\$ 39,374.65
Wayne County Treasurer-Local Option Tax	\$ 5,773.83
Wayne County Treasurer-Financial Institution Tax	\$ 26,379.46
Wayne County Treasurer-CVET Tax	\$ 9,344.00
Wayne County Treasurer-Property Tax	\$ 984,303.08
Wayne County Treasurer-License Excise Tax	\$ 102,573.10
Western Wayne Elementary-Field trip reimbursement	\$ 274.54
Western Wayne Elementary-Field trip reimbursement	\$ 199.66
Wayne Bank & Trust-Interest	\$ 335.00
Wayne Bank & Trust-Interest	\$ 4,850.69
Western Wayne Schools Cafeteria-School Lunch program	\$ 1,366.10

5.2 Principal updates:

5.2.1 Elizabeth Miller ES Principal presented the December Students of the Month:

Avery Smith – Kindergarten
Kaleb Aubuchon – 1st Grade
Kairi Dunaway – 2nd Grade
Britley Tompkins – 3rd Grade
Brye VanHorn – 4th Grade
Wiatt Rushton – 5th Grade

5.2.2 Mrs. Miller presented the board with a slideshow presentation about I-Ready testing scores in English and Math. Our numbers have improved from last year and even from the beginning of this year. She is very pleased with the growth the students have made and praised the teachers for the hard work they have done.

5.3. Notable Athletic Accomplishments:

Girls Basketball: Grace Sherwood, Alivia Anderson and Elliot Jones were named to the All-Tournament team at the 2022 Lincoln Healthy Hoopla Tournament.

5.4 Notable ECA / Academic Accomplishments.

Graduation Rates came back and our rate is 98.48%. We were 2nd in the county and 12th in the state.

6. Action Items:

6.1 Election of 2023 Officers

6.1.1 Upon a motion by Phil Pflum, seconded by Brent Fortman, Alan Austin was elected President.

Motion carried, 4-0

6.1.2 Upon a motion by Phil Pflum, seconded by Brent Fortman, Sarah Pennington was elected Vice President.

Motion carried, 4-0

6.1.3 Upon a motion by Brent Fortman, seconded by Sarah Pennington, Dave Sturgis was elected Secretary.

Motion carried, 4-0

6.2 Upon a motion by Sarah Pennington, seconded by Dave Sturgis, Resolution #1-2023, to Transfer Amounts on a Recurring Basis from the Education Fund to the Operation Fund was approved.

Motion carried, 5-0

6.3 Upon a motion by Sarah Pennington, seconded by Phil Pflum, the appointment of Peggy Huesman, District Financial Manager, and Robin Hokey, Director of Human Resources was approved.

Motion carried, 5-0

6.4 Upon a motion by Dave Sturgis, seconded by Sarah Pennington, the donation of \$2,000.00 from Gerald Gerard for Pre-k through 3rd grade programs, was approved.

Motion carried, 5-0

6.5 Upon a motion by Sarah Pennington, seconded by Brent Fortman the following Non-Certified Personnel were approved.

Debbie Turner – Pre-K Instructional Aide

Teresa Conley – Special Education Aide LMS

Rachel Moore – Special Education Aide LMS

Leta Haskett - Cafeteria

Motion carried, 5-0

6.6 Upon a motion by Sarah Pennington, seconded by Phil Pflum, the following coaching staff were approved.

Casey Jennings – MS Wrestling Head Coach

Tim LeMay – MS Wrestling Assistant Coach

Ben Collins – 6th Grade Boys Basketball Volunteer Coach

Garrett Singer – 8th Grade Girls Basketball Coach

Susan Moistner – 8th Grade Volunteer Girls Basketball Coach

Motion carried, 5-0

6.7 Upon a motion by Sarah Pennington, seconded by Dave Sturgis the following resignations were approved.

Melissa Hartsock – Pre-K Instructional Aide

Motion Carried 5-0

6.8 Upon a motion by Sarah Pennington, and seconded by Phil Pflum the 2022-2023 Salary Recommendation Modification for the Non-Certified Staff was approved.

Motion carries, 5-0

6.9 Upon a motion by Brent Fortman, seconded by Alan Austin the Conflict of Interest Statements were approved.

Motion carries, 2-0 Abstaining, Sarah Pennington, Phil Pflum, and Dave Sturgis

6.10 Upon a motion by Sarah Pennington, seconded by Dave Sturgis, the bills were approved for payment.

Motion Carried 5-0

7. Review of Reports:

None at this time

8. Corporation / Department Comments:

Alan Austin commented how pleased he was with the graduation rate.

Dave Sturgis commented how he appreciated the presentations by Mrs. Miller and Karen Hinkein. Having the data presented to them is very helpful knowledge.

9. Upon a motion of Sarah Pennington, seconded by Dave Sturgis, the meeting adjourned at 6:36 pm

Motion carried, 5-0

President

Vice President

Secretary

Member

Member