

Western Wayne Schools  
Minutes  
June 14, 2023

The Western Wayne Board of School Trustees met on Wednesday, June 14, 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, Peggy Huesman, Robin Hokey, Ben Burris, Elizabeth Miller, Renee Lakes, Karen Hinkein, James Antle, Kelsey Agee, Miriam Zimmer, and Grady Munchel.

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 May 17, 2023 and the Executive Session on May 17, 2023 were approved as presented.  
Motion carried, 5-0

**3. Patron Comments:**

*None at this Time*

**4. Discussion items:**

**4.1 Principal updates:**

**4.1.1** Elizabeth Miller ES Principal, gave an update on the last few days of school. She showed the board fun things that happened with the students and staff. Mrs. Miller updated the board on the ILearn scores. She was very proud to announce that for the first time in a few years their scores were above the state's average. She gave credit to the elementary teachers praising them for all the work they put into this. She expressed how proud she was of the teachers and students for all their efforts.

**4.1.2** Mrs. Renee Lakes, Principal of the LMHS, had many updates: Mrs. Lakes went over the IReady Scores for the Middle School. Although they were not where she would like them to be, the scores did improve from Fall of 2022 to the Spring of 2023. There was growth in the students' scores.

**April Students of the Month**

6th Grade Levi Magill and Kaiden Carver

7th Grade Eli Smith

8th Grade Crista Parker

9th Grade Matthew Fisher, Chloe Campbell, and Jackson Kuhn

10th Grade Melody Fisher and Jaylen Rose

11th Grade Lucas Steele and Waylon Suttles

12th Grade Kaden Southerland

### **May Students of the Month**

6th Grade Madyson Watkins

7th Grade Kristian Garvin

8th Grade Shyanne Wells

9th Grade Daniel Bogue, Trinity Custer, Shelby Houseworth and Sage Nichols

10th Grade Aubrey Trent and John Crawford

11th Grade Shannon Moore

#### **4.2. Notable Athletic Accomplishments:**

**Softball:** Senior, Mallory Burn and Junior, Paige Lunsford were selected to the Softball All TEC team. Sophomore, Samantha Bell was named to the Honorable Mention All TEC Softball team.

**Baseball:** Senior Gavin Trent and Freshman, Dustin Lunsford were selected to the Baseball All

TEC team. Sophomore Carson Hawk was named to the Honorable Mention All TEC Baseball team.

**Boys Track:** Junior, Brody Puckett was the TEC Champion in the 400M Dash for the Eagles.

#### **Boys Golf News**

Golf was also a young team but with that youth our golfers gained experience and valuable playing time. All the players on the team had numerous personal bests and next year is looking very bright.

#### **Spring Sports Banquet Awards:**

##### **Mental Attitude recipients:**

Gunnar Newton, Sam Bogue, Leo Russell, Alivia Anderson, Mallory Burns, and Baily Burgin

##### **MVP recipients:**

Christian Davis, Luke Williams, Brody Puckett, Gavin Trent, Paige Lunsford, Tahlia Rastbichler and Mia Cupp.

##### **Scholar Athlete recipients:**

Daniel Bogue, Zach Bates, Reagan Sturgis, Addyson Pitcock, Gavin Newton, and Ellie Mettler.

#### **4.3 Notable ECA / Academic Accomplishments.**

##### **BPA News**

Our students did some amazing things in California at the BPA national competition. We are so proud of the work they put in and how they represented themselves, our school, and community while traveling and competing. During the awards session we had 16 of our students on the stage as one of top teams/individuals in their respective events in the country. Students making it on stage were:

Aleiyia Maraj - 1st **NATIONAL CHAMPION** Health Insurance & Medical Billing

Admin Support Team - 3rd Alivia Anderson, Samantha Bell, Brody Puckett, Elijah Berry

Delilah Rains - 9th Ethics & Professionalism

Video Production Team - 11th Ellie Mettler, Zariah Davis, Karly Smith

Parliamentary Procedure Team - 8th Paige Robinson, Grace Sherwood, Mallory Burns, Elliott Jones, Jacob Myers, Braydon Munchel, Luke Cottrell

Chevelle Rose (14th) Fundamental Desktop Publishing

Luke Cottrell (18th) Fundamental Word Processing also turned in top 20 performances in their events.

### **Archery News**

Coach Pennington had a young archery team but that shows that interest is increasing which is good because we have been blessed with a substantial grant and many more home matches with a growing team will be coming next year.

### **LGEI**

Had another good year partnering with businesses. They also won a \$6,000 award through Conexus Indiana Student Industries.

### **Student Government News**

The Student Government did a fantastic job again with all the school events throughout the year. All six seniors are attending college and will receive the Student Government scholarship. Thank you to Brandon Pennington for being an amazing sponsor.

### **Lead 'Em Up News**

Gavin Trent - Green 13 winner, 1 of 13 in the nation

Lead 'Em Up gave students opportunities to become better leaders and helped to improve school culture.

### **Music Department News**

The Lincoln Band Department had 2 ensembles earn a Gold Rating at ISSMA Organizational Festival, which were the 6th Grade Band and the 7th/8th Grade Band.

Two 8th grade students, Chastity Hunt and Dustin Irwin, participated in the ISSMA Solo & Ensemble Contest, earning a gold and silver medal.

One 8th grader, Dustin Irwin, and two HS students, Caden Ripberger and Chevelle Rose, participated in the Indiana Bandmasters Association Honor Bands.

Chevelle Rose earned the Drum Major position for the 2023 season of the Lincoln Marching Eagles.

## **4.4 Notable Grant Updates:**

### **4.5 Strategic Planning Update**

Mr. Andy Stover gave an update on the strategic planning. Noted that he has had a monthly meetings with the committees and will have more on the scorecard and how that will look at the next meeting.

#### 4.6 Receipts Reported

Receipts reported:	
Gerald Gerard-Donation for BPA trip	\$ 1,000.00
TruGreen-Refund of fees	\$ 20.65
East Central ESC-3E Grant reimbursement	\$ 2,000.00
LMS/LHS-ECA trip reimbursement	\$ 1,182.59
LMS/LHS-VICA Receipts	\$ 2,198.26
State Auditor-Textbook reimbursement	\$ 31,694.40
State Auditor-Child & Adult Care Food program	\$ 1,249.62
Wayne County Auditor-Local Option Income Tax	\$ 6,254.92
Western Wayne Elementary-Field trip reimbursement	\$ 102.83
LMS/LHS-ECA trip reimbursement	\$ 1,186.83
State Auditor-Basic Grant	\$ 471,026.96
State Auditor-Title II FY22 reimbursement	\$ 1,619.94
State Auditor-ESSER III reimbursement	\$ 33,001.37
State Auditor-Title I FY23 reimbursement	\$ 23,583.42
State Auditor-Employability Skills Grant reimbursement	\$ 14,500.00
Chad Lieberman-Athletic Jersey donation	\$ 1,230.00
State Auditor-Common School Loan 11 reimbursement	\$ 5,445.24
State Auditor-School lunch program reimbursement	\$ 43,036.01
Zak Zurwell-funds received for lost library books	\$ 92.26
LHS After Prom-Bus driver reimbursement	\$ 308.49
Wayne County Treasurer-CVET Taxes	\$ 9,710.00
HC Claim-Medicaid reimbursement	\$ 2,199.44
Western Wayne Elementary-Field trip reimbursement	\$ 565.58
LMS/LHS-ECA trip reimbursement	\$ 1,450.24
State Auditor-State Connectivity grant	\$ 1,720.80
State Auditor-Safety Grant reimbursement	\$ 20,407.33
HC Claim-Medicaid reimbursement	\$ 2,631.56
Jamie Pumphrey-Lost library book	\$ 12.99
Wayne Bank & Trust-interest	\$ 1,633.91
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Western Wayne Schools Cafeteria-School lunch program	\$ 2,718.70

#### 5. Action Items:

5.1 Upon a motion by Phil Pflum, seconded by Brent Fortman, the MOU between the Boys and Girls Club of Wayne County and Western Wayne Schools was approved.

Motion carried, 5-0

**5.2** Upon a motion by Sarah Pennington, seconded by Phil Pflum, the Limited Partnership Amendment between Sodexo of Indiana and Western Wayne Schools was approved.  
Motion carried, 5-0

**5.3** Upon a motion by Sarah Pennington, seconded by Brent Fortman, the Sponsorship and Engagement Agreement between Reid Hospital & Health Care Services and Western Wayne Schools was approved.  
Motion carried, 5-0

**5.4** Upon a motion by Sarah Pennington, seconded by Brent Fortman, the Contract Service Agreement between Reid Hospital & Health Care Services and Western Wayne Schools was approved.  
Motion carried, 5-0

**5.5** Upon a motion by Brent Fortman, seconded by Phil Pflum, the Shared Services Agreement between Blue River Valley Schools and Western Wayne Schools was approved.  
Motion carried, 5-0

**5.6** Due to needing further information the LMHS and WWES Student Handbook Revisions for the 23-24 School Year action item was tabled until the next meeting.

**5.7** Upon a motion by Dave Sturgis, seconded by Sarah Pennington, it was approved to Advertise the 2023 Budget.  
Motion carried, 5-0

**5.8** Upon a motion by Dave Sturgis, seconded by Sarah Pennington, the Overnight/Out of State Trips for Girls and Boys Varsity Basketball was approved.  
Motion carried, 5-0

**5.9** Upon a motion by Sarah Pennington, seconded by Brent Fortman the donation of a golf cart from Winding Branch Golf Course was approved.  
Motion carried, 5-0

**5.10** Upon a motion by Sarah Pennington, seconded by Dave Sturgis, the following Certified Personnel were approved.  
Rodney Klein - Athletic Director/Dean of Students at WWES  
Morgan Ferris-St John - HS Science Teacher  
Kari Christie - 3rd Grade Teacher  
Tracey Maish - 3rd Grade Teacher  
Kaitlyn Ooten - 3rd Grade Teacher  
Krista Weireter - 2nd Grade Teacher  
Hannah Johns - 4th Grade Teacher  
Motion carried, 5-0

**5.11** Upon a motion by Dave Sturgis, seconded by Sarah Pennington, the following Non-Certified personnel were approved.

Gavyn Wells – Student worker to assist Sodexo in moving of teachers’ rooms.

Motion carried, 5-0

**5.12** Upon a motion by Sarah Pennington, seconded by Dave Sturgis, the following coaching staff were approved.

Greg Seidner - HS Varsity Volleyball Coach

Don Crum - HS Volleyball Assistant Coach

Daria Sturgis - HS Volunteer Volleyball Coach

Ashley Trent - HS Volunteer Volleyball Coach

Danny Capps - HS Head Football Coach

Jeremy Bane - HS Assistant Football Coach

Bryan Ervin - HS Assistant Football Coach

Jim Bogue - HS Volunteer Football Coach

Garry Laymon - HS Varsity Girls Basketball Coach

Allie Owens - HS JV Girls Basketball Coach

Jeff Mardis - HS Assistant Girls Basketball Coach

Bob Wright - HS Volunteer Girls Basketball Coach

Ron Puckett - HS Coed Cross-Country Head Coach

Garrett Singer - MS Coed Cross-Country Coach

Garrett Singer - HS Boys and Girls Varsity Track Coach

Rodney Klein - HS Boys Basketball Head Coach

Brad Miller - HS Boys Assistant/Freshman Basketball Coach

Matt Webb - HS Boys JV Basketball Coach

Mark Cronk - HS Boys Volunteer Basketball Coach

Tyler Klein - HS Boys Volunteer Basketball Coach

Brandon Pennington - HS Boys Volunteer Basketball Coach

Jordan Randall - HS Boys and Girls Varsity Tennis Coach

Elizabeth Wonsetler - HS Volunteer Tennis Coach

Tyler Klein - HS Volunteer Tennis coach

Motion carried, 5-0

**5.13** Upon a motion by Sarah Pennington, seconded by Phil Pflim the following resignations were approved.

Alaina Kessler - MS AG Teacher

Rachel Ramer - HS English Teacher

Rae Turner - MS Special Education Teacher

Misty Guffey - ES Teacher

Motion carried 5-0

**5.14** Upon a motion by Brent Fortman, seconded by Sarah Pennington, the following retirements were approved.

Diana Bell - ES Teacher

Trina Gulde - MS Teacher

Jim Lewis - MS Teacher

Joy Miller - MS Special Education Teacher

Phil Renforth - HS Teacher

Melanie Feller - ES Teacher

Motion carried, 5-0

**5.15** Upon a motion by Sarah Pennington, seconded by Phil Pflum the following termination of contract was approved.

Lora Ervin - Nurse

Motion carried, 5-0

**5.16** Upon a motion by Sarah Pennington, second by Brent Fortman the following Administrator Contracts were extended one year.

Renee Lakes

Dustin Riley

Elizabeth Miller

Chad Liberman

Motion carried, 5-0

**5.17** Upon a motion by Sarah Pennington, seconded by Brent Fortman the following Non-Certified Contracts were renewed.

Peggy Huesman - Director of Finance

Robin Hokey - Director of Human Resources

Betty Huddleston - Director of Food Services

Ben Burris - Director of Technology

John Salmon - Technology Assistant

Stacie Huffine - Data Reporting

Jan Lunsford - HS Treasurer

Shelly Brumfiel - ES Treasurer

Kim Pattison - School Nurse

Jeff Riggle - Bus Mechanic

Motion carried, 5-0

**5.18** Upon a motion by Sarah Pennington, seconded by Phil Pflum, all bills except Alma were approved for payment.

Motion carried, 5-0

**6. Corporation / Department Comments:**

*None at this time*

**7.** Upon a motion of Dave Sturgis, seconded by Sarah Pennington, the meeting adjourned at 7:13 pm

Motion carried, 5-0

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