

Western Wayne Schools
Minutes
September 13, 2023

The Western Wayne Board of School Trustees met on Wednesday, September 13, 2023 at 6:02 p.m. in the Board Room at 205 East Parkway Drive. Board members present were Phil Pflum, Sarah Pennington, Dave Sturgis, Alan Austin, and Brent Fortman. Also, in attendance: Andy Stover, Chad Lieberman, Robin Hokey, Peggy Huesman, Renee Lakes, Elizabeth Miller, Karen Hinkein, Grady Munchel, Shannon Brooks, and Jim Antle.

1. President, Alan Austin, called the meeting to order, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Upon motion of Phil Pflum, seconded by Sarah Pennington, the minutes for the Regular meeting of August 9, were approved as presented.

Motion carried, 5-0

3. Patron Comments:

None at this time

4. Discussion items:

4.1 Elizabeth Miller, WWES Principal, updated the board on events that have taken place since school has been back in session.

Testing for I-Ready for fall has already taken place.

Canal Days festivities: the teachers and staff had a float for the parade and they also had a booth for kids to stop and make a book mark and choose a free book.

Mrs. Miller stated that she will have students at the October board meeting for students of the month. Alan Austin suggested that they look into yard signs for students of month also.

4.2 Renee Lakes, LMHS Principal, updated the board on events at the high school.

Testing for I-Ready for fall has already taken place.

Homecoming preparation activities: Commended Mr. Brandon Pennington and the Student Government for all the hard work put into this. This year they are getting all students involved by having the preparations during Champion time. The kids are having a lot of fun.

Tennis Team: is having an exceptional year.

Mrs. Lakes stated she will also have students of the month at the October board meeting.

4.4 Brent Habegger with Bakertilly, presented, (via Zoom), the board with the Illustrative Financing Options. This is concerning the 2023 GEO Bond for projects and financing.

4.5 Brandon Penrod, (via Zoom), led the budget hearing for the 2024-2026 Capitol Projects Plan, the 2024-2028 Bus Replacement Plan, and the 2024 Education fund, Debt Service Fund, Rainy Day Fund, and Retirement/Severance Bond Fund Projects.

4.6 Mr. Stover informed the board that Western Wayne Schools will be transferring money out of operations into the rainy-day fund to cover bus repair expenses. This is done to preserve our operation fund appropriation balance.

4.7 Chad Lieberman updated the board on two grants. We recently received the BSCA Stronger Connections Grant of \$255,000.00. This grant will be used to pay the salary of an Elementary School Counselor/Social Worker. Mr. Lieberman presented the board with a slide show for the Next Generation School Improvement Grant. He explained how the 2022-2023 school year this grant was in the planning stages. This school year those plans are being put into place. The school has been working with EES (Equitable Education Solutions) to give us guidance on where and how to improve.

4.8 Receipts Reported:

Wayne County Foundation-Communities in Schools Grant	\$ 22,000.00
Reid Health-Donation	\$ 12,000.00
State Auditor-EARN Grant reimbursement	\$ 659.72
Gerald Gerard-Preschool-Grade 3 donation	\$ 1,300.00
State Auditor-Basic Grant	\$ 469,311.47
State Auditor-Title I FY23 reimbursement	\$ 1,442.70
State Auditor-Title I FY22 reimbursement	\$ 1,677.69
State Auditor-ESSER III reimbursement	\$ 5,596.32
State Auditor-Employability Skills Grant reimbursement	\$ 12,000.00
State Auditor-STEM Acceleration Grant reimbursement	\$ 9,623.62
Wayne County Auditor-Local Option Tax	\$ 6,254.92
Lincoln Middle/High School-Athletic/ECA trips	\$ 329.92
State Auditor-CSL 12 reimbursement	\$ 7,292.32
State Auditor-CSL11 reimbursement	\$ 54,255.50
Wayne County Auditor-Drug Free Wayne County Grant	\$ 2,000.00
Lincoln Middle/High School-Athletic/ECA trips	\$ 959.76
State Auditor-High Ability FY2023	\$ 2,713.36
Wayne Bank & Trust-Interest	\$ 464.20
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Western Wayne Schools Cafeteria-Monthly Lunch receipts	\$ 1,989.50

5. Action Items:

- 5.1** Upon a motion by Dave Sturgis, seconded by Sarah Pennington salary increases for the Food Service Department was approved.

Motion carried, 5-0

- 5.2** Upon a motion Dave Sturgis, seconded by Sarah Pennington the increase of adult breakfast and lunch pricing was approved.

Motion carried, 5-0

- 5.3** Upon a motion Sarah Pennington, seconded by Phil Pflum a donation in memory of Joe Miller from Lothair and Jean Irvin was approved.

Motion carried, 5-0

- 5.4** Upon a motion by Sarah Pennington, seconded by Dave Sturgis the following Certified Personnel were approved.

Heather Morrow - LMHS Guidance Counselor

Sonia Wayt - HS Spanish Teacher

Diana Bell - RTI Math Teacher

Ross Ferguson - MS Honor Society and HS National Honor Society

Ross Ferguson - Freshman Class Sponsor

Sarah Morehouse - Freshman Class Sponsor

Dylan Miller - Sophomore Class Sponsor

Brandon Pennington- Teacher Leader

Amber Jones - Teacher Leader

Kevin Munchel - Teacher Leader

Dylan Miller - Teacher Leader

Tracy Vogelgesang - Teacher Leader

Amy Puckett - Teacher Leader

Kailey Winchester - Teacher Leader

Tracey Maish - Teacher Leader

Motion carried, 5-0

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

Zariah Davis - ES Instructional Aide

Holly Filler - ES Instructional Aide

Presley Sorah - Pre-K Instructional Aide

Hannah Best - ES Instructional Aide

Jenny Vance - Junior Class Sponsor
Tressalynn Morell - LMHS Special Education Instructional Aide
Fred Jensen - Cafeteria Elementary School
Marilyn Anderson - Cafeteria Middle/High School
Danielle Short, RN - Part Time Nurse

Motion carried, 5-0

- 5.6** Upon a motion by Sarah Pennington seconded by Dave Sturgis the following Coaching Personnel were approved.

James Pugh - 6th Grade Boys Basketball Coach
Ben Singer - 7th Grade Boys Basketball Coach
Austin Wampler - 7th Grade Girls Basketball Coach
Carter Mettler - 8th Grade Girls Basketball Coach
Brian Klein - Volunteer Assistant Boys Basketball Coach
Mark Lunsford - Varsity Softball Head Coach
Lucius Pitcock - Assistant Softball Coach

Motion carried 5-0

- 5.8** Upon a motion by Sarah Pennington, seconded by Phil Pflum the following resignations were approved.

Jennifer Cornett - Part time Nurse
Kayla McFarland - ES Instructional Aide
Krista Sortina - ES Instructional Aide

Motion carried, 5-0

- 6.** Upon a motion by Sarah Pennington, seconded by Brent Fortman the bills were approved for payment.

Motion carried, 5-0

- 7. Corporation / Department Comments:**
The board was informed of two upcoming special meetings for hearings on September 27 and October 3, both at 6 pm in the Board Room.

- 8.** Upon a motion of Brent Fortman, seconded by Dave Sturgis, the meeting adjourned at 7:13 pm

Motion carried, 5-0

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