

Western Wayne Schools  
Minutes  
December 11, 2024

The Western Wayne Board of School Trustees met on Wednesday December 11, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Room (Room 80) at 215 East Parkway Drive, Cambridge City. Board members present were Alan Austin, Dave Sturgis, Sarah Pennington, Brent Fortman and Phil Pflum. Also, in attendance: Andy Stover, Chad Lieberman, Elizabeth Miller, Renee Lakes, Jim Antle, Karen Hinkien, Jenni Risch, Grady Munchel, Kevin Munchel, Ron Puckett, Garrett Singer, Jessica Cox, Robert Miller, Grayson Miller, Charles Huesman, Amber Hunt, Luke Cottrell, Leo Russell, Samantha Bell, Gunnar Newton, and Braden Bishop.

1. President, Alan Austin, called the meeting to order.
2. Upon a motion of Sarah Pennington, seconded by Brent Fortman the minutes from the board meeting of November 13, 2024, the Special Board Meeting of November 26, 2024 and the Executive Sessions of November 15, 2024 and December 3, 2024 were approved as presented.

Motion carried, 5-0

**3. Patron Comments:**

Karen Hinkien asked about a grant that is to expire next year. She would like to know the plan moving forward because she assumes there are key employees being paid out of that grant.

**4. Discussion items:**

- 4.1 Mrs. Miller, principal of WWES, presented her October students of the month. She continued to talk about testing and the training that Instructional Aides are receiving from MTSS. Lots of Christmas Festivities, the Christmas program will be at the HS Gym on Thursday December 12<sup>th</sup>. The PTO is doing the Secret Santa Shop now and will be ending on Friday.
- 4.2 Mrs. Lakes, principal of the Lincoln Middle / High School, presented her October students of the month. Congratulated Luke Cottrell for receiving the Wayne County Lilly Scholarship. She also congratulated the BPA participants that competed over the weekend in a regional competition with several students advancing to state. She then introduced LGEI (Lincoln Golden Eagles Industries) students to speak. LGEI Students spoke to the board about how the program works, what it is teaching them, the partnerships they have made with companies, and how they would like to build the program more.

**4.3 Fund Report:**

Fund	Fund Title	Beg Month Bal	MTD Rev	MTD Expend	Current Bal
0101.00	EDUCATIONAL FUND	\$1,463,938.39	\$527,770.35	\$618,868.26	\$1,372,840.48
0160.00	REFERENDUM	\$7,105.54	\$1,438.00	\$58,163.89	-\$49,620.35
0200.00	DEBT SERVICE FUND	\$234,398.16	\$3,632.00	\$0.00	\$238,030.16
0300.00	OPERATIONS FUND	\$377,534.49	\$106,661.30	\$176,077.21	\$308,118.58
0610.00	LOCAL RAINY-DAY FUND	\$1,393,477.39	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,393,477.39

**4.4 Receipts Reported:**

First Bank Richmond - Donation Thanksgiving dinner	\$200.00
LMHS - Athletic/ECA Trips	\$458.88
State Auditor - Formative Assessment Funds	\$10,412.00
Joan Casey - Donation Thanksgiving Dinner	\$50.00
Wayne Bank & Trust -Donation Thanksgiving Dinner	\$200.00
J&A Warehousing LLC - Donation Thanksgiving Dinner	\$100.00
TABATCHNICK FINE FOODS, INC. - Refund	\$9.15
State Auditor - CTE Certification Reimbursement	\$363.00
The Fresh Side - Donation Thanksgiving Dinner	\$50.00
BKC Enterprises - Donation Thanksgiving Dinner	\$100.00
TJB Investment Group - Donation Thanksgiving Dinner	\$100.00
Wayne County Auditor - Local Option Tax	\$6,749.92
Thomas Munchel - Donation Thanksgiving Dinner	\$100.00
Orval & Glendora Pitcock-Donation Thanksgiving Dinner	40.00
Terry Smith - Donation Thanksgiving Dinner	\$40.00
Rob & Susan Moistner - Donation Thanksgiving Dinner	\$250.00
Anonymous Donation- Thanksgiving Donations	\$239.00
LMHS - Athletic/ECA Trips	\$150.38
State Auditor - Basic Grant	\$506,362.65
State Auditor - Title II FY23 reimbursement	\$7,730.16
State Auditor - High Ability FY2025	\$24,451.00
State Auditor- Digital Learning Grant Reimbursement	\$2,199.67
State Auditor - Stronger Connections Grant Reimbursement	\$8,551.48
State Auditor - SIG Next GEN Reimbursement	\$129,332.59
Western Wayne Elementary - Field Trip Reimbursement	\$476.56
Renee McCullum - Donation Thanksgiving Dinner	\$25.00
Phyllis Balan - Donation Thanksgiving Dinner	\$15.00
Dublin Senior Housing - Donation Thanksgiving Dinner	\$20.00
Boys & Girls Club of Wayne County - 2024 Utilities	\$10,000.00
LMHS - Athletic/ECA Trips	\$538.33
State Auditor - Summer School Reimbursement	\$21,407.70
Wayne County Treasurer - CVET Taxes	\$9,572.00
Frank Schwegman - Donation Thanksgiving Dinner	\$50.00
Western Wayne Cafeteria - Monthly lunch Receipts	\$1,686.85
State Auditor - Teacher Appreciation Grant	\$24,875.85
State Auditor - Title 1 FY25 Reimbursement	\$36,993.03
Wayne Bank & Trust -Interest	\$12,101.45
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**5. Action Items:**

- 5.1** Upon a motion of Dave Sturgis, seconded by Sarah Pennington Resolution #21-2024, Additional Appropriation to the Debt Service Fund was approved.

Motion carried, 5-0

- 5.2** Upon a motion of Sarah Pennington, seconded by Dave Sturgis the Attorney Client Agreement between Western Wayne Schools and Boston Bever Forrest Cross Sickman Law Firm was approved.

Motion carried, 5-0

- 5.3** Upon a motion of Sarah Pennington, seconded by Brent Fortman the following donations were accepted:
- Tom Munchel - \$100 Thanksgiving Dinner
  - Terry Smith - \$40 Thanksgiving Dinner
  - Orval & Glendora - \$40 Thanksgiving Dinner
  - Rob & Susan Moistner - \$250 Thanksgiving Dinner
  - Anonymous (given at dinner) - \$239 Thanksgiving Dinner
  - Renee McCullum - \$25 Thanksgiving Dinner
  - Phyllis Balan - \$15 Thanksgiving Dinner
  - Dublin Senior Housing - \$20 Thanksgiving Dinner
  - Franklin Schwegman - \$50 Thanksgiving Dinner
  - American Legion - \$200 Academic Awards
  - Censor - \$150 Academic Awards
  - Miller's Wood Specialties - \$200 Prom
  - Reid Health - \$1000 Athletics
  - Dot Foods - \$500 Middle School City FFF

Motion carried, 5-0

- 5.4** Upon a motion of Sarah Pennington, seconded by Brent Fortman the following resignation was accepted.
- Heather Morrow – MS / HS Guidance Counselor

Motion carried, 5-0

- 5.7** Upon a motion of Sarah Pennington, seconded by Dave Sturgis the following termination was approved.
- Allison Todd – Pre-K Special Education Aid

Motion carried, 5-0

- 6.** Upon a motion of Dave Sturgis, seconded by Sarah Pennington the bills were approved for payment.

Motion carried, 5-0

7. Alan Austin spoke about being on the board for the last eight years. He has seen a lot of good things during his time on the board. How BPA has always done well and we have had several Lilly Scholarships recipients. We now have a bus replacement plan and have been able to upgrade our buses. He also stated that he is really excited for the things that are going on with the bond and upgrades to the school. He said he is sure that Kris and Jenni will do an amazing job.

Andy Stover thanked both Alan and Sarah for their time on the board. Really appreciated working with them and thanked them for all they have done for the school and the community.

8. Upon a motion of Brent Fortman, seconded by Dave Sturgis the meeting was adjourned at 6:53 pm.

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President

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Vice President

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