

Western Wayne Schools
Minutes
April 24, 2025

The Western Wayne Board of School Trustees met on Thursday April 24, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. in the ESports Room at 215 East Parkway Drive. Board members present were Jenni Risch, Kris Bex, Phil Pflum, and Brent Fortman. Also, in attendance: Andy Stover, Robin Hokey, Peggy Huesman, Elizabeth Miller, Matt Truesdell, Grady Munchel, Jim Antle, Jenni Hamric, Karen Hinkein, Shannon Brooks, Teresa Muse, Ben Burris, Brandon Pennington, Julie McCarty, Shailie Miller, Ady Miller, Jenny Vance, Jamie Davis, Lyric Davis, Joseph Lightfield, Kerry Bohlander, Stacey Bertsch, Jeremy Bane, Dough Harris, Anna Drake, Teresa Drake, Misty Ingalls, Jacalynn Stapleton, Chris Stapleton, Della McCracken, Ashley Pitcher, Sarah Cottrell, Megan Holcomb, Lisa Vickers, Sue Vanderbeck-Smith, Denise Smith, Jessica Cox, Tracey Maish, Holly Muse, Ann Weston, Cheryl Henemyre, Sarah Roberts, Victor Roberts, Kelley Hancock, Madeline Bogue, Andrew Cottrell, Kristen Brown, Tyler Brown, Ryan Riggs, Marsha Hall, Brisco Grajeda, Caleb Holcomb, Jim/Gail Kinston-Walker, Brandon Walker, Brenda McLane, Liza Bates, Ashley Collins, Kari Christie, Shelby Cornett, Amy Craig, Bry Judy, Jacob Judy, Kailey Winchester, Jon Winchester, Krista Weireter, Matt Webb, Kelly Klein, Andi Melerowicz, Carl Vickers and Millie Martin-Emery, WWN.

1. Kris Bix, called the meeting to order, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Upon a motion by Phil Pflum, seconded by Brent Fortman, the minutes from the Regular meeting on March 12, 2025, the March 7th and April 9, 2025 executive meetings, and the April 21, 2025 special board meeting, were approved as presented.

Motion carried, 4-0

3. Upon a motion by Brent Fortman, seconded by Jenni Risch the resignation of board member Dave Sturgis was accepted.

Motion carried, 4-0

4. Upon a motion by Brent Fortman, seconded by Phil Pflum the new officers were elected. Kris Bex, President, Jenni Risch, Vice-President, and Brent Fortman, Secretary.

Motion Carried, 4-0

5. Discussion items:

5.1 Elizabeth Miller, WWES Principal, updated the board on what is going on in the elementary school and presented her March students of the month.

5.2 Renee Lakes, LMHS Principal, was unable to attend, she supplied the board with updates that were read by Jennie Risch as to what is going on the middle/high school and presented her March students of the month.

5.3 Fund Report:

Fund Title	Beg Month Bal	MTD Rev	MTD Expend	Current Bal
EDUCATIONAL FUND	\$ 1,497,923.24	\$ 480,786.89	\$ 450,426.69	\$ 1,528,283.44
REFERENDUM	\$ (1,711.87)		\$ 40,392.53	\$ (42,104.40)
DEBT SERVICE FUND	\$ 29,538.53			\$ 29,538.53
OPERATIONS FUND	\$ 523,337.71	\$ 111,722.60	\$ 216,299.87	\$ 418,760.44
LOCAL RAINY-DAY FUND	\$ 1,643,477.39			\$ 1,643,477.39

5.4 Receipts Reported:

Wayne County Auditor - Local Option Tax	\$7,367.42
HC Claim - Medicaid reimbursement	\$557.14
State Auditor - School Lunch reimbursement	\$42,357.62
LMHS Athletic/ECA trips reimbursement	\$627.35
HC Claim - Medicaid reimbursement	\$106.34
State Auditor - Basic Grant	\$480,786.89
Bank of New York - 2010 and 2015 Bond	\$18,275.35
Wayne County Foundation - 2025 Distributions	\$3,501.37
Griffey Farms - Donation Work Based Learning	\$200.00
LMHS Athletic/ECA trips reimbursement	\$886.50
State Auditor - CTRF Funds (school Lunch)/State Match	\$1,710.94
Premier Rebates - WIC Rebate	\$150.77
Aflac - refund	\$23.57
State Auditor - Teacher Residency Grant reimbursement	\$6,000.00
State Auditor - Title I FY25 Reimbursement	\$14,995.83
State Auditor - SIG Next GEN Reimbursement	\$72,041.05
State Auditor - Sped Paraprofessional grant reimbursement	\$1,692.00
State Auditor - McKinney-Vento reimbursement	\$2,491.50
State Auditor - Stronger Connections Grant reimbursement	\$7,957.58
State Auditor - Common School Loan 14 reimbursement	\$16,131.00
WWES - ECA reimbursements	\$231.85
GPD Group Employees Foundation, Inc. - Robotics Grant	\$4,000.00
Richmond YMCA - Meal reimbursement	\$945.00
Wayne Bank & Trust - Interest	\$60.42
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WWS School Cafeteria - Monthly Lunch receipts	\$1,493.60

6. Action Items:

- 6.1** Upon a motion by Jenni Risch, seconded by Phil Pflum the 2025-2026 Western Wayne School Calendar was approved.

Motion carried, 4-0

- 6.2** Upon a motion by Brent Fortman, seconded by Jenni Risch the second reading of the policy A275R- School Wellness was approved.

Motion carried, 4-0

- 6.3** Upon a motion by Phil Pflum, seconded by Brent Fortman the Work-Based Learning MOU with the Wayne County Chamber of Commerce and Wayne County Schools was approved.

Motion carried, 4-0

- 6.4** Upon a motion by Brent Fortman, seconded by Jenni Risch the updated contract for the Assistant Director of Technology, Jordan Scruggs was approved.

Motion carried, 4-0

- 6.5** Upon a motion by Brent Fortman, seconded by Jenni Risch the field trip for Student Government to Kings Island was approved.

Motion carried, 4-0

- 6.6** Upon motion by Jenni Risch, seconded by Brent Fortman the following donations were accepted.
- \$150 to FFA from Brandi Myers
 - \$500 to FFA from David Pflum
 - \$500 to Archery from DOT Foods
 - \$150 to Archery from Lorraine Vance
 - \$500 to Farewell Fest from American Heritage Realty
 - \$500 to Cheerleaders from Whitewater Supply Company
 - \$250 to Farewell Fest from American Legion Post 169
 - \$200 to MS Day of Fun from Miller Wood
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 - \$500 to Athletics from Mediacenter
 - \$500 to MS Day of Fun from DOT Foods
 - \$200 to BPA from Chamber of Commerce
 - \$200 to BPA from Kiwanis
 - \$200 to BPA from Waskom Capitol Hill
 - \$200 to BPA from CC Christian Church
 - \$200 to Brick Oven from Kiwanis
 - \$250 to BPA from Nutrien
 - \$250 to BPA from Golden Engineering
 - \$250 to BPA from Natco Credit Union

\$150 to MS Day of Fun from Roses and Rainbows
\$250 to Farewell Fest from Johns Manville
\$150 to BPA from Robert and Carol Ammerman
\$1300 to BPA from American Legion Post 169
\$200 to BPA from M and M Electrical Service
\$200 to BPA from Ahaus
\$500 to Prom from Western Wayne Schools

Motion carried, 4-0

- 6.7** Upon a motion by Brent Fortman, seconded by Phil Pflum the following Non-Certified Staff was approved for hire.
Fayth Koontz – MS AG Teacher for the remainder of the year
Gavin Trent – Special Education Instructional Aide

Motion carried, 4-0

- 6.8** Upon a motion by Jenni Risch, seconded by Brent Fortman the following coaching staff were approved.
Alyssa Hood – Volunteer MS Track
Hannah Best – Volunteer MS Track
Michael Munchel – Volunteer MS Track

Motion carried, 4-0

- 6.9** Upon a motion by Jenni Risch, seconded by Phil Pflum the following resignations were accepted.
Andy Stover – Superintendent
Matt Davis – LMHS Assistant Principal
Hannah Johns – 4th grade teacher

Motion carried, 4-0

- 6.10** Upon a motion by Jenni Risch, seconded by Brent Fortman the following retirements were accepted.
Stacey Bertsch – Kindergarten teacher (31 years at WWES)
Kim Pattison – Corporation School Nurse (20 years at WWS)

Motion carried, 4-0

- 7.** Upon a motion by Brent Fortman, seconded by Jenni Risch the bills were approved for payment.

Motion carried, 4-0

9. Patron Comments:

Karen Hinkein thanked Mr. Stover for his time here at WWS. She thanked him for bringing in Mr. Lieberman to write the grants which brought in a lot of money, and for starting the Thanksgiving Community Dinner. She also thanked him for supporting Mrs. Miller in the beginning because now the Elementary School is thriving.

Kristen Brown spoke on behalf of Dylan Miller being let go as the Girls' Varsity Basketball Coach. She expressed her support of him and asked the Administration to take a look to as why he was removed from his coaching position.

10. Board Comments:

Kris Bex acknowledged community involvement and expressed gratitude to staff. He emphasized the board's commitment to the success of the corporation and encouraged open communication with the public.

11. Upon a motion by Jenni Risch, seconded by Brent Fortman the meeting was adjourned at 6.45pm.

President

Vice-President

Secretary

Member

Member