

Western Wayne Schools  
Minutes  
August 13, 2025

The Western Wayne Board of School Trustees met on Wednesday, August 13 2025 at 6:00 p.m. in the Multi-Purpose Room at 215 East Parkway Drive. Board members present were Kris Bex, Jenni Risch, Brent Fortman, Ryan Riggs, and Amber Rushton. Others in attendance: Robin Hokey, Elizabeth Miller, Renee Lakes, Kailey Winchester, Liza Bates Jim Antle, Grady Munchel, Misty Ingalls, Kelsey West, Miriam Zimmer, Shannon Brooks, Teresa Muse, Jenni Hamric, Betty Huddleston, Matt Webb, Kim Riggs, Millie Martin-Emery (WW News).

1. Kris Bix, called the meeting to order, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Upon a motion by Jenni Risch, seconded by Brent Fortman, the minutes from meetings on July 9th, July 17<sup>th</sup>, July 21st, and August 1st were approved as presented.

Motion carried, 5-0.

**3. Discussion Items:**

**3.1** Elizabeth Miller, WWES Principal, updated the board on what is going on at the elementary school.

**3.2** Renee Lakes, LMHS Principal, updated the board on what is going on at the middle/high school.

**3.3** Matt Webb presented an update on the construction project.

**3.4 Fund Report:**

Fund Title	Beg Month Bal	MTD Rev	MTD Expend	Current Bal
EDUCATIONAL FUND	\$ 1,563,760.74	\$ 489,714.68	\$ 390,180.35	\$ 1,663,295.07
REFERENDUM	\$ 215,461.02		\$ 44,263.43	\$ 171,197.59
DEBT SERVICE FUND	\$ 352,847.12		-	\$ 352,847.12
OPERATIONS FUND	\$ 994,694.74	\$ 94,589.90	\$ 162,422.37	\$ 926,862.27
LOCAL RAINY DAY FUND	\$ 1,643,477.39			\$ 1,643,477.39

**3.5 Receipts Reported:**

State Auditor - Basic Grant	\$487,714.68
State Auditor - Stem Integration Grant Reimbursement	\$4,273.07
State Auditor - Stem Robotics Grant Reimbursement	\$2,649.91
USAC - E-Rate Connectivity FY24 Technology	\$7,657.20
LHS - FFA reimbursement for test plot expenses	\$500.00
Brumbaugh Construction - Reimbursement for Water Damage IT dept	\$5,789.28
Wayne County Auditor - Local Option Tax	\$7,367.42
State Auditor - SIG Next Gen Reimbursement	\$54,150.83

State Auditor - Lunch Program Reimbursement	\$105,254.77
Wayne Bank & Trust - Interest	\$17,222.48
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**3.6 Fundraisers:** The elementary school will be holding their annual fundraiser selling World's Finest Chocolates. This fundraiser is for student activities and will begin in September.

**4. Public Comment:**

No comments

**5. Action Items:**

**5.1** Upon a motion by Brent Fortman, seconded by Jenni Risch the first reading of new and revised board policies were approved.

Motion carried, 5-0

**5.2** Upon a motion by Brent Fortman, seconded by Amber Rushton the MOU agreement with Western Wayne Schools and Ball State University was approved.

Motion carried, 5-0

**5.3** Upon a motion by Amber Rushton, seconded by Jenni Risch the Amended and Restated Joint Services Agreement with East Central Indiana Special Services District was approved.

Motion carried, 5-0

**5.4** Upon a motion by Jenni Risch, seconded by Ryan Riggs the Personnel changes for East Central Indiana Special Services were approved.

Motion carried, 5-0

**5.5** Upon a motion by Brent Fortman, seconded by Amber Rushton the East Central Indiana Special Services Staff Letters of Agreement were approved.

Motion carried, 5-0

**5.6** Upon a motion by Brent Fortman, seconded by Jenni Risch the teacher contract between East Central Indiana Special Services and Liza Bates for the term of July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2027 was approved.

Motion Carried, 5-0

**5.7** Upon a motion by Amber Rushton, seconded by Jenni Risch, McGowan Insurance Group will remain the carrier for Western Wayne Schools.

Motion carried, 5-0

**5.8** Upon a motion by Brent Fortman, seconded by Ryan Riggs permission was granted to advertise the Notice of Public Hearing in Gateway and to Advertise the 2026 Budget, Capital and Bus Replacement Plans.

Motion carried, 5-0

**5.9** Upon a motion by Jenni Risch, seconded by Amber Rushton the Adjunct Teacher Contract for 4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher Ashley Creech was approved.

Motion carried, 5-0

**5.10** Upon a motion by Brent Fortman, seconded by Ryan Riggs the following Certified Personnel were approved.

- Amanda Branham – 1<sup>st</sup> Grade
- Jamie Buhl – 4<sup>th</sup> Grade
- Kelsey Weber – MS Special Education Teacher
- Ellie Weber – HS Math Teacher
- Sam Mercer – HS Special Education Teacher
- Lena Suman – MS/HS Art Teacher
- Jonathan Ferris – MS/HS AG Teacher

Motion carried, 5-0

**5.11** Upon a motion by Jenni Risch, seconded by Brent Fortman the following Non-Certified Personnel were approved.

- Luke Morris – ES SpEd Instructional Aide
- Autumn Hicks – ES SpEd Instructional Aide
- Ashley Creech – Adjunct 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher
- Francesca Turner – MS SpEd Instructional Aide
- Sarah Wilson – HS Applied Skills Aide

Motion carried, 5-0

**5.12** Upon a motion by Ryan Riggs, seconded by Brent Fortman the following coaching recommendations were approved.

- Maggie Fry – HS Cheer Coach
- Alisandra Asher – HS Assistant Cheer Coach
- Heather Brower – ES Volunteer Cheer Coach
- Alicia Criswell – ES Volunteer Cheer Coach
- Bryanna Judy – ES Volunteer Cheer Coach

Motion carried, 5-0

**5.13** Upon a motion by Jenni Risch, seconded by Ryan Riggs the following resignations were accepted.

- Lyssa Dye – 1<sup>st</sup> grade teacher
- Austin Wampler – 4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher
- Jennifer Miller – MS Special Education Teacher
- Kailey Winchester – Special Education Coordinator

Motion carried, 5-0

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

Motion carried, 5-0

**7.** Upon a motion of Brent Fortman, seconded by Ryan Riggs, the meeting adjourned at 6:30 pm

Motion carried, 5-0

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