

Western Wayne Schools  
Minutes  
September 10, 2025

The Western Wayne Board of School Trustees met on Wednesday, September 10, 2025 at 6:03 p.m. in the Multi-Purpose Room at 215 East Parkway Drive. Board members present were Kris Bex, Jenni Risch, and Brent Fortman. Board members absent: Ryan Riggs and Amber Rushton. Others in attendance: Kelly Plank, Robin Hokey, Peggy Huesman, Elizabeth Miller, Renee Lakes, Liza Bates Jim Antle, Grady Munchel, Misty Ingalls, Kelsey West, Shannon Brooks, Teresa Muse, Jenni Hamric, Ben Burris, Matt Webb, Gary and Ridge Rushton, Annabelle and Matt Keen, Ashley Trent, Mark and Ashley Bonwell, Avery Smith and Family, and Millie Martin-Emery (WW News).

1. Kris Bex, called the meeting to order, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Upon a motion by Brent Fortman, seconded by Jenni Risch, the minutes from meeting of August 13, 2025 were approved as presented.

Motion carried, 3-0.

**3. Discussion Items:**

**3.1** Elizabeth Miller, WWES Principal, updated the board on what is going on at the elementary school and introduced her August students of the month.

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

**3.3** The Budget Hearing for 2025 was presented. There were no comments or questions from the public regarding the following Budgets:

- 2026 -2028 Capital Projects plan
- 2026-2030 Bus Replacement Plan
- 2026 Education Fund, Debt Service Fund, Operations Fund, Rainy Day Fund and Referendum Fund.

**3.4 Fund Report:**

Fund Title	Beg Month Bal	MTD Rev	MTD Expend	Current Bal
EDUCATIONAL FUND	\$ 1,663,295.07	\$ 489,915.48	\$ 521,531.26	\$ 1,631,679.29
REFERENDUM	\$ 171,197.59		\$ 36,770.84	\$ 134,426.75
DEBT SERVICE FUND	\$ 352,847.12			\$ 352,847.12
OPERATIONS FUND	\$ 926,862.27	\$ 94,436.89	\$ 176,144.28	\$ 845,154.88
LOCAL RAINY-DAY FUND	\$ 1,643,477.39			\$ 1,643,477.39

**3.5 Receipts Reported:**

LMHS ECA TRIPS	\$363.70
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WAYNE COUNTY AUDITOR - LOCAL OPTION TAX	\$7,367.42
STATE AUDITOR - BASIC GRANT	\$489,714.68
WC SD JUUL - JUUL SETTLEMENT DISTRIBUTION	\$12.47
UNION COUNTY COLLEGE CORNER JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT	\$181.72
GERARD FAMILY TRUST - PRE-K TO GRADE 3 DONATION	\$1,400.00
LMHS - RIED HEALTH DONATION FUND 2023	\$2,680.00
WWES - ON MY WAY PRE -K STUDENT TUITION	\$721.00
LMHS ECA TRIPS	\$459.15
EBSCO INDUSTRIES - REFUND ON SUPPLIES	\$19.08
STATE AUDITOR - TITLE 1 FY25 REIMBURSEMENT	\$5,791.47
TYLER TECH - OMW PRE-K REIMBURSEMENT	\$443.46
STATE AUDITOR - DIGITAL LEARNING GRANT REIMBURSEMENT	\$8,687.68
STATE AUDITOR - TITLE IV FY25 REIMBURSEMENT	\$1,002.76
STATE AUDITOR - STEM INTEGRATION GRANT FY25 REIMBURSEMENT	\$1,003.41
STATE AUDITOR - TITLE II FY23 REIMBURSEMENT	\$2,597.25
STATE AUDITOR -STRONGER CONNECTIONS GRANT REIMBURSEMENT	\$7,988.56
STATE AUDITOR - STEM ROBOTICS GRANT REIMBURSEMENT	\$125.34
WWS CAFETERIA - MONTHLY LUNCH RECEIPT	\$1,721.65
WAYNE BANK AND TRUST - INTEREST	\$15,812.99
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**4. Public Comment:**

No comments

**5. Action Items:**

**5.1** Upon a motion by Brent Fortman, seconded by Jenni Risch an amendment to the March 12, 2025 board meeting minutes, adding this wording: *“Ms. Kennedy stated that Mrs. Jen Miller cannot service all the students on her caseload”* was approved.

Motion carried, 3-0

**5.2** Upon a motion by Jenni Risch, seconded by Brent Fortman, Resolution #2-2025, Reduce Appropriations and/or Operating Balances was approved.

Motion carried, 3-0

**5.3** Upon a motion by Brent Fortman, seconded by Jenni Risch the Reid Health (Athletic Trainers) and Western Wayne Schools Service 2-year agreement was approved.

Motion carried, 3-0

**5.4** Upon a motion by Brent Fortman seconded by Jenni Risch the amendments to the Western Wayne Elementary School Student Handbook of Classroom Beverage Policy and Morning Drop-off Procedures were approved.

Motion carried, 3-0

**5.5** Upon a motion by Brent Fortman, seconded by Jenni Risch the following donations were approved.

- \$1400 - Gerald Gerard; Pre-k thru 3rd grade classrooms
- \$200 - Frank and Laurie Brattain; Athletics
- \$100- Jonathan and Pasha Ferris; Athletics
- \$100 - Forrest and Kelly Plank; Athletics
- \$1000 - Athletic Boosters; Athletics
- \$100 - Body Sales; Athletics

Motion carried, 3-0

**5.6** Upon a motion Jenni Risch, seconded by Brent Forman, maternity leave for Morgan St. John and Carmen Shute was approved.

Motion Carried, 3-0

**5.7** Upon a motion by Brent Fortman, seconded by Jenni Risch, the following non-Certified personnel were approved.

- Clarissa Gumm - ES Special Education Instructional Aide
- Taylor Odom - ES Special Education Instructional Aide
- Landon Lawson - ES Special Education Instructional Aide
- Aubrey Trent - ES Pre-K Instructional Aide
- Catharine Goodman - LMHS Special Education Instructional Aide
- Aleigha Caldwell - Cafeteria Staff

Motion carried, 3-0

**5.8** Upon a motion by Brent Fortman, seconded by Jenni Risch, the following coaching recommendations were approved.

- Carter Mettler - Freshman Boys Basketball Coach
- Ashley Trent - Co-Assistant Volleyball Coach
- Morgan St. John -Co-Assistant Volleyball Coach
- Kelly DeVaughn - 8th Grade Volleyball Coach
- Abigail Hampton -Assistant Girls Basketball

Motion carried, 3-0

**5.9** Upon a motion by Jenni Risch, seconded by Brent Fortman the following ECA Assignments were approved.

- Kelly DeVaughn - LMHS Leadership Team
- Traci Linde - LMHS Leadership Team
- Kevin Munchel - LMHS Leadership Team
- Brandon Pennington - LMHS Leadership Team
- Jessica Cox - ES Leadership Team
- Amy Puckett - ES Leadership Team
- Tracy Vogelgesang - ES Leadership Team
- Krista Weireter - ES Leadership Team
- Crystal Jones - ES Music Programs and Drama Club
- Heather Skirvin - ES Drama Club
- Garrett Singer - Yearbook
- Sam Mercer - Bowling Coach
- Michael Lathery - Homecoming Sponsor Freshman
- Brenda Mateos - Prom Sponsor

Motion carried, 3-0

**5.10** Upon a motion by Brent Fortman, seconded by Jenni Risch the following resignations were approved.

- Ashley Creech - Adjunct ES 4th grade teacher
- Sarah Wilson - LMHS Special Education Instructional Assistant
- Autumn Hicks - ES Special Education Instructional Assistant
- Savannah Collins - ES Special Education Instructional Assistant

Motion carried, 3-0

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

Motion carried, 3-0

**7.**

**7.1 Board comments:**

Brent Fortman wanted to say that when he drops off and picks up his grandchildren at the elementary school it has been good to see every one smiling and it seems to be ran well. Jenni Risch commented that at the home high school football games, Assistant Principal, Mrs. Zimmerman is doing a fantastic job with the keeping the students under control. Said she has heard nothing but positive feedback from the community about her role her at LMHS.

**7.2 Superintendent comments:**

Mrs. Kelly Plank wanted to let the board know that by January of 2026 we would be fully implanting Parent Square as ways to communicate with staff, parents and students. She said this will be a way to get messages to only a certain group or to the entire school quickly.

8. Upon a motion of Brent Fortman, seconded by Jenni Risch, the meeting adjourned at 6:20 pm

Motion carried, 3-0

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