

Western Wayne Schools
Minutes
January 14, 2026

The Western Wayne Board of School Trustees met on Wednesday January 14, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. at 215 East Parkway Drive, Cambridge City.

Board members present: Kris Bex, Jenni Risch, Brent Fortman, and Ryan Riggs.

Also present: Kelly Plank, Elizabeth Miller, Melissa Zimmerman, Carrie Mastriano, Matt Truesdell, Teaching Staff, Administration Office Staff, community members, and students.

1. President, Kris Bex, called the meeting to order and led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Discussion items:

- A.** Mrs. Elizabeth Miller, principal of WWES, presented her December Students of the month. She also shared an overview of recent happenings at the elementary school.
- B.** Mrs. Melissa Zimmerman. Principal of LMHS, shared updates for the Middle/High School.
- C.** Matt Truesdell gave an update on the Preschool Handbook. He also shared what he learned at the Safety Conference he attended and how he came back and shared with the ES staff.
- D.** The board was presented the Fund and Receipt Reports for the month of December.

3. Community Comments

Board President, Kris Bex offered the community comments.
There was none at this time.

4. Consent Agenda

A. Approval of Minutes:

December 10, 2025 Regular Board Meeting
January 7, 2026 Executive Meeting

B. Donations:

McDonalds - \$250 to Athletics

C. Overnight/Out of State Field Trips:

BPA State Competition March 8-10 – Indianapolis

D. Fundraisers:

Lincoln Music Department – World's Finest Chocolate (Jan 26-Feb 9)

FFA – Strawberry Sales (Feb 2- Feb 20)

E. Acceptance of Dublin Library Appointments:

Ann Oakes

Shari Cox

F. Personnel

ECA/Coaching:

Kevin Munchel – Robotics MS/HS

Kari Christie – Robotics ES

Lena Suman – MS/HS Club Sponsor (ART)

New Hires:

William Redd – HS Teacher

Amy Bex – Transfer to District Media Specialist

Resignations:

Misty Ingalls – Stem/Media Specialist/ Robotics Coach

Thomas Draper – HS English Long Term Substitute

Mecedes Gilpin – ES Instructional Aide

Jerry Ingalls – MS/HS Instructional Aide

Retirements:

Jan Lunsford – LMHS Secretary/Treasurer (Effective June 30, 2026)

Vote on A-f: Mr. Riggs made a motion to approve the items in the consent agenda. Mr. Fortman second the motion.

Approved 4-0

D. Approval of Claims:

Bills presented to be paid

Mrs. Risch made a motion to approve. Mr. Fortman second the motion.

Approved 4-0

5. New Business

A. Election of School Board Officers:

Kris Bex – President

Jenni Risch – Vice President

Brent Fortman - Secretary

Mr. Riggs made a motion to approve. Mr. Fortman second the motion.

Approved 4-0

B. Resolution #1-2026, Transfer Available fund to Rainy – Day Fund.

Mr. Riggs made a motion to approve. Mrs. Risch second the motion.

Approved 4-0

C. Resolution #2-2026, Transfer Education funds to Operation Funds.

Mr. Fortman made a motion to approve. Mrs. Risch second the motion.

Approved 4-0

D. Appointment of Peggy Huesman and Robin Hokey as District Financial Manager and Director of Human Recourses.

Mrs. Risch made a motion to approve. Mr. Fortman second the motion.

Approved 4-0

E. 2025-2026 School Calendar amended to use Jan 19th and Feb 16th to also use synchronous learning days (virtual instruction) for weather make up days as needed.

Mr. Riggs made a motion to approve. Mr. Fortman second the motion.

Approved 4-0

F. 2026 Contract between AJ Sickmann, Law Firm of Boston Bever Forrest Cross and Sickmann and Western Wayne Schools.

Mrs. Risch made a motion to approve. Mr. Fortman second the motion.

Approved 4-0

G. 2026-2027 Preschool Handbook

Mr. Fortman made a motion to approve. Mr. Riggs second the motion.

Approved 4-0

6. Board/Superintendent Comments:

- Superintendent, Mrs. Plank let the board know that there will be an open house February 27, 2026 for the public to view the renovations at the MS/HS. She also explained how Synchronous learning days will work.

7. Adjournment at 6:11 pm

Mr. Fortman made a motion to adjourn the board meeting. Mr. Riggs second the motion.

Approved 4-0

President

Vice President

Secretary

Member

Member