

**Wednesday, December 4, 2024
Regular Board Meeting
Minutes**

The West Mifflin Area School District Regular Board Meeting was held in the West Mifflin Area Middle School Cafeteria, 81 Commonwealth Avenue, West Mifflin, PA 15122. Meeting began at 7:11 p.m.

1. OPENING EXERCISES

A. Roll Call

Members Present: Kevin Squires, Anthony DiCenzo, Judith Ahern, Matthew Blazeovich, Mark Donahoe, Gina Englert, Joseph Gajdos, and Janelle Kopay

Officials Present: Jeffrey Soles, Jeffrey Solomon, Edward Wehrer, Mark Zidek and Amy Schremppf

2. PRESENTATIONS

A. Student Board Representative Report – None

3. ADDENDUM

A. None

4. HEARING OF CITIZENS

A. Public Comment

In Order to speak at this time, the following must be met:

- Must be a West Mifflin, Whitaker, or Duquesne Resident; current employee; or taxpayer
- Matter must have been discussed through the proper education channels
- Direct comments to the Board President and/or Superintendent
- Remarks limited to three (3) minutes per person
 - Diane Stanesic did not appreciate being accused of speaking on someone's behalf when she asked about security. If that happens again, she will send a copy of the video to the Board of Education and School Board Association. Also, she made comments about the Legal Tax Service and Kellington contracts. Lastly, she believes that if a Board member abstains from a vote, that Board member is required to give a reason why they are abstaining.

5. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. None

6. BOARD SECRETARY'S REPORT

A. Board of Directors

Board action to approve/ratify items under Board of Directors, as listed/presented.*

1. Appointment of Kevin Squires as the PSBA representative and Gina Englert as the PSBA alternate representative for the ensuing year.
2. Appointment of Gina Englert as the SHASDA representative and Janelle Kopay as the SHASDA alternate representative for the ensuing year.

3. Appointment of Mark Donahoe as the Steel Center representative and Gina Englert as the Steel Center alternate representative for the ensuing year.

It was moved by Blazeovich, seconded by Ahern to approve Section 6A, Items 1-3.

Roll Call: Ahern, Blazeovich, Donahoe, Englert, Gajdos, Kopay, DiCenzo and Squires voted "Aye". MOTION CARRIED

7. DIRECTOR OF FINANCE AND OPERATIONS' REPORT

A. Finance

Board action to approve/ratify items under Finance, as listed/presented.*

1. Authorization to pay usual, customary, and reasonable expenses, during the month of December 2024, such payments to be presented to the Board at its January 2025 meeting for ratification.

B. Contracting/Purchasing

Board action to approve/ratify items under Purchasing/Contracting, as listed/presented.*

1. Accept the PCCD grant for \$143,000 for the 2024-2025 school year

It was moved by Donahoe, seconded by Englert to approve Section 7A, Item 1 and 7B, Item 1.

Roll Call: Ahern, Blazeovich, Donahoe, Englert, Gajdos, Kopay, DiCenzo and Squires voted "Aye". MOTION CARRIED

8. DISTRICT OPERATIONS

Board Action to approve/ratify items under District Operations, as listed/presented.*

- A. Request for the High School Wrestling team to attend the Coudersport Dual Tournament January 3-4, 2025, as presented.
- B. Clara Barton Title I Schoolwide Plan for 2024-2025, as presented

It was moved by Ahern, seconded by Blazeovich to approve Section 8, Items A-B.

Roll Call: Ahern, Blazeovich, Donahoe, Englert, Gajdos, Kopay, DiCenzo and Squires voted "Aye". MOTION CARRIED

9. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORTS

Board Action to approve/ratify Superintendent's Reports, as listed/presented.*

A. Student Activities

ID	Staff/Bldg	Activity/Location	#Students	Grade(s)	Date
1526282	Jayson Monroe/HS	Steel Valley Holiday Parade/Homestead	110	9-12	12/7/24

B. Student Fundraising Activities

ID	Club	Sponsor	Fundraiser	Use of Funds	Date(s)
1526138	HS Esports	Brian Getz	Spirit Night – Dave & Buster's	Club Activities	5/8/25
1526557	HS Senior Class	Kristen Bonacci	Christmas Door Decorating	Club Activities	12/2 – 12/19

C. Buildings and Grounds

ID	Location	Date(s)/Time	Purpose/Applicant	Amount Paid
458	MS Cafeteria, Gym	December 23, 24, 26, 27 (6:45 AM – 6:00 PM)	Winter Champ Camp	n/a
459	HS Pool	January 8, 13, 15, 22, 27, 29 (7:15 PM – 8:30 PM)	Adult/Lap Swim, Adult/Make-up Lessons/WM Pool & Aquatics (Laura Dolton)	n/a
460	HS Pool	January 7, 9, 14, 23 (6:00 PM – 8:30 PM)	Family/Open Swim/WM Pool & Aquatics (Laura Dolton)	n/a
461	HS Pool	January 21, 28 February 4, 11, 18, 25 (5:00 PM – 8:30 PM)	Swim Lesson/WM Pool & Aquatics (Laura Dolton)	n/a
462	HS Pool	January 8, 13, 15, 22, 27, 29 (5:00 PM – 6:00 PM)	Swim Lesson/WM Pool & Aquatics (Laura Dolton)	n/a
463	HS Pool	January 8, 13, 15, 22, 27, 29 (6:15 PM – 7:15 PM)	Swim Lesson/WM Pool & Aquatics (Laura Dolton)	n/a

D. Conferences

ID	Name/Building	Conference/Location	Date/#Days	Cost	Sub
*1528971	Bree Thompson/MS	SAP Training/Online	12/3-12/4 2 days	\$345	Yes

It was moved by Blazeovich, seconded by Donahoe to approve Section 9, Items A-D.

Roll Call: Ahern, Blazeovich, Donahoe, Englert, Gajdos, Kopay, DiCenzo and Squires voted "Aye". MOTION CARRIED

10. PROFESSIONAL PERSONNEL

Board action to approve/ratify items under Professional Personnel, as listed.*

A. Leaves of Absence

- Employee #590, unpaid leave of absence beginning January 20, 2025 through January 19, 2027

B. Hires

- Zack Rutter, High School Art Teacher, Master's Scale, Step 1, at an annual salary of \$49,250.00, pending receipt of all clearances and paperwork, effective Thursday, January 2, 2025

It was moved by DiCenzo, seconded by Ahern to approve Section 10, Items A-B.

Roll Call: Ahern, Blazeovich, Donahoe, Englert, Gajdos, Kopay, DiCenzo and Squires voted "Aye". MOTION CARRIED

11. NON-CERTIFIED PERSONNEL

Board action to approve/ratify items under Non-Certified Personnel, as listed.*

A. Leaves of Absence

- *Employee #3304, beginning October 21, 2024 through October 20, 2025, under the provisions of the Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA), with dates to be determined as needed

B. Resignations

- Jacqueline Alston, Nurse Assistant at Clara Barton, effective Friday, December 20, 2024

C. Hires/Transfers

1. *Xavier Bingham, Class I Custodian at the Middle School on the 11:00 PM – 7:00 AM shift, effective Monday, December 2, 2024
2. Abdulsalam Alani, District Part-time Paraeducator, effective Monday, December 9, 2024
3. Brittany McMillan, transfer from District Nurse Assistant to Clara Barton Nurse Assistant, effective Thursday, January 2, 2025

D. Substitutes

1. Stephanie Bouras, Cafeteria, effective Wednesday, December 4, 2024

It was moved by Blazeovich, seconded by Donahoe to approve Section 11, Items A-D.

Roll Call: Ahern, Blazeovich, Donahoe, Englert, Gajdos, Kopay, DiCenzo and Squires voted "Aye". MOTION CARRIED

12. ATHLETIC PERSONNEL

Board action to approve/ratify items under Athletic Personnel, as listed.*

A. Resignations

1. John Inglis, High School Boys Varsity Tennis Coach, effective Thursday, November 21, 2024

B. Hires

1. Precision HR providing Athletic Director Services to the District at a cost of \$535.00 per day effective Thursday, December 5, 2024 for the remainder of the 2024-2025 school year
2. Melissa Conrad, Intramural Empower Program Basketball Site Manager, effective Thursday, December 5, 2024

C. Other

1. James Keys, High School Wrestling Volunteer Coach, effective Thursday, December 5, 2024

It was moved by Blazeovich, seconded by Ahern to approve Section 12, Items A-C.

Roll Call: Ahern, Blazeovich, Donahoe, Englert, Gajdos, Kopay, DiCenzo and Squires voted "Aye". MOTION CARRIED

13. BOARD PRESIDENT'S CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. Squires stated that he was deeply honored to have been selected as the Board President, thanked Mr. Blazeovich for his leadership and dedication to the District, and is looking forward to the upcoming year.

14. EXECUTIVE SESSION DISCUSSION

Mr. Squires reported that Executive Sessions were held to discuss legal and personnel matters, collective bargaining and real estate.

15. BOARD REPORTS

A. Committees

None

B. Steel Center

Mr. Donahoe will give his report in January.

16. SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Ms. Schrempf had nothing for today.

17. OLD BUSINESS


None

18. NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Soles stated that the District will be operating on a 2-hr Delay schedule tomorrow.

19. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m.



Meg Arbasak
Board Secretary

