

**Thursday, March 19, 2026
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. Meeting began at 7:00 p.m.

1. OPENING EXERCISES

- A. Pledge to the Flag
- B. Roll Call

Members Present: Kevin Squires, Anthony DiCenzo (on the phone), Judith Ahern, Nicholas Alexandroff, Matthew Blazeovich, Mark Donahoe, Gina Englert, Joseph Gajdos, and Janelle Kopay

Officials Present: Jeffrey Soles, Jeffrey Solomon, Randy Porter, Mark Zidek and Russell Lucas

2. PRESENTATIONS

A. Student Board Representative Report

- Aubrey Jaskulski, Senior Class President, reported that caps and gowns will be distributed on May 8th, the same day as prom. May 12th is senior awards, and May 15th is the seniors last day. Graduation practice is scheduled for May 18th and 19th, and graduation is May 21st at 6:00 p.m. SAVE Promise is looking to have the American Foundation of Suicide Prevention come in to do a presentation. She spoke about some new ideas: Promenade, graduation protocols for students that we have lost, and graduation cap decorating. Aubrey ,also, spoke about making some changes to how the district handles the loss of a classmate.
- Katerina Rubright, Student Council President, reported that they are planning to attend the region conference on April 7th at Deer Lakes. Casanova has been cancelled because of the lack of interest. Future Teachers will be traveling to the elementary building for March into Reading.

3. ADDENDUM

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
 - Rich Krivanek spoke against the gate fees for baseball and softball games. And was glad the banner was hung for the deceased student.

Mr. Soles addressed the comments from Mr. Krivanek.

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. Executive Sessions

- a. February 12, 2026 – Discussed Personnel and Legal Issues
- b. February 19, 2026 – Discussed Personnel and Legal Issues

- 2. Approval of Minutes

- a. February 12, 2026 – Work Session
- b. February 19, 2026 – Regular Board Meeting

- 3. Board action to endorse the candidacy of Roger Tachoir, Clairton City Schools' Board member, for election to a two-year term (April 1, 2026, to March 31, 2028) as School Board Trustee for the Eastern Region of the Allegheny County Schools Health Insurance Consortium (ACSHIC).

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

Roll Call: Ahern, Alexandroff, 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. February real estate tax refunds due for 2022, 2023, 2024 and 2025 to specified property owners of West Mifflin Borough and Whitaker Borough in the amount of \$5,457.15 as presented by the respective tax collectors. The refunds are a result of changes in real estate tax assessment values established by Allegheny County.
- 2. Authorization for the Solicitor's office to settle the tax appeal docketed at BV-24-3515 (Wingate at Wyndham hotel located at 134 Lebanon Church Road) at an assessed value amount of \$1,744,000.00 for 2024, \$1,686,400.00 for 2025, and \$1,654,600.00 for 2026. Tax reductions are: -\$6,802 for 2024, -\$9,748 for 2025 and -\$9,421 (projected) for 2026.
- 3. Authorization for the Solicitor's office to settle the tax appeal docketed at BV-25-762 (Home Depot located at 9971 Mountain View Drive) at an assessed value amount of \$5,152,500.00 for 2025 and \$4,902,200.00 for 2026. Tax reductions are: -\$53,517 for 2025 and -\$60,344 (projected) for 2026.

It was moved by Donahoe, seconded by Blazeovich to approve Section 7A, Items 1-3.

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

B. Purchasing/Contracting

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

1. Proposed 2026/2027 Allegheny County Intermediate Unit (AIU3) Program of Services Budget in the amount of \$2,431,488.00. The AIU3 school districts' total contribution to the budget is \$2,042,623.00. The West Mifflin Area School District contribution to the Program of Services Budget is estimated to be \$30,210.00 and will be determined according to the West Mifflin Area School District's District Aid Ratio and Weighted Average Daily Membership, which will be finalized by the Pennsylvania Department of Education sometime after July 1, 2026.
2. Renewal quote from PowerSchool for Naviance K-5 career readiness software at a cost of \$16,058.48.
3. Renewal quote from PowerSchool for Schoology Technical Services at a cost of \$843.50.
4. Affiliation Agreement with Pennsylvania Western (PennWest) University beginning March 20, 2026, through March 19, 2031, as presented.
5. Agreement for Transportation Services with Krise Transportation for the period of July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2031, with final form of the Agreement subject to final review and approval of the District's Solicitor.
6. Quote from Tyler Technologies for an advanced Automatic Vehicle Location system on the seventy (70) vehicles included in the new transportation agreement. The system will provide real-time vehicle location to Administration and to parents at a Year-1 cost of \$150,208.00 and an approximate annual recurring cost of \$31,791.00 through the Sourcewell purchasing program.

It was moved by Donahoe, seconded by Blazeovich to approve Section 7B, Items 1-6.

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

8. FINANCIAL REPORTS

Board action to approve Financial Reports, as listed/presented

- A. Secretary Receipts - \$6,869,999.63
- B. Student Activities - \$248,971.48
- C. Treasurer's Report - \$22,216,009.50
- D. Refunds Subtracted from Expenditures

Account Description	Received From	Amount
Due To/From Cafeteria	Payroll – Oct-Dec 2025	\$260,433.26
Due To/From Cafeteria	Fringe Benefits – Oct-Dec 2025	\$19,642.32
Insurance Copay	Pay Date – 01/23/26	\$42,661.27
Insurance Copay	Pay Date – 02/20/26	\$43,062.04
Insurance Copay	Individuals	\$36.31
Worker's Comp – District	HARIE	\$3,060.00
Early Retirement Benefits	AMCA	\$20,694.10
Field Trips – Secondary	Pgh Cultural Trust	\$356.42

Special Ed – AIU – Elementary	AIU	\$992.62
Special Ed – AIU – Secondary	AIU	\$992.62
Special Ed Tuition – Cyber/Charter	Life Male Steam	\$2,636.44
Special Ed Tuition – Cyber/Charter	Pennwood Cyber	\$22,960.38
Special Ed Tuition – APS	Day School	\$68,355.00
Special Ed Tuition – APS	Day School	\$5,000.00
Tuition Steel Center	Duquesne SD	\$40,058.28
Support Serv – Students	UPMC	\$900.00
Other Legal Services	Andrews & Price	\$15,980.00
Technology – Repairs & Maintenance	Student Obligations – MS	\$50.00
Technology – Repairs & Maintenance	Student Obligations – HS	\$570.00
Other Property – District	E-Rate Reimbursement	\$1,116.99
Activities – Salaries	Munhall Community Band	\$300.00
Misc. Expenses – Stage Hands	Munhall Community Band	\$100.00
Spring Musical	Program/Ads	\$2,938.75
Athletics – HS Supplies	Student Obligation	\$200.00
Athletics – HS Supplies – Girls B-Ball	Snap Mobile	\$995.75
ROTC Supplies	Dept of Defense	\$1,229.00

E. Tax Collector's Report

Tax Type	Received From	Amount	Commission
Property Tax – West Mifflin	Jonathan Hess	\$602,393.80	N/A
Property Tax – Whitaker	Patty Pasquantonio	\$15,427.79	N/A
Earned Income Tax – West Mifflin	Jordan Tax Service	\$413,465.64	\$5,505.06
Earned Income Tax – Whitaker	Jordan Tax Service	\$15,104.56	\$261.41
Realty Transfer Tax – West Mifflin	Allegheny County	\$14,782.99	\$295.66
Realty Transfer Tax – Whitaker	Allegheny County	\$980.00	\$19.60
Delinquent Realty Tax – West Mifflin	Legal Tax Service	\$12,646.85	\$3,338.12
Delinquent Realty Tax – Whitaker	Legal Tax Service	\$150.00	\$0.53
Del Realty Tax – Act 20 – West Mifflin	Legal Tax Service	\$46.93	N/A
Del Realty Tax – Civil Action – West Mifflin	Legal Tax Service	\$43,600.25	N/A

F. Online Sales – February

Girls Basketball	\$54.00
Swimming	\$438.00
Wrestling	\$6.00
Card Point	\$736.00
HS Musical Ads	\$1,325.00
HS Musical Tickets	\$1,776.00
Titan Gear	\$16.00
Titan Shoppe	\$5,670.62
Total	\$10,021.62

It was moved by Englert, seconded by Donahoe to approve Section 8, Items A-F.

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

9. INVOICES/BILLS PAYABLE/PURCHASE ORDERS

Board Action to approve/ratify Invoices/Bills Payable/Purchase Orders, as listed/presented*

A. General Fund Invoice(s)

Payee	Invoice #	Description	Amount
1. Legal Tax Service	WSD-334	Filing Fees	\$170.43
2. Legal Tax Service	WSD-335	Parking, Bank and Notary Fees, and Postage	\$157.00
3. Andrews and Price	18640	February Monthly Retainer	\$1,000.00
4. Andrews and Price	18643, 18632, 18631, 18652, 18638, 18635, 18634, 18633, 18641, 18642, 18637	February Real Estate Related Services	\$1,275.70
5. Andrews and Price	18639, 18645, 18649, 18648, 18651, 18646, 18644, 18647, 18636, 18650	February Other Professional Services	\$6,244.00
6. Andrews and Price	18653	February MS Construction	\$1,950.00
7. Andrews and Price	18351, 18358, 18366	January Litigation	\$8,440.00
8. Freeman Mathis & Gary	9160297817	December Litigation	\$4,942.00
9. Cavaliere Court Reporting, LLC	025	Expulsion Hearing	\$220.00

B. All Bills, P-Cards, Purchase Orders and Cash Disbursements

It was moved by Ahern, seconded by Donahoe to approve Section 9, Items A-B.

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

10. DISTRICT OPERATIONS

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

- A. 2026 Summer Work Schedule, as presented
- B. District's 2026-2029 Comprehensive Plan, as presented
- C. Proposal for the 2026 Extended School Year (ESY) program and the posting of positions, as presented.
- D. Proposal for the 2026 Summer Music Program, as presented
- E. Memorandum of Understanding for facility usage with Penn State University Greater Allegheny Campus beginning February 19, 2026, through December 31, 2026, as presented
- F. 2026-2027 High School Course of Studies, as presented
- G. Creation of a Full-time Job Coach Paraeducator position for the 2025-2026 school year
- H. Settlement Agreement to resolve the litigation filed in the Western District Court at No. 2:25-cv-01086, with final form of the Agreement subject to final review and approval of the District's Solicitor.

It was moved by Blazeovich, seconded by Gajdos to approve Section 10, Items A-H.

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

11. 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
1805791	Mia DiBello/MS	5th Grade Study Island Reward/Dave & Busters, Waterfront	14	5	5/8/26
1806637	Bradley Mitchell/HS	Pittsburgh Pirates Game/PNC Park	35	10-12	4/16/26
1806925	Jennifer Shields/HS	Partner Up PNC Site Visit/PNC First Side Center	9	12	3/26/26
*1807118	Jayson Monroe/HS	PMEA Region 1 Band/Upper St. Clair HS	1	12	3/19/26- 3/21/26
1808950	Lynsey Brame/CB	2nd Grade Field Trip to Kamin Science Center/Pittsburgh	62	2	4/10/26
1809887	Anna Kudla/HS	Zoology/Biology Club Zoo Field Trip/Pittsburgh Zoo	34	9-12	4/30/26
1810159	Chris Capozzoli/HS	Carlow University Cadaver Lab/Pittsburgh	14	12	4/17/26
*1810358	Nina Ruffing/MS	Drama Club Visit to Elementary Schools/West Mifflin	15	6-8	3/17/26
1811214	William Fike/MS	Saturday field trip to Fort Necessity, Ohiopyle, and Fort Ligonier/Laurel Highlands	40	8	5/9/26
1811231	William Fike/MS	8th Grade Graduation Picnic/Ryan Hacke Park, West Mifflin	140	8	5/22/26
1811370	Raymond Rost/HS	Future Voices of the People/Duquesne University	4-8	9-12	4/16/26
1811375	Raymond Rost/HS	Senator Pisciotano Government Day/Penn State Greater Allegheny	9	20	5/7/26
*1812304	Stacy Galiyas/MS	Food Bank Visit/Greater Pittsburgh Food Bank	5	8	3/4/26
*1812313	Deana Wallace/HS	PA ID at DMV/Belle Vernon	1	12	3/10/26
1813305	Lorie Phillips/HS	Hispanic Flamenco Ballet's Spanish Heritage Show/Franklin Regional HS	24	9-12	4/8/26
1814256	Danielle Onuffer/HV	2nd Grade Field Trip to Kamin Science Center/Pittsburgh	107	2	4/10/26
1814577	Anita Smith/HV	3rd Grade Field Trip to PNC Park/Pittsburgh	99	3	4/7/26
1815910	Deana Wallace/HS	STARS Prom/Salvatore's, Baldwin	12	12	5/7/26
1816040	Amy Krek/HV	Kindergarten Field Trip to Zoo/Pittsburgh	99	K	5/1/26
1816919	Christine O'Lare/HS	Creek Connections Student Research Symposium/Zelienople	24	9	4/17/26
1817579	Stacy Galiyas/MS	Color Run/MS Campus & Stadium Hill	400	4-8	4/24/26
1818182	Deana Wallace/HS	PA ID at DMV/Belle Vernon	3-5	12	3/31/26
1819550	Beth Ann Churma Buchleitner/CB	Critter Country Exotic Animal Farm/Smithton	44	3	5/26/26
1821678	Brian Getz/HS	Esports Point Park Invitational/ Bridgeville	3	12	3/21/26
1822280	Brian Aufman/HS	Site visit of Carpenters Union training facility/Pittsburgh	5-8	11-12	4/15/26

B. Student Fundraising Activities

ID	Club	Sponsor	Fundraiser	Use of Funds	Date(s)
1810360	MS Drama	Nina Ruffing	Chipotle Dining	Club Activities	4/1/26
1811983	HS TLC & StuCo	Ray Rost, Lauren Rowe, Alexis Zywan	Swim & Gym	Donation to District Family	4/17/26

C. Buildings and Grounds

ID	Location	Date(s)/Time	Purpose/Applicant	Amount Paid
617	HS Pool	April 1, 7, 8, 15, 20, 22, 27, 28, 29, 30 (5:00 PM – 8:30 PM)	Family/Open Swim/WM Pool & Aquatics (Laura Dolton)	n/a
618	HS Pool	April 14, 16, 21, 23 (5:00 PM – 8:30 PM)	Lessons/Swim Lessons/WM Pool & Aquatics (Laura Dolton)	n/a
619	HS Stadium	March 29; April 12, 19, 26 May 3, 10, 17, 31 (9:00 AM – 2:30 PM)	Soccer Games/West Mifflin Soccer Club (Tara Weiss)	\$2,000

D. Conferences

ID	Name/Building	Conference/Location	Date/#Days	Cost	Sub
*1805900	Bree Thompson/MS	PBIS Summit 2026/AIU Waterfront	3/9/26 1 day	\$0	Yes
1806193	Brian Aufman/HS	Future Ready Partnerships Conference/CCAC Boyce Campus	3/31/26 1 day	\$30	Yes
*1807574	Danielle Busowski/MS	PBIS Summit 2026/AIU Waterfront	3/9/26 1 day	\$0	Yes
*1810270	Amanda Monzak/CB	Western PA Regional Day/AIU Waterfront	3/12/26 1 day	\$50	Yes
*1813370	Heather Vidic/CB	PBIS Summit 2026/AIU Waterfront	3/9/26 1 day	\$0	Yes
1813596	Amanda Monzak/CB	Gifted Educator Networking/AIU Waterfront	5/12/26 1 day	\$0	Yes
1814356	Kenneth Wehrli/HS	ALICE Certified Instructor Training/Chartiers Valley HS	4/7/26-4/8/26 2 days	\$789	No
1814482	Paul Eagle/MS	ALICE Certified Instructor Training/Chartiers Valley HS	4/7/26-4/8/26 2 days	\$789	No
1815009	Kayla Axelson/HV	BPSC Cohort/Duquesne University	5/13/26 1 day	\$0	Yes
1815012	Danielle Onuffer/HV	BPSC Cohort/Duquesne University	5/13/26 1 day	\$0	Yes
1815055	Kenneth Wehrli/HS	QBS Safety Care Prevention/De-escalation Training/Upper St. Clair	4/1/26-4/3/26 3 days	\$2789.50	No
1817319	Mary Bekavac/HV	BPSC Cohort/Duquesne University	5/13/26 1 day	\$0	Yes

It was moved by Englert, seconded by Ahern to approve Section 11, Items A-D.

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

12. PROFESSIONAL PERSONNEL

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

A. Leaves of Absence

1. *Employee #3900, unpaid days on Thursday, February 26, 2026 and Monday, March 2, 2026

B. Other

1. Graduate Credit Reimbursements, as per the Act 93 Agreement and WMFT Collective Bargaining Agreement:

Sharna Baker	Twelve Credits	Summer/Fall 2025	\$8,092.98
Mary Bekavac	Twelve Credits	Spring/Summer/Fall 2025	\$3,000.00
Mark Bonacci	Six Credits	Fall 2025	\$3,612.60
Desiree Cherepko	Six Credits	Fall 2025	\$1,500.00
Nikki Losteter	Three Credits	Fall 2025	\$ 750.00
Kyra Reinheimer	Six Credits	Fall 2025	\$1,500.00
Lauren Rowe	Six Credits	Fall 2025	\$1,500.00
Edward Wehrer	Three Credits	Fall 2025	\$2,407.20
Mackenzie Whalen	Six Credits	Fall 2025	\$1,500.00
Robert Yeschenko	Six Credits	Fall 2025	\$3,612.60

2. Additional Student Activity/Club Sponsors for the 2025-2026 school year:

HIGH SCHOOL

TITLE	NAME
Winter Indoor Percussion Ensemble	Joseph Scifo

It was moved by Englert, seconded by Blazeovich to approve Section 12, Items A-B.

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

13. NON-CERTIFIED PERSONNEL

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

A. Leaves of Absence

1. *Employee #3304, unpaid days on Friday, February 20, 2026 (half-day AM); Thursday, March 5, 2026 (half-day PM); Wednesday, March 11, 2026 (half-day AM); and Wednesday, March 18, 2026 (half-day PM)
2. *Employee #3972, unpaid days on Friday, February 13, 2026; Monday, March 2, 2026 (half-day AM); Tuesday, March 3, 2026; and Wednesday, March 4, 2026

B. Hires

1. Antwon Williams, Class I Custodian at the High School on the 3:00 PM – 11:00 PM shift, effective Monday, March 23, 2026
2. Lamar Heards, Full-time Paraeducator at Homeville, effective Monday, March 23, 2026

C. Other

1. Chelsea Magyar and Jasmine Howard, additional ESS Northeast Paraeducators for the 2025-2026 school year
2. Marilyn Jones, additional Sun Coach Lines Bus Driver for the 2025-2026 school year
3. Sherry Cherry, additional Precision Paraeducator for the 2025-2026 school year

It was moved by Englert, seconded by Blazeovich to approve Section 13, Items A-C.

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

14. ATHLETIC PERSONNEL

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

A. Resignations

1. Kristina DeBartolo, High School Head Cheerleading Coach, effective Tuesday, March 3, 2026
2. Michaela Gett, High School Assistant Band Director, effective Friday, March 13, 2026
3. Julianne Washington, High School Marching Band Silks Coordinator, effective Tuesday, May 19, 2026

B. Hires

1. Gina Hilligsberg, Intramural Empower Program Instructor – Titan Olympics, effective Friday, March 27, 2026
2. Tina Keller, Intramural Empower Program Instructor – Titan Olympics, effective Friday, March 27, 2026
3. Anna Kudla, Intramural Empower Program Instructor – Titan Olympics, effective Friday, March 27, 2026
4. ChelseySue Wheeler, High School Head Cheerleading Coach, effective Friday, March 20, 2026

It was moved by Blazeovich, seconded by Ahern to approve Section 14, Items A-B.

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

15. BOARD PRESIDENT'S CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. Squires had no correspondence today.

16. EXECUTIVE SESSION DISCUSSION

Mr. Squires reported that Executive Session was held prior to the Regular Board meeting to discuss personnel and litigation.

17. BOARD REPORTS

A. Committees

Committee reports were given at the Work Session.

B. Steel Center


Mr. Donahoe talked about CTE month and recognized the students of the month for January and February, and work-based learning co-op students.

18. SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Mr. Lucas had no report this evening.

19. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:23 p.m.



Meg Arbasak
Board Secretary

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VISITOR RECORD

Regular Meeting
Board of School Directors
West Mifflin Area School District

Name	Address	Organization Representing (If Any)
Barb Gregory	666 DeBaldo Dr- WM	
Sarah Pellis		MVI
Dave Muffell	222 REUSEN DR	
Aubrey Jaskulski		
Darry King	623 Kenny St	
Greg Rozgonyi	629 DeBalle	
Mark Wragala		
Cassie Bucko	1805 Maine Ave.	
Melissa Jaskulski	1305 Maryland Ave	
Kira Krivonek	107 Ghora	
Jan Bonacci	435 Commonwealth Ave	