

**Thursday, March 12, 2026  
Work Session  
Minutes**

The West Mifflin Area School District Work Session 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, Judith Ahern, Nicholas Alexandroff, Matthew Blazeovich, Mark Donahoe, Gina Englert, Joseph Gajdos, and Janelle Kopay

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

**2. PRESENTATIONS**

- A. Student Board Representative Report (Regular Board Meeting)
- B. Mr. Maha spoke about implementing new ticketing for spring sports, and what expenses these fees will help offset. He spoke about pricing, bag policies, traffic patterns and parking.

**3. ADDENDUM (Regular Board Meeting)**

**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 had questions/comments about the tax settlements, the Andrews and Price January litigation invoice and the Freeman Mathis and Gary invoice. Lastly, she spoke in favor of hanging a baseball banner for a deceased student.
  - Jessica Wierzchowski, Cassie Bucko, and Kaylee Dillon spoke in favor of hanging the baseball banner of a deceased player.
  - Monica Wills, Kelley Tomko, and Jessica Andzelik spoke against gate fees for baseball and softball games.
  - Amanda Bosnyak, Rich Krivanek and David Thornton spoke in favor of hanging the baseball banner and against the gate fees for the games.

Mr. Soles, Mr. Squires and Mr. Maha addressed these questions/comments.

**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

## **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 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.
3. Authorization for the Solicitor's office to settle the tax appeal docketed at BV-25-762 at an assessed value amount of \$5,152,500.00 for 2025 and \$4,902,200.00 for 2026.

### **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.

## **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

**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

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

**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

**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

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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 Piscittano 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
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	PA ID at DMV/Belle Vernon	3-5	12	3/31/26

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. 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
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

**12. PROFESSIONAL PERSONNEL**

**13. NON-CERTIFIED PERSONNEL**

**14. ATHLETIC PERSONNEL**

**15. BOARD PRESIDENT’S CORRESPONDENCE**

Mr. Squires mentioned the grand opening for the performing arts center, and the spring musical.

**16. EXECUTIVE SESSION DISCUSSION**

Mr. Squires stated that Executive Session was held prior to the Work Session to discuss litigation and personnel.

**17. BOARD REPORTS**

A. Committees

Finance – Mr. Wehrer gave a budget preview.

Athletics & Activities – Mr. Soles spoke about the MOU with Penn State Greater Allegheny and mentioned gate fees for the spring sports. Ms. Kopay suggested possibly tabling the gate fees for spring sports until a later date.

Education – Mr. Soles spoke about the High School Course Selection Guide, the Comprehensive Plan, the summer music proposal, and the ESY Program. And asked to have these items added to next week’s agenda. Mr. Soles also gave information about the feasibility study.

Policy - Mr. Soles would like to schedule a policy meeting to discuss seven updated policies.

B. Steel Center

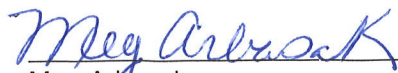
Mr. Donahoe will give his report at the Regular Meeting.

**18. SOLICITOR’S REPORT**

Ms. Schrempp had no report for the Work Session.

**19. ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

  
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 Meg Arbasak  
 Board Secretary

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**VISITOR RECORD**

Work Session Meeting  
Board of School Directors  
West Mifflin Area School District

Name	Address	Organization Representing (If Any)
Barb Gregory	666 DeBaldo Dr W M	
Brad Dill	23 Maryland Ave	
Jess Jim Tuder	808 Nordeen Dr	
MONICA WILLS	221 Shake Dr.	
Kaylee Dillon	23 Maryland Ave.	
Cassie BUCKO	1805 Maine Ave.	
Nate Fleming	211 Chalfont St.	
Mary Lowe	" "	
Cliff Fleming	" "	
JESSICA WERTZHOUSER	447 SPRING VALLEY RD	
Christina Maggio	203 Constitution Ave	
Tara Vunk	6718 Monroe Ave	
Joey Sapp	2135 Penna Ave	
Locco Sapp	" "	
Hunter Horne	435 Mifflin St	

Derek Tudek

Caden Wills / Dakota Leister

Jackson Fitt 1805 Maine Ave

Christy Leister 83<sup>1/2</sup> Inverton Rd.

Jennifer + Dana Thornton 709 Elwell Ave

Chase Maggie 203 Constitution Ave

Diane Stansie 2803 Glenn / 1st E

Braeden Andzelik

Graysmiers House

Jess Andzelik

Jack Janisin

James Moneck

Kelley Tomko

Dana Tatters

Melissa Jaskulski

Katly Evans

Kaleigh Tatters

Samantha Tomko

Aubrey Jaskulski

Isabella Simak

*[Signature]*

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<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>
Sarah Pelts	
Shari Horne	435 Mifflin
David Horne	435 mifflin
Amanda Bosnyak	1724 Steiner Ave
Justin D/m	23 Maryland Ave
Taylor Krivanek	107 Shava Dr
Mia Bey	3721 Eliza Street

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