Wednesday, June 18, 2025 Regular 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 7:01 p.m.

1. OPENING EXERCISES

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

Members Present: Kevin Squires, Anthony DiCenzo, Judith Ahern, Matthew Blazevich (arrived at 7:28 p.m.), Mark Donahoe, Gina Englert, Joseph Gajdos, Janelle Kopay and Mark Yuhas

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

2. PRESENTATIONS

A. None

3. ADDENDUM

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 made comments against the budget, and an employee being hired on step 6.
 - Theresa Sekely made comments against the budget.
 - Mark Yuhas made comments against the budget. He would like to see the Board go through the budget line by line, and make some hard decisions and cut this budget.

Mr. Wehrer and Mr. Squires addressed the comments as they went through the agenda.

5. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. None

6. GENERAL FUND BUDGET

Board action to approve items under General Fund Budget, as listed/presented.

A. Resolution adopting final budget for fiscal year 2025-2026 at \$67,318,583.

That the Board of Directors of West Mifflin Area School District, Allegheny County, hereby authorizes the expenditures as set forth herein during the School Year 2025-2026.

It is recommended the Board adopt, in compliance with Act 146 of 1998, the Proposed Budget for the 2025-2026 year in the amount of \$67,318,583 with the real estate tax millage rate of 26.5691 mills and that the real estate tax millage rate be further increased by 0.7080 mills to accommodate the reduction of the appropriation from the general fund balance within the Proposed Budget for a combined real estate tax millage rate of 27.2771 mills for the 2025-2026 school year.

B. Resolution 2025-05 setting tax millage at .0272771 mills per dollar (27.2771 on each thousand dollars of assessed value) for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025.

That the Resolution be adopted as presented and read, and the proper officers be authorized to sign and execute same on behalf of the School Board.

- C. Copy of tax resolution be sent to each Tax Collector: Ratify the action of the Secretary to forward a copy of Tax Resolution to the Tax Collectors of West Mifflin Area School District instructing them to collect same.
- D. Director of Finance and Operations to request payment in lieu of taxes from United States Energy Research and Development Administration (ERDA) for the year 2025-2026. That the Director of Finance and Operations be authorized and directed to request the payment in lieu of taxes, the sum of \$424,108.91 based upon the current tax rate of 27.2771 mills and an estimated assessed valuation of the Bettis Site of \$15,548,167.00.
- E. Resolution that all Act 511 taxes be re-enacted to continue through the 2025-2026 School Year: That the Solicitor be authorized to draw up the proper resolution re-enacting all Act 511 taxes to continue throughout the 2025-2026 School Year.
- F. Act 511 Tax Resolution continued in 2025-2026 without substantial change: Resolved that all taxes heretofore levied pursuant to the "Local Tax Enabling Act" #511, with Earned Income Tax (EIT) at .5%, Local Services Tax (LST) at \$5.00, Admission at 10%, and Mercantile at 1-1/2 mills retail and 1 mill Wholesale, and Business Privilege at 6 mills per dollar of gross receipts and Deed Transfer at \$1.00 per \$100.00, be levied at the same rates, and that aforesaid Resolutions be continued without substantial change.
- G. Transfer principal and interest for 2025-2026 to Bond and Coupon Accounts authorized: That the Director of Finance and Operations be authorized to transfer Principal and Interest from the General Fund to the proper Bond and Coupon Accounts for payment when same is due.
- H. Resolution 2025-06 that a Tax Payment Plan per Act 1 of 2006 be offered in three installments with conditions as presented.
- I. Resolution 2025-07 that homestead and farmstead exclusion tax assessment reductions for the 2025-2026 year be enacted as per the Homestead Property Exclusion Program (Act 50 of 1998) and the Taxpayer Relief Act (Act 1 of 2006). A total of \$2,550,941.76 is available this year to West Mifflin Area School District property owners in tax relief from gaming tax funds. Resolution provides 6,418 homesteads and farmsteads with a tax reduction of \$399.85 and grants 57 of those homesteads with exclusions up to the full assessed valuation of the property.

It was moved by Donahoe, seconded by Gajdos to approve Section 6, Items A-I.

There was an extensive discussion about the budget, including but not limited to revenues, expenses and the millage rate.

Roll Call: Ahern, Blazevich, Donahoe, Englert, Gajdos (Voted "No" to 6.A), Kopay (Voted "No" to 6.A-I), Yuhas (Voted "No: to 6.A&B), DiCenzo and Squires voted "Aye". MOTION CARRIED

7. 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. May 8, 2025 Discussed Legal and Personnel Issues
- b. May 15, 2025 Discussed Legal and Personnel Issues

2. Approval of Minutes

- a. May 8, 2025 Work Session
- b. May 15, 2025 Regular Board Meeting
- 3. Updates to the following policies, First Reading:
 - a. #317 Conduct/Disciplinary Procedures
 - b. #317.1 Educator Misconduct
 - c. #320 Freedom of Speech by Employees
 - d. #718 Service Animals in Schools
- 4. Two Delegates to attend the 2025 PSBA Delegate Assembly on Tuesday, October 21, 2025, at the Kalahari Resorts and Conventions in the Poconos
- 5. Finalization of the evaluation by the board of Mr. Jeffrey Soles and authorization to post it on the district's website prior to July 1, 2025, pursuant to the Pennsylvania School Code of 1949 as amended.
- 6. Finalization of the evaluation by the board of Dr. Jeffrey Solomon and authorization to post it on the district's website prior to July 1, 2025, pursuant to the Pennsylvania School Code of 1949 as amended

It was moved by DiCenzo, seconded by Blazevich to approve Section 7A, Items 1-6.

Roll Call: Ahern, Blazevich, Donahoe, Englert (Voted "No" to 7.A.4), Gajdos, Kopay, Yuhas (Voted "No" to 7.A.4), DiCenzo and Squires (Voted "No" to 7.A.4) voted "Aye". MOTION CARRIED

8. DIRECTOR OF FINANCE AND OPERATIONS' REPORT

A. Finance

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

- 1. Authorization for the Solicitor's office to settle the tax appeal docketed at BV 24-1742 at an assessed value amount of \$5,781,200 for 2022, \$5,787,600 for 2023, \$4,959,500 for 2024, and \$4,795,700 for 2025 with no associated District refunds in 2022 or 2023 and with 2024 overpayments refunded as future tax credits.
- Authorization for the Solicitor's office to settle thirteen tax appeals docketed at BV 24-1743, BV 24-1750, BV 24-1749, BV 24-1745, BV 24-1746, BV 24-1744, BV 24-1597, BV 24-1595, BV 24-1753, BV 24-1758, BV 24-1755, BV 24-1756, and BV 24-1757 at a combined assessed value amount of \$224,300 for 2022, \$224,700 for 2023, \$192,500 for 2024, and \$186,200 for 2025 with no associated District refunds in 2022 or 2023.

- 3. Authorization for the Solicitor's office to settle the tax appeal docketed at BV 24-3303 at an assessed value amount of \$6,540,000.00 for 2024 and \$6,324,000.00 for 2025.
- 4. First National Bank as the school district's depository for the 2025-2026 school year.
- 5. Authorization for the administration to pay usual customary and reasonable expenses for the month of July 2025, with such payments to be presented to the Board at its August meeting for ratification.
- 6. May real estate tax refunds due for 2024 to specified property owners of West Mifflin and Whitaker Borough in the amount of \$752.49 as presented by the respective tax collectors. The refunds are the result of changes in the real estate tax assessment values established by Allegheny County.
- 7. June real estate tax refunds due for 2024 to specified property owners of West Mifflin and Whitaker Borough in the amount of \$2,077.33 as presented by the respective tax collectors. The refunds are the result of changes in the real estate tax assessment values established by Allegheny County.
- 8. 2025/2026 insurance for General Liability, Commercial Automobile, Law Enforcement Liability, and Umbrella coverages through Liberty Mutual Insurance Company and Paul Fisher Insurance Services LLC at an annual premium of \$138,635.00.
- 2025/2026 insurance for Worker's Compensation coverage through Housing & Redevelopment Insurance Exchange (HARIE) and Paul Fisher Insurance Services LLC at an annual premium of \$176,348.00.
- 10. 2025/2026 insurance for School Leaders coverage through RSUI Group Inc. and Paul Fisher Insurance Services LLC at an annual premium of \$90,620.00.
- 11. 2025/2026 insurance for an additional \$2,000,000.00 of School Leaders coverage through Kinsale and Paul Fisher Insurance Services LLC at an annual premium of \$25,670.00.
- 12. 2025/2026 insurance for Property and Crime coverages through Travelers Insurance and Paul Fisher Insurance Services LLC at an annual premium of \$240,338.00.

It was moved by DiCenzo, seconded by Donahoe to approve Section 8A, Items 1-12.

Roll Call: Ahern, Blazevich, Donahoe, Englert, Gajdos, Kopay, Yuhas (Voted "No" to 8.A.8-12), DiCenzo and Squires voted "Aye". MOTION CARRIED

B. Purchasing/Contracting

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

- Award of bids for supplies to the following companies for the 2025-2026 school year, they
 being the lowest responsible bidders and/or most complete bidders according to the
 specifications.
- 2. Termination of the Annual Energy Unit Savings Agreement with ABM Building Solutions, LLC, according to the contract terms.
- 3. Renewal quote from Acadience Learning Online (ALO) for 1,000 software licenses each of ALO Math K-6, ALO Reading K-6 and ALO Reading K-6 Lexile Add-on at a cost of \$17,900.00.

- 4. Renewal quote from Frontline Technologies Group LLC for Absence & Substitute Management software at a cost of \$10,761.63.
- Renewal quote from Harris School Solutions for Prosoft financial system software at a cost of \$38,188.00.
- 6. Renewal quote from Precision HR Solutions, Inc. for substitute services from July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026, as presented.
- 7. Renewal quote from Sourcewell Technology for a three-year subscription for 475 SpringMath licenses starting July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2028, at an annual cost of \$4.868.75 for a total cost of \$14.606.25.
- Renewal quote from Incident IQ for a subscription to the IQ Platform with the iiQ Ticketing core product at a cost of \$5,763.89.
- Renewal quote from Follett Software, LLC for library services software at a cost of \$7,485.88.
- 10. Authorization for the payment of expenditures associated with the insurance claim resulting from the fire in the High School auditorium, with such payments to be presented to the Board for ratification at the following regular meeting. Currently, those costs are estimated at \$5,000,000.00.
- 11. Memorandum of Understanding with the Allegheny Intermediate Unit #3 to be part of the 2025-2026 Title III Consortium, as presented.
- 12. Quote from Securly Pass, Securly Flex, Securly Aware and Securly Classroom for online safety and classroom device management for the 25-26 school year at a cost of \$25,872.00.
- 13. Renewal quote from Robokind for three years of social skills curriculum, and a quote for one year of phonics curriculum and teacher and student materials, at a cost of \$26,710.00.
- 14. Quote from MasterLibrary for a one-year subscription for a work-order ticketing system for the facilities and maintenance departments at a cost of \$2,250.00.
- 15. Renewal quote from UPMC for five years of athletic training services beginning on 7/1/25 and ending on 6/30/30 at a Year 1 cost of \$53,690.00 and a five-year total cost of \$295,480.00, as presented.
- 16. Authorization for Administration to seek Requests for Proposals for transportation services and for postage meters.
- 17. Renewal quote from PowerSchool for four years of student information system software with cloud hosting and attendance add-ons at a Year 1 cost of \$14,900.00 and a four-year total cost of \$86,349.87, as presented.
- 18. Renewal quote from Marcia Brenner Associates for PowerSchool plugin software at a cost of \$4,370.00.
- Quote from Howard Technology Solutions for 200 Lenovo ThinkPad 21JN0040US laptops and accidental damage coverage at a cost of \$199,600.00 through the COSTARS purchasing program.

20. Renewal quote from PowerSchool for Naviance college and career readiness curriculum software at a cost of \$15,007.93.

It was moved by Donahoe, seconded by Blazevich to approve Section 8B, Items 1-20.

Roll Call: Ahern, Blazevich, Donahoe, Englert (Voted "No" to 8.B.13&19), Gajdos, Kopay, Yuhas, DiCenzo and Squires voted "Aye". MOTION CARRIED

9. FINANCIAL REPORTS

Board action to approve Financial Reports, as listed/presented

- A. Secretary Receipts
 - 1. May \$6,060,999.84
- B. Student Activities
 - 1. May \$217,970.45
- C. Treasurer's Report
 - 1. May \$11,374,164.69
- D. Refunds Subtracted from Expenditures

1. May

Account Description	Received From	Amount
Due To/From Cafeteria	Lunch Hi/Low	\$380,937.78
Due To/From Cafeteria	Reg/Ndy/Breakfast	\$123,295.76
Due To/From Cafeteria	FNS – Lunch	\$11,746.98
Due To/From Cafeteria	FNS – Breakfast-Needy	\$4,341.40
Due To/From Cafeteria	Fresh Fruit & Vegetables	\$10,870.39
Insurance Copay	Pay Date - 05/16/25	\$39,881.80
Insurance Copays	Individuals	\$60.18
Early Retirement Benefits	AMCA	\$20,416.16
Supplies – HM	US Steel Corp	\$6,739.00
Supplies – HS	Student	\$102.00
Supplies – SEEKS Grant	AIU	\$9,626.56
HI 5 Grant	AIU	\$500.00
Books & Periodicals	MacMillan Holdings	\$239.79
Special Ed – Prof Service – SEEKS	AIU	\$19,803.50
Special Ed Tuition – Cyber/Charter	Penn Hills Charter	\$2,188.04
Library - Books & Periodicals - CB	Library Obligation	\$12.98
Custodian/Maintenance OT	ABC Dance	\$280.00
Bldg. & Grounds – Supplies – MS	ABC Dance	\$150.00
Technology – Repairs & Maintenance	Student Obligations – CB	\$530.00
Technology – Repairs & Maintenance	Student Obligations – MS	\$230.00
Technology Repairs & Maintenance	Student Obligations – HS	\$100.00
Activities – Salaries	ABC Dance	\$330.00
Safety/Security Services - District	ABC Dance	\$240.00
Misc. Expenses – Stage Hands	ABC Dance	\$220.00
MS Musical	Ads/Ticket Sales	\$3,956.00

Athletics – Salaries	Steelers Charities	\$4,000.00
Athletics – Supplies – District	Student Obligation	\$200.00

E. Tax Collector's Report

1. May

Tax Type	Received From	Amount	Commission
Earned Income Tax – West Mifflin	Jordan Tax Service	\$383,649.95	\$5,233.78
Earned Income Tax – Whitaker	Jordan Tax Service	\$17,417.64	\$232.73
Realty Transfer Tax – West Mifflin	V. McDonald Roberts	\$17,180.40	\$343.61
Realty Transfer Tax – Whitaker	V. McDonald Roberts	\$1.50	\$.03
Delinquent Realty Tax – West Mifflin	Legal Tax Service	\$13,701.72	\$16,557.74
Del Realty Tax – Act 20 – West Mifflin	Legal Tax Service	\$200.67	N/A
Del Realty Tax - Civil Action - West Mifflin	Legal Tax Service	\$187,781.94	N/A
Delinquent Realty Tax – Whitaker	Legal Tax Service	\$2,186.80	\$739.85
Del Realty Tax – Civil Action – Whitaker	Legal Tax Service	\$9,681.89	N/A
Del Mercantile Tax – West Mifflin	Legal Tax Service	\$1,111.38	\$61.13
Del Bus Privilege Tax – West Mifflin	Legal Tax Service	\$97,551.78	\$5,365.35

F. Online Sales - May

Card Point	\$828.25
Titan Shoppe	\$1,819.97
Total	\$2,648.22

It was moved by Blazevich, seconded by Donahoe to approve Section 9, Items A-F.

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

10. 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, Inc.	WSD-311	Filing Fees	\$91.00
2. Legal Tax Service, Inc.	WSD-312	Filing Fees for Tax Liens	\$3,800.00
3. Legal Tax Service, Inc.	WSD-313	Filing, Parking, Bank and	\$2,897.72
		Notary Fees and Postage	
4. Andrews and Price	14888	Monthly Retainer	\$1,000.00
5. Andrews and Price	14898, 14894, 14902,	May Real Estate Related	\$1,395.50
	14899, 14901, 14900,	Services	
	14889, 14891, 14885,		
2	14881, 14882, 14884		
6. Andrews and Price	14887, 14893, 14897,	May Other Professional	\$4,508.00
	14896, 14886, 14892,	Services	
	14883, 14903, 14895		
7. Andrews and Price	14890	May MS Construction	\$70.00
8. Legal Tax Service, Inc.	WSD-314	Filing Fees	\$227.24

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

It was moved by Blazevich, seconded by Donahoe to approve Section 10, Items A-B.

Roll Call: Ahern, Blazevich, Donahoe, Englert, Gajdos, Kopay, Yuhas (Voted "No" to 10.A.6), DiCenzo and Squires voted "Aye". MOTION CARRIED

11. DISTRICT OPERATIONS

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

- A. 2024-2025 Act 44 Annual Safety Report, as presented
- B. Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Service Employees International Union Local 32BJ for the term beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2030, subject to final contract language approval, as presented
- C. School Reconfigurations for 2025-2026, as presented

It was moved by Blazevich, seconded by Ahern to approve Section 11, Items A-C.

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

12. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORTS

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

- A. Home & School Visitor's Report May/June 2025
- B. Buildings and Grounds

ID	Location	Date(s)/Time	Purpose/Applicant	Amount Paid
*562	HS Gyms	June 2, 5, 9, 10, 11, 12, 16, 19	Boys Summer Basketball/HS Boys	n/a
	***	(5:30 PM-8:00 PM)	Basketball Boosters (Hal Minford)	

C. Conferences

ID	Name/Building	Conference/Location	Dates/#Days	Cost	Sub
*1647985	William Matthias/MS	AIU'S Open Tabs/AIU-Waterfront	6/16/25	\$0	No
		,	1 day		

It was moved by DiCenzo, seconded by Blazevich to approve Section 12, Items A-C.

Roll Call: Ahern, Blazevich, Donahoe, Englert (Voted "No" to 12.B), Gajdos, Kopay, Yuhas (Voted "No" to 12.B), DiCenzo and Squires voted "Aye". MOTION CARRIED

13. PROFESSIONAL PERSONNEL

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

- A. Leaves of Absence
 - 1. *Employee #2236, unpaid day on Tuesday, May 27, 2025
 - 2. *Employee #2569, unpaid days on Thursday, May 15, 2025, and Thursday, May 22, 2025
 - 3. Employee #3590, beginning Friday, August 15, 2025 through Friday, October 17, 2025, using all PTO and sick days with remaining days unpaid.

B. Resignations

1. Ashley Cunningham, High School Special Education Teacher, effective June 15, 2025

C. Hires/Transfers

- 1. Jackie Reed, Homeville Special Education Teacher, Master's Scale, Step 6, effective the 2025-2026 School Year
- 2. Transfer/Assignment for the 2025-2026 School Year:

Employee #	New Assignment
384	Clara Barton Grade 2

D. Other

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

Sharna Baker	Three Credits	Fall 2024	\$3,339.86
Nikki Losteter	Three Credits	Spring 2025	\$ 750.00
Mia Mackulin	Six Credits	Spring 2025	\$1,500.00
Kyra Reinheimer	Six Credits	Spring 2025	\$1,500.00
Dr. Jah-Chant Robinson	Twelve Credits	2024-2025	\$5,875.20
Lauren Rowe	Six Credits	Fall/Winter 2024	\$1,500.00
Edward Wehrer	Three Credits	Spring 2025	\$2,447.20

It was moved by Blazevich, seconded by Gajdos to approve Section 13, Items A-D.

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

14. NON-CERTIFIED PERSONNEL

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

A. Leaves of Absence

- 1. *Employee #3087, unpaid days on Thursday, May 29, 2025, and Friday, May 30, 2025
- 2. *Employee #3927, unpaid days on Thursday, May 15, 2025, and Friday, May 16, 2025
- 3. *Employee #3709, unpaid day on Wednesday, February 12, 2025

B. Other

1. Additional Summer Student worker, as presented

It was moved by Blazevich, seconded by Gajdos to approve Section 14, Items A-B.

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

15. ATHLETIC PERSONNEL

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

A. Hires

- Tyrone Neal, High School Varsity Assistant Football Coach, effective Thursday, June 19, 2025
- 2. Jacklyn Caputo, High School Assistant Varsity Girls Basketball Coach, effective Thursday, June 19, 2025
- 3. Zachary Cernuto, High School Assistant Varsity Football Coach, effective Thursday, June 19, 2025

It was moved by Blazevich, seconded by DiCenzo to approve Section 15, Item A.

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

16. BOARD PRESIDENT'S CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. Squires had no correspondence today.

17. EXECUTIVE SESSION DISCUSSION

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

18. BOARD REPORTS

A. Committees

Committee reports were given at the Work Session.

B. Steel Center

Mr. Donahoe reported that Steel Center had another successful year and is done for the summer. Phase 7 of the renovations is nearing completion. Phase 8 & 9 have started. Renovations should be complete in November. Senior Awards were held on May 15th, and Senior Recognition was held on May 20th. Steel Center's National Honor Society has received a silver star of excellence award, and was recognized nationally.

19. SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Ms. Schrempf had no report this evening.

20. OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Yuhas announced that Mark Bonacci was inducted in the Hall of Fame this week. He feels that was done just to push a friend/colleague through, and makes the meaning of this program a joke.

21. NEW BUSINESS

None

22. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Meg Arbasak Board Secretary

WEST MIFFLIN AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT RESOLUTION #2025-05 A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE TAX LEVY BY THE WEST MIFFLIN AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT, ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA FOR THE ENSUING FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2025

WHEREAS, The Board of School Directors of the West Mifflin Area School District, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania is desirous of fixing the tax levy for the School District for the ensuing Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2025.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT A TAX OF TWENTY SEVEN AND TWO THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED SEVENTY ONE TEN THOUSANDS (27.2771) MILLS upon each dollar, that is Two Thousand Seven Hundred Twenty-seven Dollars and Seventy-one cents on each One Hundred Thousand (\$100,000.00) Dollars of valuation of taxable property as fixed and determined by the Board of Property Assessment, Appeals and Review for the County of Allegheny for the current Fiscal Year, be and the same is hereby levied and assessed.

RESOLUTION ENACTED THIS 18th day of June, 2025.

Kevin M. Squires, President

Meg Arbasak, Secretary

WEST MIFFLIN AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT RESOLUTION #2025-06 INSTALLMENT PAYMENTS- CURRENT REAL ESTATE TAXES

- 1. As alternative to the payment of taxes, taxpayers may elect to pay in three (3) installments as follows:
 - a. Thirty-three and a third percent (33 1/3%) of the face amount must be paid on or before August 31, 2025; no discount given;
 - b. An additional thirty-three and a third percent (33 1/3%) of the face amount must be paid on or before October 31, 2025; and
 - c. The remaining balance of the face amount (33 1/3%) must be paid on or before December 15, 2025; no penalty given.
- 2. Taxpayers may not pay in installments where the tax levied on any particular parcel is \$200.00 or less.
- 3. Unpaid installments shall not be considered delinquent on or before the respective installment dates provided above.
- 4. A penalty of ten percent (10%) shall be added to each delinquent installment if any installment payment becomes delinquent.
- 5. Taxpayers who elect the installment payment option and are delinquent by more than ten (10) days on more than two (2) installment payments become ineligible for the installment payment option in the following school fiscal year.
- 6. The payment of the first installment by a taxpayer before the same becomes delinquent shall conclusively evidence an intention to pay taxes on the installment plan.
- 7. Where a taxpayer fails to evidence an intention to pay on the installment plan as provided herein, the taxes shall become due and payable and be collected in accordance with the law, subject to discounts and penalties.

Kevin M. Squires

President

Meg Arbasak

Secretary

WEST MIFFLIN AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT RESOLUTION #2025-07 2025 HOMESTEAD AND FARMSTEAD EXCLUSION RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, by the Board of School Directors of the West Mifflin Area School District, that homestead and farmstead exclusion real estate tax assessment reductions are authorized for the school year beginning July 1, 2025, under the provisions of the Homestead Property Exclusion Program Act (part of Act 50 of 1998) and the Taxpayer Relief Act (Act 1 of 2006), as follows:

- 1. Aggregate Amount Available For Homestead And Farmstead Real Estate Tax Reduction. The following amounts are available for homestead and farmstead real estate tax reduction for the school year beginning July 1, 2025:
 - a. Gambling Tax Funds The Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) has notified the School District that PDE will pay to the School District during the school year pursuant to Act 1, 53 P.S. § 6926.505(b), as a property tax reduction allocation funded by gambling tax funds and Sterling Act reimbursements, the amount of \$2,550,941.76.
- 2. <u>Homestead/Farmstead Numbers.</u> Pursuant to Act 50, 54 Pa. C.S. § 8584(i), and Act 1, 53 P.S. § 6926.341(g)(3), the County has provided the School District with a certified report listing approved homesteads and approved farmsteads as follows:
 - a. Homestead Property Number The number of approved homesteads and co-op housing exemptions within the School District is 6,418.
 - b. Farmstead Property Number The number of approved farmsteads within the School District is zero (0).
 - c. Homestead/Farmstead Combined Number Adding these numbers, the aggregate number of approved homesteads and approved farmsteads is 6,418.
- 3. Real Estate Tax Reduction Calculation. The school board has decided that the homestead exclusion amount and the farmstead exclusion amount shall be equal. Dividing the paragraph l(a) aggregate amount available during the school year for real estate tax reduction of \$2,550,941.76 by the paragraph 2(c) aggregate number of approved homesteads and approved farmsteads of 6,418, the maximum real estate tax reduction amount applicable to each approved homestead and to each approved farmstead is \$397.47.

Based on calculations provided by the School District Business Office from the best available information and carefully evaluated by the School Board, considering the assessed value of approved homesteads and approved farmsteads having an assessed value below the preliminary calculation of the maximum real estate assessed value reduction amount to be established as the homestead exclusion and the farmstead exclusion amount, an additional aggregate amount of \$7,349.57 will be available during the school year for real estate tax reduction applicable to 57 homesteads and farmsteads, resulting in an additional real estate tax reduction amount available for each homestead and farmstead of \$2.38. Adding this additional amount to the preliminary calculation of the maximum real estate tax reduction amount of \$397.47, the final maximum real estate tax reduction amount applicable to each approved homestead and to each approved farmstead is \$399.85.

- 4. <u>Homestead Exclusion Calculation.</u> Dividing the paragraph 3 maximum real estate tax reduction amount of \$399.85 by the School District real estate tax rate of 27.2771mills (.0272771), the maximum real estate assessed value reduction to be reflected on tax notices as a homestead exclusion for each approved homestead is \$14,659.00, and the maximum real estate assessed value reduction to be reflected on tax notices as a farmstead exclusion for each approved farmstead is \$14,659.00.
- 5. Homestead/Farmstead Exclusion Authorization- July 1 Tax Bills. The tax notice issued to the owner of each approved homestead within the School District shall reflect a homestead exclusion real estate assessed value reduction equal to the lesser of: (a) the County- established assessed value of the homestead, or (b) the paragraph 4 maximum real estate assessed value reduction of \$14,659.00. The tax notice issued to the owner of each approved farmstead reduction equal to the lesser of: (a) the County-established assessed value of the farmstead, or (b) the paragraph 4 maximum real estate assessed value reduction of \$14,659.00. For purposes of this Resolution, "approved homestead" and "approved farmstead" shall mean homesteads and farmsteads listed in the report referred to in paragraph 2 above and received by the School District from the County Assessment Office on or before May 1st pursuant to Act 1, 53 P.S. §6926.341(g)(3), based on homestead/farmstead applications filed with the County Assessment Office on or before March 1st. This paragraph 5 will apply to tax notices issued based on the initial tax duplicate used in issuing initial real estate tax notices for the school year, which will be issued on or promptly after July 1st, and will not apply to interim real estate tax bills.

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