

**Thursday, April 16, 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, Judith Ahern, Nicholas Alexandroff, Matthew Blazeovich, Mark Donahoe, Gina Englert, Joseph Gajdos, and Janelle Kopay

Officials Present: Jeffrey Soles, Jeffrey Solomon, Edward Wehrer, Mark Zidek and Russell Lucas

2. PRESENTATIONS

- A. Student Board Representative Report

- Addison Upshaw, Junior Class Representative, reported that senior officers are finishing superlatives for the yearbook, and are working on their graduation speeches. Student Secretaries are preparing for the year end banquet. Student Council is working on electing officers for next year. Drama Club completed their one act play, and Tri-M induction was held on April 1st. SAVE Promise celebrated "Say Something" week. TLC is planning promenade. Environmental Club has a few events planned for Earth Week, and is planning a field trip for May. ROTC held a change of command ceremony on April 10th, and are planning their military banquet.

- B. Budget Presentation – Mr. Wehrer

3. ADDENDUM

- A. Item 13.C.5 will not be acted on, removed from the agenda.
- B. Item 10.B added "final document subject to review by the District Solicitor".

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
 - None

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

2. Approval of Minutes

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

3. Updates to the following policies, First Reading:

- a. #006 Meetings
- b. #140 Charter Schools
- c. #221 Dress and Grooming
- d. #236.1 Threat Assessment
- e. #325 Dress and Grooming
- f. #332 Working Periods
- g. #619 District Audit
- h. #810 Transportation

It was moved by Blazeovich, 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. March real estate tax refunds due for 2024 and 2025 to specified property owners of West Mifflin and Whitaker Borough in the amount of \$12,696.96 as presented by the respective tax collectors. The refunds are the 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-25-1061 (Legion Arms located at 2980 Lebanon Church Road) at an assessed value amount of \$626,800.00 for 2026. The projected tax reduction is -\$4,799.00 for 2026.
- 3. Authorization for Andrews and Price to continue with the District's Residential and Commercial Property Assessment Appeals Program for 2027, with the understanding that the new common level ratio (CLR) will be published in June of this year.

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. Concurrent Enrollment Agreement with LaRoche University beginning August 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027, as presented.
2. Renewal quote from Frontline Technologies Group LLC for Absence & Substitute Management software at a cost of \$11,514.94.
3. Agreement with Adelphoi Education Inc. and the Elizabeth Forward School District regarding the Nonresident Student Placement in the Partial Program at the Middle School for the remainder of the 2025-2026 school year, as presented.
4. MOU with the Pennsylvania Department of Human Services to participate in the School-Based ACCESS Program for the 2026-2027 school year, as presented.
5. * Proposal from Vasco Asphalt Company to pave 31,133 square feet of the Middle School parking lot at a cost of \$92,317.00, through the OMNIA Partners purchasing program.
6. Renewal quote from Lancaster-Lebanon IU13 for Year 3 of the five-year agreement to purchase Microsoft Defender and Copilot licenses at a cost of \$49,513.40.
7. Quote from Carnegie Learning for six (6) years of Spanish language textbooks and associated digital curriculum at a cost of \$20,493.92.
8. Proposal from the Allegheny Intermediate Unit #3 for a three-year Marketing and Strategic Communications Services Addendum from July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2029, at a Year 1 cost of \$66,600.00, with 5.0% increases in Years 2 and 3.
9. Renewal quote from the Pennsylvania School Boards Association for standard membership, policy maintenance, and administrative regulations updates for the 26-27 school year at a cost of \$14,614.06.

It was moved by Donahoe, seconded by Gajdos to approve Section 7B, Items 1-9.

Roll Call: Ahern, Alexandroff, Blazeovich, Donahoe, Englert (Voted "No" to 7.B.3), Gajdos, Kopay, DiCenzo and Squires voted "Aye". MOTION CARRIED

8. FINANCIAL REPORTS

Board action to approve Financial Reports, as listed/presented

- A. Secretary Receipts - \$3,801,674.82
- B. Student Activities - \$188,712.74
- C. Treasurer's Report - \$14,456,200.28
- D. Refunds Subtracted from Expenditures

Account Description	Received From	Amount
Deferred Revenue	Tax Equity Supplement	\$707,756.67
Insurance Copay	Pay Date – 03/20/26	\$43,228.42

Insurance Copay	Individuals	\$76.62
Early Retirement Benefits	AMCA	\$20,698.10
Student Activities Pass Through	Walmart Grant	\$1,000.00
Regular Programs – Retail Production	July-Dec Expenses	\$51,485.00
Special Ed – Titan Shoppe	July-Dec Expenses	\$19,744.43
College Board Testing	AP Tests	\$595.00
Library – Books & Periodicals	Student Obligation – HM	\$21.04
Contracted Medical Services	East Allegheny SD	\$52,928.33
Technology – Repairs & Maintenance	Student Obligations – MS	\$60.00
Spring Musical	Program Ads & Ticket Sales	\$2,038.00
Safety/Security Services – District	Girls Soccer Boosters	\$320.00
Athletics – Supplies – Football	Thomas Shanley	\$500.00

E. Tax Collector’s Report

Tax Type	Received From	Amount	Commission
Property Tax – West Mifflin	Jonathan Hess	\$594,384.85	N/A
Earned Income Tax – West Mifflin	Jordan Tax Service	\$176,751.77	\$1,864.87
Earned Income Tax – Whitaker	Jordan Tax Service	\$9,926.63	\$78.31
Realty Transfer Tax – West Mifflin	Allegheny County	\$31,107.70	\$622.16
Realty Transfer Tax – Whitaker	Allegheny County	\$412.50	\$8.25
Delinquent Realty Tax – West Mifflin	Legal Tax Service	\$15,221.24	\$2,010.05
Delinquent Realty Tax – Whitaker	Legal Tax Service	\$400.00	\$933.62
Del Realty Tax – Act 20 – West Mifflin	Legal Tax Service	\$15.98	N/A
Del Realty Tax – Act 20 – Whitaker	Legal Tax Service	\$15.37	N/A
Del Realty Tax – Civil Action – West Mifflin	Legal Tax Service	\$21,268.65	N/A
Del Realty Tax – Civil Action – Whitaker	Legal Tax Service	\$12,802.93	N/A

F. Online Sales – March

Flag Football	\$18.75
Track	\$18.75
Softball	\$696.75
Baseball	\$932.75
Card Point	\$638.56
MS Musical	\$112.00
MS Musical Ads	\$2,775.00
Breakfast in Emerald City	\$1,325.00
HS Prom	\$7,200.00
Titan Shoppe	\$7,716.73
Titan Gear	\$166.00
Total	\$21,600.29

It was moved by DiCenzo, seconded by Blazeovich 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-336	Filing, Bank, Notary and Parking Fees & Postage	\$950.91
2. Cavaliere Court Reporting, LLC	028	Expulsion Hearing	\$324.00
3. Evashavik Law, LLC	N/A	Expulsion Hearing	\$1,100.00
4. Andrews and Price	18931	March Monthly Retainer	\$1,000.00
5. Andrews and Price	18930, 18936, 18938, 18940, 18929, 18935, 18934, 18926, 18939	March Other Professional Services	\$4,914.00
6. Andrews and Price	18921, 18920, 18941, 18928, 18925, 18923, 18922, 18924, 18932, 18933, 18937, 18927	March Real Estate Related Services	\$2,213.70
7. Andrews and Price	18749	February Litigation	\$12,040.50
8. Legal Tax Service	WSD-337	Filing Fees	\$234.65

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

It was moved by Donahoe, seconded by Blazeovich 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. 2026-2027 Middle School Course of Studies, as presented

B. Settlement Agreement to resolve the litigation filed in the Court of Common Pleas of Allegheny County at GD-24-013431, final document subject to review by the District Solicitor. (Addendum Item)

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

Roll Call: Ahern, Alexandroff, Blazeovich, Donahoe, Englert, Gajdos (Abstained 10.B), Kopay, DiCenzo and Squires voted "Aye". MOTION CARRIED

11. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORTS

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

A. Home & School Visitor's Report – February 2026 & March 2026

B. Student Services

1. Expulsion of student #15713 for a period of one year beginning April 16, 2026, as presented
2. Expulsion of student #16839 for a period of 45 days beginning April 16, 2026, as presented

C. Student Activities

ID	Staff/Bldg.	Activity/Location	#Students	Grade(s)	Date
1823403	Kristen Bonacci/HS	Pre-K Zoo Field Trip/Pgh Zoo	30	11-12	4/29/26
1825714	Carly Ivan/MS	Field Trip to Carpet Skatepark/Pgh	170	4	5/20/26
1826046	Kevin Kocher/HS	Dear Evan Hansen The Musical/ Pittsburgh Musical Theater, Pgh	60	9-12	4/30/26
1826541	Tim Milko/CB	Schoolltime Concert-Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra/Heinz Hall	110	2-3	5/5/26
1827014	Kristen Bonacci/HS	Senior Class Parade/CB, HV, MS, Duquesne K-8	150	12	5/15/26
*1828005	Melissa Prutz/HS	Show Choir performance-Thomas the Apostle Senior group/St. Agnes School	17	10-12	4/7/26
1828430	Terry Whalen/CB	PBIS Reward-Middle School Musical/WMAMS	50	K-3	4/24/26
1828436	Terry Whalen/CB	PBIS Reward to Esports Room/WMAHS	12	3	5/7/26
*1829032	Devon Smeal/HS	Stage Band Performance at Sycamore Estates/Duquesne	14	9-12	4/2/26
1830003	Danielle Onuffer/HV	PBIS Reward-Middle School Musical/WMAMS	19	K-3	4/24/26
1830004	Danielle Onuffer/HV	PBIS/PSSA Reward to Esports Room/WMAHS	12	3	5/7/26
1830102	Jennifer Shields/HS	Campus Visit for ESL Students/Penn State Greater Allegheny	12	11-12	4/21/26
1830639	Mary Bekavac/HV	Sensitive Showing of MS Musical/MS	28	K	4/24/26
1830701	Christine O'Lare/HS	Roots to Rivers with Allegheny Cleanways & Friends of the Riverfront/Duck Hollow	36	9-12	5/8/26
1831128	Deana Wallace/HS	PA ID at DMV/Belle Vernon	4	12	4/27/26
1833870	Tricia Hopchak/MS	Top Golf-Study Island Reward/Bridgeville	30	6	5/15/26
1833883	Tricia Hopchak/MS	Acrisure-Steeler Stem Day/Pgh	40	6	5/6/26
1834595	Jayson Monroe/HS	Whitaker Memorial Day Parade/Whitaker	70	9-12	5/25/26
1835384	Kyra Reinheimer/MS	CBI-Ryan Hacke Park/West Mifflin	46	4-8	5/8/26

D. Student Fundraising Activities

ID	Club	Sponsor	Fundraiser	Use of Funds	Date(s)
1835889	HS Senior/ Junior Classes	Kristen Bonacci/ Ray Rost	Flowers for Graduates	Student Activities	5/18/26- 5/23/26

E. Buildings and Grounds

ID	Location	Date(s)/Time	Purpose/Applicant	Amount Paid
0000	FH Baseball Field	April 19	Baseball Game/Pitt Club Baseball	\$600
1111	FH Baseball Field	May 28, 31; June 6, 10, 13, 17, 20, 21, 22, 25, 28, 29; July 1, 8, 11, 12	Baseball Games/Piranha Baseball	\$300/event \$50/event for lights
620	HS Pool	May 4, 5, 6, 11, 12, 13, 14, 18, 26 (5:00 PM – 8:30 PM)	Family/Open Swim/WM Pool & Aquatics (Laura Dolton)	n/a

F. Conferences

ID	Name/Building	Conference/Location	Date/#Days	Cost	Sub
1828484	Ashley Green/HV	BPSC End of Year Celebration/ Duquesne University	5/13/26 1 day	\$0	Yes
1828503	Lisa Mariano/HV	BPSC End of Year Celebration/ Duquesne University	5/13/26 1 day	\$0	Yes

It was moved by Gajdos, seconded by Englert to approve Section 11, Items A-F.

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 #1825, beginning Monday, March 30, 2026, through Friday, April 17, 2026, under the provisions of the Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA), with dates to be determined as needed
2. Employee #1963, beginning Monday, April 27, 2026, through Friday, May 8, 2026, under the provisions of the Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA), using all sick and PTO days, with any remaining days unpaid.

B. Hires

1. ESY Program Teachers; June 15, 2026 through July 9, 2026 (Monday-Thursday, not July 2, 2026); 8:30 AM-12:30 PM; \$30.75/Hour (2025-26 Homebound rate):

Jessica Pishko (Lead Teacher)	Maribeth Myers (Special Education)
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It was moved by Blazeovich, seconded by Donahoe 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 #470, unpaid days on Friday, March 27, 2026 (half-day PM) and Thursday, April 9, 2026
2. *Employee #3304, unpaid day on Wednesday, April 1, 2026 (half-day PM)
3. *Employee #3087, unpaid days on Thursday, April 2, 2026; and Wednesday, April 29, 2026 through Friday, May 1, 2026

B. Resignations

1. Ryan Thomas, District Maintenance, effective Thursday, April 2, 2026.

- 2. Howard Rowe, Part-time Custodian at Homeville, effective Friday, April 17, 2026

C. Hires/Transfers

- 1. *Brandy Walasik, transfer from High School Custodian on the 3:00 PM – 11:00 PM shift to the posted position of Clara Barton Custodian on the 11:00 AM – 7:00 PM shift, effective Monday, March 23, 2026. Ms. Walasik was the senior qualified bidder for the position.
- 2. *Jennifer Florian, transfer from High School Cafeteria General Worker to the posted position of High School Head Cook, effective Monday, March 30, 2026.
- 3. ESY Program Paraeducators, June 15, 2026 through July 9, 2026 (Monday-Thursday, not July 2, 2026); 8:30 AM-12:30 PM; Individual's 2025-2026 hourly rate as stated in current SEIU contract:

Christy Lilly	Taylor Pruszko
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- 4. ESY Program Paraeducators, June 15, 2026 through July 9, 2026 (Monday-Thursday, not July 2, 2026); 8:30 AM-12:30 PM; at the current substitute rate of \$16.50/hour:

Jeana Applegate	Amanda Bunch
Ilesha Bradshaw	Robin Wyatt

- 5. Lyndsey Jenco, Full-Time Job Coach Paraeducator, effective Friday, April 17, 2026. (Addendum Item – Removed from Agenda)

D. Other

- 1. *Anna Kaiser and Angel Wright, additional ESS Northeast Paraeducators for the 2025-2026 school year
- 2. Enock Kabamba-Nzila, additional Sun Coach Lines Bus Monitor for the 2025-2026 school year
- 3. Kristopher Reinhardt and Noah Queen, additional Kellington Security Staff for the 2025-2026 school year
- 4. 2026 Summer Student Workers, as presented
- 5. Employee #3304, suspended without pay on Tuesday, May 5, 2026 and Wednesday, May 6, 2026

E. Substitutes

- 1. Dennis Tweedle, Custodian, effective Friday, April 17, 2026
- 2. Elizabeth Pazehoski, Custodian, effective Friday, April 17, 2026
- 3. Ken Baurle, Custodian, effective date to be determined

It was moved by Gajdos, seconded by Blazeovich to approve Section 13, Items A-E.

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. ChelseySue Wheeler, High School Assistant Cheer Coach, effective Friday, March 20, 2026
2. Carson Novosel, Middle School Assistant Football Coach, effective Monday, March 30, 2026

It was moved by Blazeovich, seconded by Englert to approve Section 14, Item A.

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 stated that the Health students recently participated in their state level competition. National Technical Honor Society is hosting a blood drive. Steel Center has a new program available for the 2026-2027 school year, Business Innovations and Social Media Marketing. He recognized the students of the month for March, and work-based learning co-op students.

18. SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Mr. Lucas had no report this evening.

19. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:48 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 De Baldo Dr - WM	
Sarah Pellis		MVT