

**Thursday, February 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, 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

- Aubrey Jaskulski, Senior Class President, reported that the senior class had the winter semi-formal with approximately 120 students in attendance. They are starting to plan the senior picnic. Student Secretaries completed another successful Valentine's for Veterans. SAVE Promise completed their Kinduary goals, and the food pantry is all set. TLC is planning a kid's swimming and gym event. Photography club is helping with photos for social media.

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 had questions/comments about the MOU with Carlow University, the progress of the High School auditorium and event security.

Mr. Soles, Mr. Squires and Mr. Blazeovich addressed her questions as they went through the agenda.

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. January 15, 2026 – Discussed Personnel and Legal Issues
- b. January 22, 2026 – Discussed Personnel and Legal Issues

2. Approval of Minutes

- a. January 15, 2026 – Work Session
- b. January 22, 2026 – Regular Board Meeting

3. Updates to the following policies, Second Reading and approval:

- a. #105.2 Exemption from Instruction
- b. #122 Extracurricular Activities
- c. #122.1 Non-curriculum Related, Non-school Sponsored, Student-Initiated Groups
- d. #204 Attendance
- e. #218.1 Weapons
- f. 805 Emergency Preparedness and Response
- g. #805.1 Relations with Law Enforcement Agencies
- h. #805.2 School Security Personnel
- i. #816 District Social Media

4. Meeting Schedule for the 2026/2027 School Year. The primary meeting location will be the West Mifflin Area High School Cafeteria, 91 Commonwealth Avenue, West Mifflin, PA 15122. The secondary meeting site will be the West Mifflin Area High School Auditorium, 91 Commonwealth Avenue, West Mifflin, PA 15122. Please check our website to confirm the exact meeting location. Work Sessions and Regular Meetings will begin at 7:00 p.m.

Work Sessions (Thursdays)

August 6, 2026
 September 10, 2026
 October 8, 2026
 November 12, 2026

January 14 2027
 February 11, 2027
 March 11, 2027
 April 8, 2027
 May 13, 2027
 June 17, 2027

Regular Meetings (Thursdays)

August 13, 2026
 September 17, 2026
 October 15, 2026
 November 19, 2026
 December 7, 2026 (MON)
 Reorganization & Regular

January 21, 2027
 February 18, 2027
 March 18, 2027
 April 15, 2027
 May 19, 2027 (WED)
 June 24, 2027

5. Resolution 2026-04 creating a real estate tax credit of up to \$300.00 for homeowners of the West Mifflin Area School District who volunteer for any fire company within the boundaries of the district, as presented.

6. Resolution 2026-05 authorizing the participation of the district in the Allegheny Intermediate Unit joint purchasing program for potential price advantages of school materials, supplies, equipment and services.

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

Roll Call: Ahern (Voted "No" to 6.A.4), 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. None

B. Purchasing/Contracting

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

1. Permission to advertise for bids for classroom supplies for the 2026-2027 school year.

2. * Renewal of 100 licenses for Adobe Creative Cloud software at a cost of \$2,496.00.

3. Quote from O.Z. Enterprises for preventative maintenance services on building automation systems (BAS) for the period from 4/1/2026 through 3/31/2027, at a cost of \$2,480.00.

4. Quote from D.H. Bertenthal & Sons for two (2) Tomcat Rival Stand-up 20" Disc floor scrubbers for use in the Middle School and High School cafeterias at a cost of \$15,578.00, paid from the Cafeteria Fund.

5. Quote from Sportsman's for 36 Nike Dri-Fit home and away uniforms for the High School girls' soccer team through the COSTARS purchasing program at a cost of \$6,845.00.

It was moved by DiCenzo, seconded by Ahern to approve Section 7B, Items 1-5.

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 - \$1,389,055.74

B. Student Activities - \$240,032.18

C. Treasurer's Report - \$20,081,104.24

D. Refunds Subtracted from Expenditures

Account Description	Received From	Amount
Due To/From Cafeteria	Lunch Hi/Low	\$276,071.94
Due To/From Cafeteria	Reg/Ndy/Breakfast	\$97,140.54
Due To/From Cafeteria	FNS – Lunch	\$8,205.96
Due To/From Cafeteria	FNS – Breakfast-Needy	\$3,304.10
Insurance Copay	Pay Date – 12/26/25	\$42,757.84
Early Retirement Benefits	AMCA	\$20,946.58
Tuition – Cyber/Charter School	Agora Cyber	\$308.82

Supplies – MS	Metco Supply	\$1,495.00
SPEL Grant	Montgomery IU	\$10,000.00
Special Ed Transportation	Reimbursement	\$300.00
Special Ed Tuition – Cyber/Charter	Insight PA Charter	\$587.53
Supplies – HS – Pre-K	HS Pre-K	\$490.00
Food – HS – Pre-K	HS Pre-K	\$210.00
Custodian/Maintenance OT	Basketball Tournament	\$600.00
Custodian/Maintenance OT	Little League Wrestling	\$160.00
Security/Safety Services – HS	Little League Wrestling	\$960.00
Technology – Repairs & Maintenance	Student Obligations – HS	\$55.00
Safety/Security Services – District	Titan Band Boosters	\$400.00
Athletics – Supplies – District	McDonald's Donation	\$250.00

E. Tax Collector's Report

Tax Type	Received From	Amount	Commission
Property Tax – Whitaker	Patricia Pasquantonio	\$16,106.44	N/A
Earned Income Tax – West Mifflin	Jordan Tax Service	\$121,304.53	\$1,464.32
Earned Income Tax – Whitaker	Jordan Tax Service	\$5,755.64	\$60.53
Realty Transfer Tax – West Mifflin	Allegheny County	\$18,488.75	\$369.78
Realty Transfer Tax – Whitaker	Allegheny County	\$2,022.32	\$40.45
Business Privilege Tax – WM (Quarterly)	Legal Tax Service	\$143,530.06	N/A
Business Privilege Tax – WH (Quarterly)	Legal Tax Service	\$2,509.14	N/A
LST – West Mifflin (Quarterly)	Legal Tax Service	\$17,969.69	N/A
Mercantile Tax – West Mifflin (Quarterly)	Legal Tax Service	\$171,239.21	N/A
Delinquent Realty Tax – West Mifflin	Legal Tax Service	\$8,411.43	\$4,032.59
Delinquent Realty Tax – Whitaker	Legal Tax Service	\$850.00	\$839.32
Delinquent Mercantile Tax – West Mifflin	Legal Tax Service	\$3,090.36	\$170.21
Del Bus Privilege Tax – West Mifflin	Legal Tax Service	\$53,399.98	\$2,637.00
Del Realty Tax – Act 20 – West Mifflin	Legal Tax Service	\$594.07	N/A
Del Realty Tax – Act 20 – Whitaker	Legal Tax Service	\$311.34	N/A
Del Realty Tax – Civil Action – West Mifflin	Legal Tax Service	\$46,124.60	N/A
Del Realty Tax – Civil Action – Whitaker	Legal Tax Service	\$12,292.97	N/A

F. Online Sales – January

Boys Basketball	\$102.00
Girls Basketball	\$36.00
Swimming	\$18.00
Wrestling	\$6.00
Card Point	\$418.00
Musical Ads	\$625.00
Semi-Formal	\$2,250.00
Titan Gear	\$96.00
Titan Shoppe	\$2,774.52
Total	\$6,325.52

It was moved by Gajdos, 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. NVOICES/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-332	Commission/Fees for Business Privilege, LST and Mercantile Tax (3 rd Quarter)	\$9,787.91
2. Legal Tax Service	WSD-333	Filing, Notary and Bank Fees, Parking and Postage	\$99.85
3. Andrews and Price	18235	January Monthly Retainer	\$1,000.00
4. Andrews and Price	18237, 18243, 18226, 18245, 18225, 18232, 18230, 18229, 18227, 18228	January Real Estate Related Services	\$4,353.65
5. Andrews and Price	18236	January Middle School Litigation	\$154.00
6. Andrews and Price	18234, 18239, 18241, 18242, 18244, 18233, 18238, 18240, 18231	January Other Professional Services	\$2,828.00
7. Andrews and Price	17903, 17844, 17904, 17885	January Other Litigation	\$11,754.00
8. Babst and Calland	1571785	MS Litigation Mediation	\$1,198.33
9. Calaiaro Valencik	43291	Century III RE Tax Settlement	\$3,430.00

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

It was moved by Donahoe, seconded by Ahern 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. Proposal for Freshmen and Sophomore Classes to attend a 1-day field trip to Cedar Point on May 26, 2026, as presented.
- B. Create and recognize a Bowlers Booster Group for the 2025-2026 school year. All documentation has been received per Policy #919.
- C. Recognize the Softball Booster Group for the 2025-2026 school year. All documentation has been received per Policy #919.
- D. Memorandum of Understanding for facility usage with Carlow University beginning February 18, 2026, through December 31, 2026, as presented.

It was moved by Blazeovich, seconded by Donahoe to approve Section 10, Items A-D.

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. Home & School Visitor's Report – January 2026

B. Student Activities

ID	Staff/Bldg.	Activity/Location	#Students	Grade(s)	Date
*1786800	Melissa Prutz/HS	Shakespeare Monologue Competition/Pittsburgh Public Theater	8-10	10-12	2/5/26
1787463	Kristin Wilson/CB	Kindergarten Field Trip/Kamin Science Center, Pgh	56	K	4/1/26
*1787797	Jayson Monroe/HS	McKeesport Groundhog's Day Band Festival/McKeesport Area HS	30	9-12	2/10/26
1792498	Kyra Reinheimer/MS	CBI-Portable Planetarium/MS Auditorium	30	4-8	3/5/26
1796073	Lucas Krajack/MS	ESSPA Creative Writing Kickoff/Gateway Middle School	4	6-8	2/20/26
1798794	Thomas Weir/HS	Pittsburgh Pirates JROTC Color Guard and Youth Day/PNC Park	40	9-12	4/16/26
1799072	Brian Getz/HS	Seton Hill University Esports Competition/Seton Hill University	4	9-12	2/28/26
1799716	Amanda Monzak/MS	Virtual Civics Bowl/MS ACE room	4	4-5	3/3/26
1800114	Jennifer Shields/HS	NHS Volunteer at Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank/Duquesne	20	9-12	2/27/26
*1800118	Jennifer Shields/HS	WPIBL Singles Qualifiers/AMF Mt. Lebanon	1	10	2/18/26
1800555	Alexis Zywan/HS	StuCo PASC Region B Conference/Deer Lakes HS	10	9-12	4/7/26
1800740	Lucas Krajack/MS	ESSPA Student Congress/Greensburg Salem MS	4	6-8	3/31/26
1801502	Christine O'Lare/HS	Woodland Hills Multidistrict Student Summit/Penn State Greater Allegheny	14	9-12	3/13/26
1801511	Christine O'Lare/HS	Eradicate Hate Student Summit Reconvening/Acrisure Stadium	10	9-12	3/9/26
1801604	Michele Marks/MS	Field Trip-Zone 28/Pittsburgh	140	7	5/19/26
1801720	Nina Ruffing/MS	Children's Museum/Pittsburgh	35	6	4/7/26
1802633	Deana Wallace/HS	Project Prom Shoppe/Penn Hills	2	12	3/19/26
1804072	Tom Ruffing/HS	NACA National College Fair/Pgh	226	11	3/25/26
1804323	Anna Kudla/HS	Pop Culture Club-Steel City Con Field Trip/Monroeville Convention Center	38	9-12	4/10/26
1804983	Amanda Monzak/MS	Math 24 Competition/Harrison MS-Baldwin	2	6	4/10/26

C. Student Fundraising Activities

ID	Club	Sponsor	Fundraiser	Use of Funds	Date(s)
*1791423	HS Freshman Class	Ray Rost	Doublegood Popcorn Fundraiser	Cedar Point Trip	2/13/26-3/13/26
*1795756	HS Musical	Devon Smeal	Homeville Trolley Stop Spirit Night	Club Activities	2/9/26
*1796602	MS Student Activities	Stacy Galiyas	Triangle Bar Hoagie Sale	Club Activities	2/10/26-2/20/26

D. Buildings and Grounds

ID	Location	Date(s)/Time	Purpose/Applicant	Amount Paid
612	HS Pool	March 2, 5, 9, 16, 19, 23, 26, 30, 31 (5:15 PM – 8:00 PM)	Family/Open Swim/Family Events/WM Pool & Aquatics (Laura Dolton)	n/a
613	HS Pool	March 17, 18, 24, 25 (5:00 PM – 8:30 PM)	Swim Lessons/Makeup Lessons/WM Pool & Aquatics (Laura Dolton)	n/a

E. Conferences

ID	Name/Building	Conference/Location	Date/#Days	Cost	Sub
*1784544	Kayla Axelson/HV	ECRI Tier 3 Intensification Training/PaTTAN	2/4/26 1 day	\$0	Yes
*1787510	Jessica Pishko	Cyclical Cycling/HS	1/29/26 .5 day	\$0	Yes
1791808	Justin Sickles/HS	American Chemical Society Spring 2026/Atlanta GA	3/22/26-3/25/26 3 days	\$0	Yes
1793858	Dr. Jeff Solomon/Admin	Western PA Assistant Superintendent's Spring Forum/Seven Springs	3/11/26-3/13/26 2 days	\$411.98	No
1795184	Laura Dolton/HS	Mental Health and Student Athletes: Managing the Invisible Injury/PPG Arena	4/15/26 1 day	\$0	Yes
1796542	Heather Vidic/CB	Supporting Students with Dyslexia/AIU Waterfront	2/23/26 1 day	\$0	Yes
1799517	Ashley Green/HV	PBIS Coaches Network & PLC Meetings/AIU Waterfront	3/9/26 1 day	\$0	Yes
1799525	Danielle Onuffer/HV	PBIS Coaches Network & PLC Meetings/AIU Waterfront	3/9/26 1 day	\$0	Yes
1800714	Robert Boyle/Admin	PAIU School Safety Conference/ Penn State University	3/12/26-3/13/26 2 days	\$708.02	No
1801214	Justin Sickles/HS	SciTech Days-STEAM/Kamin Science Center	3/12/26 1 day	\$0	Yes
1801274	Jodie Lyons/MS	PBIS Coaches Network & PLC Meetings/AIU Waterfront	3/9/26 1 day	\$0	No
1801275	Lisa Lyon/MS	PBIS Coaches Network & PLC Meetings/AIU Waterfront	3/9/26 1 day	\$0	No
1801307	Michele Kameg/MS	PBIS Coaches Network & PLC Meetings/AIU Waterfront	3/9/26 1 day	\$0	No
1801322	Nina Garden/MS	EBPs in Mathematics/AIU Waterfront	3/31/26 1 day	\$0	Yes
1801431	Sarah Butko/Admin	2026 PAEOP Spring Conference and Executive Board Meeting/Harrisburg	4/14/26-4/17/26 4 days	\$972.41	No

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

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. None

13. NON-CERTIFIED PERSONNEL

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

A. Leaves of Absence

1. *Employee #3972, unpaid day on Friday, February 6, 2026 and Thursday, February 12, 2026
2. *Employee #3811, unpaid day on Monday, January 26, 2026
3. *Employee #519, unpaid day on Monday, January 26, 2026
4. *Employee #3196, unpaid day on Monday, January 26, 2026
5. *Employee #3817, unpaid day on Sunday, January 25, 2026
6. *Employee #3304, unpaid days on Thursday, January 22, 2026, Friday, January 23, 2026; and Tuesday, February 10, 2026 (half-day AM)
7. *Employee #3634, unpaid day on Monday, January 26, 20026
8. *Employee #3709, unpaid day on Monday, January 26, 2026
9. *Employee #3034, unpaid day on Monday, January 26, 2026
10. *Employee #3958, unpaid day on Monday, January 26, 2026 (half-day AM)

B. Hires/Transfers

1. *Jalen Achilles, transfer from part-time Paraeducator at Homeville to the posted position of full-time Paraeducator at the Middle School, effective Monday, February 2, 2026. Ms. Achilles was the senior qualified bidder for the posted position.

C. Other

1. Andrea Horton, additional Kellington Security Staff for the 2025-2026 school year
2. Additional bus and van drivers for Sun Coach Lines for the 2025-2026 school year:

Noah Evans-Shalhoob	Bus Driver
Jacob Gallimore	Van Driver
Steven Malackany	Van Driver
James McNeil	Bus Driver
Kelly Rush	Bus Driver

D. Substitutes

1. Deanna Lesutis, Custodian, effective Friday, February 20, 2026
2. Steven Hecht, Custodian, effective Friday, February 20, 2026

It was moved by DiCenzo, seconded by Ahern to approve Section 13, Items A-D.

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. Hires

1. *Melissa Conrad, Intramural Empower Program Instructor – Games, Games, Games, effective Tuesday, February 17, 2026
2. Justin Sickles, High School Boys Tennis Assistant Coach, effective Friday, February 20, 2026

B. Other

1. Judith Minydzak, Volunteer Middle School Assistant Softball Coach, effective Friday, February 20, 2026
2. Eric Link, Volunteer High School Assistant Baseball Coach, effective Friday, February 20, 2026

It was moved by Blazeovich, seconded by DiCenzo 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 litigation and lawfully privileged information.

17. BOARD REPORTS

A. Committees

Committee reports were given at the Work Session.

B. Steel Center

Mr. Donahoe reported that the cosmetology clinic launched on January 8th. U.S. Steel career exploration students got an inside look during a visit to Clairton Works and Irwin Works. About 60 automotive students attended the World of Wheels at the convention center.

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The phlebotomy students hosted a friends and family day to help achieve their required number of blood draws. Lastly, he listed Students of the Month for December, the Top of the Shop awards for 1st semester, the Extra-Effort Awards for 1st semester and the Work Place Co-Ops 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

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Board of School Directors
West Mifflin Area School District

Name	Address	Organization Representing (If Any)
Barb Gregory	666 DeBaldu Dr. W.M	
Diana Stanesic	2803 Colsony Lane East	
Sarah Pellis		MVI