
WEST SHORE SCHOOL DISTRICT

Lewisberry, PA

January 9, 2025

The West Shore School Board met in regular session at 6:30 p.m. with President Brent presiding.

The following members were present: Brinton, Cox, Davis, Guistwhite, Kambic, Thomas, Tierney (remote), and Trone.

Administrators present: Stoltz, Gay, Argot, Boone, Sanders, Unti, Long, and Ryan. Solicitor: Hall.

Recognition by the
Board

Mr. Trone featured a second-grade field trip to the Pennsylvania State Farm Show.

Mr. Brinton highlighted the District's newly sworn in elected state officials.

Mrs. Brent gave a Shout Out to those who helped a homeless family.

Dr. Stoltz thanked everyone for adjusting to the weather-related schedule changes, featured participation in the Cumberland County Band Festival held at Messiah University, and presented Board members with a token of appreciation in honor of School Directors Recognition month.

Opportunity for
Students to Speak on
Business Items

No students addressed the Board.

Opportunity for the
Public to Speak on
Business Items

Sandra Gonzalez, York Haven, encouraged the Board members to scrutinize expenses during the year before the budget is developed and highlighted her concerns with features in the new schools.

Danielle Gross, Etters, encouraged Board members to vote for the budget resolution.

Audit Review

James Farano, Boyer and Ritter, provided an overview of the 2023-2024 audit reports.

Board Reports

Mrs. Brent shared some of the information from the recent District Advisory Council meeting.

Personnel

Motion:

It was moved by Mrs. Davis and seconded by Mrs. Cox that the Board of School Directors approves Item 5.a.1. through Item 5.a.13. Motion carried on a roll call vote 9-0.

2025-2026 Budget
Resolution

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Guistwhite and seconded by Mr. Trone that the Board of School Directors adopts the attached resolution indicating the District will not raise property taxes by more than the 4.8% adjusted index for 2025-2026. By doing this, the Board of School Directors understands the following: (1) the District foregoes the preliminary budget process in January-February 2025 and is instead only subject to the traditional June budget timeline, (2) the District cannot seek referendum exceptions from PDE or the Court of Common Pleas to raise taxes beyond its index, and (3) the District cannot ask voters in the May primary election to authorize increasing any tax rates beyond 4.8%. Motion carried on a roll call vote 8-1, with Mrs. Thomas voting in the negative.

Information Items

Dr. Stoltz previewed the January 16 Board agenda.

Mrs. Boone provided additional details on the budget for 2025-2026.

Dr. Argot shared proposed revisions to Board Policy 109: Resource Adoption.

Dr. Stoltz provided an overview of the proposed 2025-2026 School Calendar.

Opportunity for
Students to Speak on
General Items

No students addressed the Board.

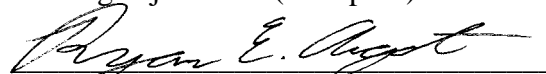
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General Items

Sandra Gonzalez, York Haven, shared concerns about design features in the new schools and shared her perspective on budgeting.

Barry Ritchey, Etters, expressed concern about a boy in a girls' bathroom at Red Land High School.

Adjournment

There being no further business, President Brent declared the meeting adjourned. (7:44 p.m.)



Dr. Ryan E. Argot, Secretary