
Highlights from the August 15, 2018 Regular Meeting of the Wayne RESA Board of Education.

The Board received the following presentations:

Aspiring Administrator Academy – Co-facilitators Leonard Rezmierski and Syndee Malek provided the Board with an overview of the program, now in its 6th year. This program, which is unique to Wayne County, provides Wayne County teachers aspiring to be administrators with a very comprehensive overview and experience of what the role of a District / Building Administrator entails.

Dr. Leonard Rezmierski, Wayne RESA Superintendent Support Administrator, also provided an overview of the many programs and areas of support that he has provided to the Wayne County Superintendents, Boards of Education and others during the 2017-18 school year.

The Wayne RESA Board of Education approved the following items on the Consent Agenda:

Approved the following external applicant(s) for the position(s):

Paul Bobrowski, Application Database Analyst, effective July 16, 2018.

Ashley Dunford, Application Support Technician, effective July 30, 2018.

Nandini Vaishnav, Finance and Budget Director Residency, effective July 30, 2018.

Beverly Rodgers, Secretary, effective August 7, 2018.

Vita Lusk, Special Education Consultant, effective August 21, 2018.

Rhonda Walker, Early Childhood Specialist, effective August 13, 2018.

Asha Williams, Literacy Coaching Consultant, effective August 13, 2018.

Nathan Spencer, Science Consultant, effective August 14, 2018.

Kathryn Munoz, Secretary, effective August 15, 2018.

Amy Jones, Secretary, effective August 21, 2018.

Approved the following leave(s):

Christina Kujawa, Special Education Consultant, Family/Medical Leave, effective July 23, 2018.

Steven Michael, Connectivity/Network Consultant, Family/Medical Leave, effective August 6, 2018.

Sudha Addepalli, Application Architect, Family/Medical Leave, effective August 9, 2018.

Tanya Owen, English Learner Program Facilitator, Unpaid Personal Leave, effective September 4, 2018.

Approved the following return from leave(s):

Donna Adams, Secretary, Family/Medical Leave, effective June 26, 2018.

William Heldmyer, TV Producer Director, Family/Medical Leave, effective July 11, 2018.

Approved the following reclassification(s):

Samkit Shah, Application Programmer, (from Track 3) to Application Programmer Analyst (Track 3.5) effective June 15, 2018.

Approved the removal of the following representative to the Wayne County Parent Advisory Committee at the request of the local district. This is effective August 15, 2018.

Kimberly Schwebes	Trenton Public Schools
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Approved the appointment of the following representative(s) to the Wayne County Parent Advisory Committee (WCPAC) for a three-year term. Effective for the period August 15, 2018 through June 30, 2021.

Samantha Shafer	Southgate Community Schools
Michelle Muse-Worthy	Southgate Community Schools
Clare Brick	Dearborn Public Schools
Eilia Syed	Dearborn Public Schools
Jamie Czernik	Trenton Public Schools
Philip Czernik	Trenton Public Schools
Jamie LaForest	Wyandotte Public Schools
Victoria Martinez	Wyandotte Public Schools

Approved the following actual and necessary expenses incurred by Wayne RESA Board members in discharging their official duties and in performing functions as authorized by the Board July 1, 2018 through July 31, 2018: Mary Blackmon, \$85.02; Danielle Funderburg, \$13.73; Lynda Jackson, \$43.60; James Petrie, \$131.06

Approved payment to the Detroit Public School Community District in the amount of \$27,082.71 for 2017-18 PBIS final expense payment.

Approved additional payments of Act 18 funds for the 2015-2016 operating year, to the following school districts operating special education center programs.

Van Buren Public Schools	\$42,112
Westwood Community School District	\$47,081
Total	\$89,193

Approved Act 18 payments, to be paid in ten monthly installments to school districts operating special education center programs for estimated allowable costs for the 2018-2019 fiscal year for a total amount not to exceed \$138,965,260.

School District	Amount	School District	Amount
Allen Park Public Schools	\$584,790	School District of the City of Dearborn	\$8,883,794
Detroit Public Schools Community District	\$35,396,034	Garden City Public Schools	\$8,473,515
Grosse Pointe Public Schools	\$6,072,839	Huron School District	\$1,113,548
School District of the City of Lincoln Park	\$8,461,024	Livonia Public Schools	\$10,662,727
Northville Public Schools	\$8,231,673	Plymouth-Canton Community Schools	\$3,971,364
Redford Union Schools	\$7,166,263	Southgate Community Schools	\$4,533,389
Taylor School District	\$2,702,489	Trenton Public Schools	\$3,092,539
Van Buren Public Schools	\$1,474,697	Wayne-Westland Comm. Schools	\$8,608,548
Westwood Community Schools	\$300,266	Woodhaven-Brownstown Schools	\$2,782,656
School District of the City of Wyandotte	\$16,453,105	Total All Districts	\$138,965,260

Approved entering into an agreement with Greenberg Quinlan Rosner Research for polling work related to school funding and the enhancement millage renewal, in an amount not to exceed \$40,600.

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Approved written agreements with each of the following agencies and school districts for implementation of Early On activities in the amount of \$1,261,500 for the period July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019.

Agency	Amount
Chitter Chatter	\$410,000
Detroit Public Schools Community District	\$34,000
Development Centers Inc.	\$350,000
Grosse Pointe Public Schools	\$23,000
Leaps and Bounds	\$87,000
Wayne County Department of Public Health	\$312,000
Wayne Westland Community Schools	\$45,500
Total:	\$1,261,500

Approved entering into a contract with Michigan Association of Counties (MAC) Service Corporation, Lansing, MI for Food Service Consulting and Training Services, for the period July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2021 in an amount not to exceed \$35,000 annually.

Approved entering into a contract with the community based organizations listed below, in the amount indicated, for operating Great Start Readiness Programs (GSRP) for the period October 1, 2018 through September 30, 2019.

Community Based Organizations	Amount
Busy Minds Child Care Center	\$116,000
Antioch Learning Center	\$116,000
Bright Beginnings/COTS	\$116,000

Approved entering into a contract with HighScope COR Advantage, Ypsilanti, MI for assessment licenses in an amount not to exceed \$90,000 for the period October 1, 2018 through September 30, 2019.

Approved entering into a contract with Carol Hanner (Carol Hanner, LLC.), Plymouth, MI for Career and Technical Education (CTE) technical support in an amount not to exceed \$37,500 for the period September 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019.

Approved an amendment to Board Recommendation #105-17-18 and #175-17-18 for reimbursement of allowable added costs for individual Student Aides employed during the 2017-18 school year, not to exceed the amounts listed below, to the following school districts and public school academies.

LEA/PSA	Original Amount	New Amount
Detroit Public Safety Academy	\$17,847	\$19,186
Detroit Public Schools Community District	\$1,327,385	\$1,328,527
Flat Rock Community Schools	\$90,232	\$91,188
Grosse Ile Township Schools	\$102,511	\$125,354
Hamtramck, School District of the City of	\$22,844	\$25,794
Jalen Rose Leadership Academy	\$19,988	\$26,084
Lincoln Park, School District of the City of	\$48,543	\$69,816
Plymouth Educational Center Charter School	\$27,541	\$29,989
Redford Union Schools	\$366,611	\$379,763
Riverview Community School District	\$49,970	\$56,428
Romulus Community Schools	\$328,444	\$348,427
Southgate Community School District	\$331,792	\$443,722
Summit Academy	\$0.00	\$14,318

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Summit Academy North	\$0.00	\$122,443
Trillium Academy	\$75,392	\$76,872
Woodhaven-Brownstown School District	\$339,425	\$346,708
Totals	\$3,148,525	\$3,504,619

Approved an amendment to Board Recommendations #207-17-18 to increase the amounts indicated for the following sub-recipients operating Great Start Readiness Programs (GSRP) for the period October 1, 2018 through September 30, 2019.

Agency	Original Amount	New Amount
Alawie Educational Services	\$478,500	\$493,000
Blossom Learning Center	\$108,750	232,000
TOTAL	\$587,250	\$725,000

Approved an amendment to Board Recommendation #34-17-18 to increase the contract amount with Staff Development for Educators (SDE), LLC from \$378,992 to an amount not to exceed \$402,357 for the period September 1, 2017 through August 31, 2018.

Approved payment of the Administrative Outreach Program Medicaid Claim reimbursement to the following local School Districts for services to Medicaid eligible Special Education students, in the amount of \$126,899.07. This amount reflects payment for quarter October 2017 through December 2017, and is determined by the Department of Health and Human Services.

DISTRICT/LEA	AMOUNT	DISTRICT/LEA	AMOUNT
Allen Park Public Schools	\$2,815.30	Melvindale-North Allen Park Schools	\$1,418.00
Crestwood School District	\$2,031.38	Northville Public Schools	\$8,563.28
Dearborn City School District	\$13,081.61	Plymouth-Canton Community Schools	\$6,860.53
Dearborn Heights School District #7	\$2,810.26	Redford Union Schools, District No. 1	\$5,717.33
Ecorse Public Schools	\$1,016.88	School District of the City of River Rouge	\$819.16
Flat Rock Community Schools	\$2,050.27	Riverview Community School District	\$896.04
Garden City Public Schools	\$5,954.00	Romulus Community Schools	\$1,883.36
Gibraltar School District	\$1,264.08	South Redford School District	\$1,717.36
Grosse Ile Township Schools	\$1,755.71	Southgate Community School District	\$3,478.65
Grosse Pointe Public Schools	\$6,893.80	Taylor School District	\$3,790.38
School District of the City of Hamtramck	\$2,091.81	Trenton Public Schools	\$3,745.35
School District of the City of Harper Woods	\$917.98	Van Buren Public Schools	\$2,708.29
Huron School District	\$1,586.37	Wayne-Westland Community School District	\$11,955.81
School District of the City of Lincoln Park	\$7,385.16	Westwood Community School District	\$1,688.34
Livonia Public Schools School District	\$7,468.46	Woodhaven-Brownstown School District	\$5,890.89
		School District of the City of Wyandotte	\$6,643.23
		TOTAL:	\$126,899.07

Approved payments to MAISL Trust for property, casualty and liability insurance in the amount of \$47,795.

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Approved payments to AJ Gallagher Risk Management Services for Cyber Liability insurance in the amount of \$47,187.50.

Approved entering into a contract with Barbara Cronk, Taylor, MI, as a third-party examiner to conduct Commercial Driver's License (CDL) road tests not to exceed the amount of \$40,000 for the period July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019.

The Board also considered the following Action Item(s):

Approved a compensation adjustment for Wayne RESA Superintendent Randy Liepa, effective July 1, 2018.

Approved the termination of Nkoh Gaston, English Learner Program Facilitator, effective August 3, 2018.

Superintendent's Comments

Dr. Randy Liepa:

- As he has been meeting with Superintendents over the summer it is now obvious that they are gearing up for the new school year. Principals are starting to return and kick-off activities are being planned.
- Thanked the Board for a great retreat meeting in July. He appreciated the feedback, and felt the meeting was a very productive and a good use of time.
- Noted that the hiring process at WRESA is time consuming, but very thorough. He commended the administrators before him that worked to establish the process we follow, as it has proven itself by the quality staff that are being hired. As we continue to fill positions, we are trying to be very sensitive and somewhat flexible with starting dates if we are hiring staff from the local schools districts.
- Invited the Board to come to the first Wayne County School Superintendents Association (WCSSA) meeting, scheduled for Friday, August 17, 2018, for a brief meet and greet. There is only one new superintendent joining the group this year.
- Recently attended the Second Annual Midwest Forum for Equity, Opportunity and Inclusive Practices in Southeast Michigan. Staff from Washtenaw, Oakland and Kent ISD's were also in attendance and it was great to walk out with new learning and a commitment to work together and learn from each other.
- He and others from the School Finance Research Collaborative attended a Michigan Education Justice Coalition meeting on Saturday. There were representatives in attendance from Detroit, Grand Rapids, Flint and Pontiac. The purpose of the meeting was to come together to discuss communication strategies around the Adequacy Study results.
- The Tri-County Alliance (TCA) Executive Board held a planning meeting last week. It was a good session and a great reaffirmation that the goal of having a voice in Lansing and a voice for the students in Southeast Michigan is important.
- Briefed the Board on a board recommendation in their packets to approve an agreement with a polling firm for research related to school funding and the renewal of the Wayne County Enhancement Millage. There were three questions that were related to the renewal of the millage in this poll.

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