



Wayne Regional Educational Service Agency  
Board of Education

**Regular Meeting**

**May 15, 2019**

33500 Van Born Road · Wayne, Michigan 48184

**MINUTES**

**A. Call to Order**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency was called to order by President Jackson in the Education Center, 33500 Van Born Road, Wayne, Michigan on May 15, 2019 at 8:51 a.m., following the separate budget hearing meeting.

**B. Roll Call**

Present: James Beri, Mary Blackmon, Danielle Funderburg, Lynda Jackson and James Petrie

**C. Pledge of Allegiance** –President Jackson led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**D. Approval of Agenda**

Member Petrie supported by Member Beri, moved to approve the agenda, as presented. On voice vote, the motion carried 5-0.

**E. Public Participation** – None.

**F.** Tracey Wright, Executive Director – Human Resources, introduced the following new staff:

- Johnnie Stowers, Tech Assistant, effective April 8, 2019.
- Rebecca Williams, Bookkeeper, effective April 16, 2019.
- Paige Harter, Secretary, effective April 15, 2019.

**G. Special Recognition:** *Wayne County Parent Advisory Committee Honorees*

Eileen Brandt, incoming Chairperson of Wayne County Parent Advisory Committee, along with the parent advocates and Wayne RESA Board of Education, recognized select individuals for their exemplary efforts in making a difference in the lives of children with special needs. Certificates of Special Recognition were presented to the following individuals:

- Dr. Jennifer Taiariol and Rita Magdowski – nominated by Laurie Huntington (Westwood Rep)
- Ralph Bunche Special Education Team: Omobola Akintude, Tamara Jones-Jackson, Michelle Sanders, Michelle White, Louise McDonald, Adriana Ayala – nominated by Sharon Woodson (Ecorse Rep)
- Dawn Spicer – nominated by April Turnbull (Van Buren)
- Kristen Hawrat and Dr. Menhem Aouad – nominated by Maha Jaber (Crestwood Rep)
- Cappi Marshall – nominated by Jennifer Seal (Garden City)
- Laura Pluff, Kimberly Colaizzi, Casey Loiselle – nominated by Kara Clarke
- Kelly and Dave Herman & Sandra Sands– nominated by Jacqueline Dalzell (Romulus)
- Dawn Kinnell – nominated by Eileen Brandt

President Jackson called for a recess at 9:28 a.m. The meeting reconvened at 9:37 a.m.

## H. President's Remarks and Board Comments

### President Jackson :

- Shared the following Wayne County highlights:
  - Wayne-Westland has developed an app for phones that will track district busses on their routes.
  - Congratulations to Lincoln Park for the passing of a \$61M bond
  - Grosse Pointe students recently participated in the Great Kindness Challenge.
- Attended the Annual Metro Bureau Dinner on Friday, May 10, along with her colleagues. It was a very nice event and she enjoyed the keynote speaker Carol Cain, Detroit Free Press columnist.

### Member Blackmon:

- Expressed condolences to:
  - the family of Pam Adams, former Dearborn Public Schools Board Member. Ms. Adams dedicated many years to the Dearborn Board and was an outstanding advocate for public education.
  - Laurie Hicks in the loss of her husband.
  - the family of Judge Damon Keith, the longest serving Federal judge.
- She and Member Funderburg attended the leaders only session of the Coalition of Schools Educating Boys of Color (COSEBOC) conference. Member Blackmon shared that it was a very powerful and eye opening experience.
- Nominations for the 2019 Shining Light Awards are being accepted until June 21. The three award categories are: young leader, unsung hero and lifetime achievement. Member Blackmon expressed that there is a lot of talent in Wayne County and encouraged everyone to consider nominating someone. She also noted that the location of the event would be changing – more to come.
- SEMCOG Bicycle Safety Education videos are on the SEMCOG website.
- The Board meeting last month at Burger was outstanding. She noted that the building is very well maintained. She added that the students and staff were very outgoing and believes that the Board's interest in them and their facility meant a lot to them.

### Member Funderburg:

- Concurred with Member Blackmon that the COSEBOC Conference was, in fact, extremely powerful. She only attended the Leaders session, but plans to attend more sessions in the future. She also had an opportunity to attend an evening networking event.
- She and Member Blackmon also attended the Macomb County School Board Association Education Leadership Dinner. It was a very nice event and it gave her some ideas that she may suggest to incorporate in our own Wayne County annual school board event.

### Member Beri:

- Concurred with Member Blackmon that the Board meeting last month at Burger was wonderful. The tour of the Assistive Technology program was great and the staff and students were outstanding.

### Member Petrie:

- Shared that Representative Haley Stevens visited and toured Livonia special education classrooms last week to get a look at how IDEA funds are being utilized in the classroom.
- Expressed his appreciation to his colleagues for attending the Dinner Meeting with Oakland Schools Board last month. The presentation from SEMCOG on population forecast was quite interesting.
- Attended, along with his colleagues, the MASB/WCASB Annual Awards dinner. It was a wonderful event, hosted by Livonia Public Schools this year. The WRESA Board received an award of recognition.

**I. Communications - None.**

**J. Superintendent's Report**

Executive Director Kathy Merry

- Still waiting for the House version of the budget.
- The TCA 2019 Policy Conference was held last week. Governor Whitmer was the keynote speaker and she signed the Snow Days bill at the meeting.
- House Education just passed a bill to change high school graduation requirements.
- The bill to start school before Labor Day moved out of the House Education committee. This same bill eliminates the common calendar. In addition, another bill that eliminates the need for a public hearing with regard to starting school before Labor Day was also passed out of committee. It is unsure whether they will move out of the House.
- 31N funding will be available through WRESA to local districts for the purpose of increasing mental health services to general education students. WRESA will be sending out necessary district requirements and application information next week.

Deputy Superintendent Steve Ezikian

- 31N – this statewide allocation is to be split evenly amongst ISDs and then made available to districts that can commit to a 20% match and to sustaining the program or services.
- COSEBOC – We had 22 staff that attended and a number of staff who presented at this conference. Next year the conference will be in Seattle. It was noted that WRESA had the largest contingent of people attending. Steve plans to debrief with staff that attended on May 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- Rob McCoy, WRESA Facilities Manager, provided an overview of the Burger-Baylor parking lot project. He shared background about the engineering report conducted by Barton Malow which revealed the root cause for the current issues being inadequate drainage. He also reviewed the proposed plans to install a bio retention system to avoid future problems with the new parking lot. Pending board approval, the work will begin this summer, will be done in four phases and is expected to be completed in July 2020.

Superintendent Randy Liepa

- Non-bargaining compensation – Dr. Liepa provided some background information for the Board and noted that this is annually brought to the Board for approval for those that are not part of a bargaining unit.
- Aspiring Administrator Academy (A3). Each year this program for teachers aspiring to become administrators culminates with a graduation ceremony, including an opportunity for participants to meet with HR Directors and other administrators from surrounding districts. This year there were 15 districts that participated with a total of 25 applicants. As usual, this year's program was very successful. Dr. Liepa commended Len Rezmierski and Syndee Malek for their outstanding work in co-facilitating this program for the past six years.

**K. Consent Agenda**

Member Blackmon, supported by Member Beri, moved to approve the Consent Agenda, as presented. On voice vote, motion carried 5-0. Items include approval of:

- Superintendent's Recommendations
- April 17, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes
- WRESA April Check Register
- Inkster April Check Register
- Outstanding Investments, Revenues & Expenditures
- Pre and Post Travel

**187-18-19**

The Board approved the following internal applicant(s) for the position(s):

- Stacey Griffith, Secretary (12-month), effective May 6, 2019.

**188-18-19**

The Board approved the following external applicant(s) for the position(s):

- Iwona Laskowski, Bookkeeper, effective May 6, 2019.
- Tracie Rizzo, Secretary, effective May 13, 2019.
- Kimber Ardaiz, Human Resource Assistant, effective May 20, 2019.

**189-18-19**

The Board approved the following leave(s):

- Angela Schulz, Business Services-Business Analyst, Intermittent Family/Medical Leave, effective February 7; March 20; and April 10, 2019.
- Donna Adams, Secretary, Family/Medical Leave, effective April 12, 2019.
- Peggy Liepa, Business Services-Business Analyst, Intermittent Family/Medical Leave, effective April 12; May 3; and May 10, 2019.
- Jacki Campbell, Student Application Business Analyst, Family/Medical Leave, effective April 17, 2019.

**190-18-19**

The Board approved the following return from leave(s):

- Michelle Boury, Business Services-Business Analyst, Family/Medical Leave, effective April 22, 2019.
- Donna Adams, Secretary, Family/Medical Leave, effective April 22, 2019.

**191-18-19**

The Board approved the following reclassification(s):

- James C. Stalbaum, Network Analyst, (from Schedule F) to Senior Network Analyst (Schedule G) effective March 7, 2019.

**192-18-19**

The Board 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 April 1, 2019 through April 30, 2019: Danielle Funderburg, \$56.26; Lynda Jackson, \$23.20; Jim Petrie, \$87.44.

**193-18-19**

The Board to approved a contract with KnowledgeWorks to provide support for the Michigan Department of Education under the terms of the MDE-WRESA ISD Collaboration Grant in the amount of \$61,800 for the period March 1, 2019 through September 30, 2019.

**194-18-19**

The Board approved a renewal contract with Sonya Adams, Garden City, MI, for provision of processing referrals for Child Find services in Wayne County in the amount of \$30,000 for the period July 1, 2019, through June 30, 2020.

**195-18-19**

The Board approved a renewal contract with Kelley Cawthorne for legislative consulting and legal services in the amount of \$4,500 per month, for a total of \$54,000 for the period July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020.

**196-18-19**

The Board approved entering into an Agreement with Nagle Paving Company, Novi, MI for Burger Baylor Parking Lot Replacement Project in the amount of \$2,638,789.

**197-18-19**

The Board approved written agreements with each of the following agencies and school districts, in the amounts indicated, for implementation of Early On activities for a total amount of \$1,577,000 for the period July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020.

Agency	Amount
Chitter Chatter	\$530,000
Detroit Public Schools Community District	\$50,000
Development Centers Inc.	\$406,000
Grosse Pointe Public Schools	\$46,000
Leaps and Bounds	\$78,000
Wayne County Department of Public Health	\$430,000
Wayne Westland Community School District	\$37,000
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$1,577,000</b>

**198-18-19**

The Board approved an amendment to Board Recommendation #42-18-19 to reimburse the following ISD and districts, in the amounts indicated, for Region 25 grant activities identified as approved under the federal Carl D. Perkins grant funds from the Michigan Department of Education for a total amount not to exceed \$3,089,816 for the period of July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019:

ISD/DISTRICT	Current Allocation	New Allocation
Huron School District –fiscal for DCTC (9 District Consortium)	\$401,772	\$401,772
Bedford Public Schools	\$80,316	\$80,316
Jefferson School District	\$45,075	\$45,075
Monroe ISD	\$79,454	\$79,454
Monroe Public Schools	\$96,260	\$96,260
Allen Park Public Schools	\$74,033	\$73,428
Chandler Park Academy	\$34,550	\$34,550
Dearborn Heights School District #7	\$105,216	\$105,216
School District of the City of Dearborn	\$259,675	\$259,675
Garden City Public Schools	\$72,506	\$71,095
School District of the City Hamtramck	\$83,620	\$72,644
School District of the City of Lincoln Park	\$121,011	\$121,011
Livonia Public Schools	\$286,905	\$286,905
Melvindale-Northern Allen Park School District	\$77,695	\$77,695

Plymouth-Canton Community Schools	\$173,012	\$172,019
Romulus Community Schools	\$130,761	\$130,761
Taylor School District	\$182,502	\$182,502
Van Buren Public Schools	\$75,932	\$75,932
Wayne-Westland Community Schools	\$343,299	\$358,208
Wayne RESA	\$366,222	\$365,298
TOTAL ISD and District Perkins Grant	\$3,089,816	\$3,089,816

**199-18-19**

The Board approved an amendment to Board Recommendation #172-17-18 for the agreement with Barton Malow, Southfield, MI for RFP and construction management, of the Burger Parking Lot, Replacement Project increasing the amount from \$258,447 to \$329,306.

**200-18-19**

The Board approved an amendment to Board Recommendation #43-18-19 for payment of 2018-19 Section 107 allocable amounts to the following school districts, in the amounts indicated, for Region 10 grant activities identified and approved under Section 107 of the State Aid Act from the Workforce Development Agency for a total amount not to exceed \$11,779,486 for the period July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019:

District	Approved Amount	Proposed Amount
Birmingham Public Schools	\$138,198	\$138,198
Chippewa Valley Schools	\$202,776	\$202,776
Dearborn City School District	\$1,902,856	\$1,902,856
Detroit Public Schools Community District	\$1,458,069	\$1,458,069
Farmington Public School District	\$171,805	\$171,805
Ferndale Public Schools	\$899,187	\$899,187
Hamtramck, School District of the City of	\$519,074	\$519,074
Huron Valley Schools	\$136,137	\$136,137
L'Anse Creuse Public Schools	\$235,231	\$235,231
Lake Shore Public Schools (Macomb)	\$212,205	\$246,745
Livonia Public Schools School District	\$461,401	\$461,401
Novi Community School District	\$210,091	\$275,451
Plymouth-Canton Community Schools	\$323,021	\$323,021
Pontiac City School District	\$54,402	\$50,000
Rochester Community School District	\$336,812	\$336,812
Romulus Community Schools	\$327,207	\$327,207
Royal Oak Schools	\$412,816	\$412,816

Southgate Community School District	\$773,198	\$750,015
Troy School District	\$506,130	\$556,130
Utica Community Schools	\$1,135,449	\$1,135,449
Walled Lake Consolidated Schools	\$277,688	\$265,073
Warren Consolidated Schools	\$262,591	\$262,591
Warren Woods Public Schools	\$193,831	\$199,642
West Bloomfield School District	\$184,639	\$189,639
Wayne RESA	\$444,672	\$324,161
Total	\$11,779,486	\$11,779,486

**201-18-19**

The Board approved an amendment to Board Recommendation #207-17-18 to increase the amount of the contract with Growing Minds Learning Center, from \$511,560 to \$547,810, for operating Great Start Readiness Programs (GSRP) in Wayne County for the period October 1, 2018 through September 30, 2019.

**202-18-19**

The Board approved an amendment to Board Recommendation #152-18-19 only for the Grosse Pointe Public Schools district for implementation of Early On activities in the amount of \$41,121 for the period October 1, 2018 through September 30, 2019.

Agency	Original Amount	1 <sup>st</sup> Amendment (Approved February 2019)	2 <sup>nd</sup> Amendment
Chitter Chatter	\$410,000	\$529,134	
Detroit Public Schools Community District	\$34,000	\$40,270	
Development Centers Inc.	\$350,000	\$455,519	\$41,121
Grosse Pointe Public Schools	\$23,000	\$27,121	
Leaps and Bounds	\$87,000	\$104,019	
Wayne County Department of Public Health	\$312,000	\$410,710	
Wayne Westland Community School District	\$45,500	\$53,024	
Total:			\$41,121

**203-18-19**

The Board approved reimbursing the Michigan Math Science Center for expenses incurred and services performed in support of statewide math and science professional development initiatives not to exceed \$900,000 for the period July 1, 2018 through September 30, 2019.

**L. Action Items:**

**1. Amendment to the Wayne County Five-Year Common Calendar**

Member Petrie, supported by Member Blackmon, moved that the Wayne RESA Board approve the amended five-year common calendar beginning July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2024, as presented. On voice vote, motion carried 5-0.

**2. Approve Non-Bargaining Compensation**

Member Blackmon, supported by Member Beri, moved that the Wayne RESA Board approve a compensation adjustment for non-bargaining employees, effective July 1, 2019. On voice vote, motion carried 5-0.

**3. Appointment of Manager of Special Education and Early Intervention – Act 18**

Member Beri, supported by Member Blackmon, moved that the Wayne RESA Board approve the appointment of Patti Silveri to the position of Manager of Special Education and Early Intervention – Act 18, effective July 1, 2019. On voice vote, motion carried 5-0.

**4. Appointment of Manager of Special Education and Early Intervention – General Supervision and Accountability**

Member Funderburg, supported by Member Beri, moved that the Wayne RESA Board approve the appointment of Larry Stemple to the position of Manager of Special Education and Early Intervention – General Supervision and Accountability, effective July 1, 2019. On voice vote, motion carried 5-0.

**M. Informational**

1. Wayne RESA Proposed Board Meeting Schedule – 2019-2020 was discussed. Member Petrie proposed that the July 17 meeting be changed to July 24, 2019. In addition, discussion ensued about the November dates. The 2019-20 calendar will be brought before the board at the June meeting for final approval.
2. Wayne RESA Proposed 2019 Annual Board Retreat dates were discussed. Member Petrie proposed that the Retreat dates be July 26 – July 27, 2019.

**N. General Board Comments - None.**

**O. Adjournment**

Member Beri, supported by Member Blackmon, moved to adjourn the meeting. On voice vote, motion carried 5-0. President Jackson adjourned the meeting at 10:42 a.m.

Submitted by:

  
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Mary E. Blackmon, Secretary