



Wayne Regional Educational Service Agency  
Board of Education

**Regular Meeting  
January 16, 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 January 16, 2019 at 8:34 a.m.

**B. Roll Call**

Present: James Beri, Mary Blackmon, Danielle Funderburg (8:35 a.m.), Lynda Jackson, and James Petrie

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

**D. Approval of Agenda**

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

**E. Public Participation**

- Velma “Jean” Overman of Operation Refuge spoke to Mother’s Pantry being available to Federal workers.
- Gennifer Williams of Operation Refuge spoke to their upcoming Camp Inspire STEM Program Pi-Day.

**F. President’s Remarks and Board Comments**

Member Blackmon spoke to:

- Happy New Year
- Wanda Cook Robinson is a nominee for Woman of the Year award

Member Jackson spoke to:

- Taylor High School sent its first class of competitors to DECA competition on January 11, 2019. Twenty five students received medals; and 35 students advanced to the upcoming state competition. Congratulations!
- One of the charter schools Wayne RESA authorizes, Creative Montessori, announced an expansion of their Southgate facility. The additional 5,000 square feet will provide the opportunity for art, music and technology classrooms along with added gym and cafeteria space.
- Graduates from Crestwood and Dearborn have been asked to return by Crestwood theatre teacher, Cayla Kolbusz, to put on the musical “Next to Normal” on January 17-19, 2019. The production will be held at the Crestwood High School theatre. This unique idea allows graduates to come back to inspire and mentor current theatre students at both high schools.

**G. Introduction of New Staff** – Tracey Wright, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources

- Zeinab Haidous – English Learner Consultant, effective January 2, 2019
- Samantha Collins – Education Services Secretary, effective January 7, 2019
- Latisha Porter – Part-time Substitute Secretary, effective January 8, 2019
- Mark Arquette – Application Database Analyst, effective January 7, 2019

- Karen Wilfong – Technical Assistant, Effective January 8, 2019

#### **H. Special Presentation(s)**

1. Wayne RESA School Board Recognition  
Superintendent Liepa expressed how fortunate Wayne RESA is to have such a talented Board of Education leading us. Additionally, he thanked them for their time, efforts, support and expertise.
2. Organizational Planning Committee Update - Randy Liepa, Wayne RESA Superintendent  
Superintendent Liepa presented a power point that included:
  - The Work of the Committee
  - The Accreditation process for RESA, and how that work ties into the organizational work the committee has led around mission and beliefs
  - Results/Findings from the Accreditation visit and what the Committee has done to follow up on the goals set from the Accreditation visit

President Jackson requested a recess at 9:38 a.m. The meeting reconvened at 9:49 a.m.

#### **I. Communications - None.**

#### **J. Superintendent's Report**

Legislative Affairs, Kathy Merry

- Reviewed Quick Guide to Educational Legislation from the 99<sup>th</sup> Legislative Session / Enrolled Bills (January 1, 2017 – December 31, 2018)
- Reviewed Defeated Legislation over the past two months

Deputy Superintendent, Steve Ezikian

- Detroit Public Schools Community District placed and RFP out to replace MISTAR. WRESA is a finalist and will be presenting MISTAR to DPSCD this week.
- Illuminate DnA database warehouse has been provided to districts for several years at no cost. Many districts have not been using it. WRESA put criteria together that districts would need fulfill by a deadline if they wanted to continue to receive the service for free, with agreement by local districts on this process. Some districts have not fulfilled that request to date, although we are still hopeful they will.
- State is working on Computer Science standards. Releasing those standards for comments in February at WRESA.
- For the past six months, Wayne RESA has been looking at the current services provided to moderately impaired students with Autism in Wayne County. Local districts and RESA have been discussing the number of students who now need this service, and have been looking at a model that will serve students closer to home, if possible – as regional services may not be needed in some cases. We will be working with districts to implement any changes slowly, and with their support to make any changes.
- Legislation passed to pay off a portion of Inkster's Emergency Loan Fund. Awaiting details.

Superintendent, Randy Liepa

- Galileo Program / Joyce Fouts is retiring. New director of the program has been assigned.
- Lame Duck Summary
- Wayne County Superintendent Project Discussions/Updates on a variety of issues they are working on such as literacy
- Launch Michigan Committee Update

**K. Consent Agenda**

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

- Superintendent’s Recommendations
- Minutes from December 19, 2018 Regular Meeting
- WRESA December Check Register
- Outstanding Investments, Revenues & Expenditures

**HUMAN RESOURCES**

**124-18-19**

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

- Samantha Collins, Secretary, effective January 7, 2019.
- Sonja Forbes, Secretary, effective January 7, 2019.
- Latisha Porter, Part-time Substitute Secretary, effective January 8, 2019.
- Karen L. Wilfong, Technical Assistant, effective January 8, 2019.
- Pamela Cunningham, Assistive Technology Coordinator, effective January 23, 2019.

**125-18-19**

The Board approved the following leave(s):

- William Heldmyer, TV Producer Director, Family/Medical Leave, effective November 27, 2018.
- Steven Michael, Connectivity/Network Consultant, Family/Medical Leave, effective December 17, 2018.
- Jeffrey Gnagey, Television Services Consultant, Family/Medical Leave, effective December 19, 2018.
- Tiffany Martell, Secretary, Unpaid Parental Leave, effective January 21, 2019.

**126-18-19**

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

- William Heldmyer, TV Producer Director, Family/Medical Leave, effective November 28, 2018.
- Christina Kujawa, Special Education Consultant, Unpaid Parental Leave, effective December 21, 2018.
- Jennifer Munroe, Application Support Technician, Family/Medical Leave, effective January 2, 2019.
- Deborah Szeman, English Learner Consultant, Family/Medical Leave, effective January 7, 2019.
- Tiffany Martell, Secretary, Family/Medical Leave, effective January 20, 2019.

**127- 18-19**

The Board approved the appointment of the following representative(s) to the Wayne County Parent Advisory Committee (WCPAC) for a three-year term. This is effective for the period January 16, 2019 through June 30, 2021.

April Turnbull	Van Buren Public Schools
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**128- 18-19**

The Board approved the removal of the following representative to the Wayne County Parent Advisory Committee at the request of the local district. This is effective January 16, 2019 through June 30, 2021.

Aimee Page	Plymouth-Canton Community Schools
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**PURCHASES**

**129-18-19**

The Board approved purchase from CDW-G, Vernon Hills, IL, of a Microsoft software subscription in the amount of \$90,081.

**RESA BOARD EXPENSES**

**130-18-19**

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 December 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018: James Beri, \$808.64; James Petrie, \$1,352.06; Danielle Funderburg, \$172.65; Lynda Jackson, \$1,436.70; Mary Blackmon, \$313.38

**PAYMENTS**

**131-18-19**

The Board 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 \$92,840.24. This amount reflects payment for quarter April 2018 through June 2018, and is determined by the Department of Health and Human Services.

DISTRICT/LEA	AMOUNT	DISTRICT/LEA	AMOUNT
Allen Park Public Schools	\$1,855.52	Melvindale-North Allen Park Schools	\$1,296.90
Crestwood School District	\$1,255.94	Northville Public Schools	\$5,612.67
Dearborn City School District	\$10,638.95	Plymouth-Canton Community Schools	\$5,265.25
Dearborn Heights School District #7	\$1,479.73	Redford Union Schools, District No. 1	\$3,807.32
Ecorse Public Schools	\$848.22	School District of the City of River Rouge	\$668.25
Flat Rock Community Schools	\$1,243.34	Riverview Community School District	\$663.63
Garden City Public Schools	\$3,720.85	Romulus Community Schools	\$992.42
Gibraltar School District	\$842.90	South Redford School District	\$1,780.92
Grosse Ile Township Schools	\$926.76	Southgate Community School District	\$3,025.57
Grosse Pointe Public Schools	\$5,192.58	Taylor School District	\$3,557.67
School District of the City of Hamtramck	\$1,443.03	Trenton Public Schools	\$2,335.23
School District of the City of Harper Woods	\$657.85	Van Buren Public Schools	\$2,074.02
Huron School District	\$1,082.11	Wayne-Westland Community School District	\$8,665.87
School District of the City of Lincoln Park	\$5,493.72	Westwood Community School District	\$1,093.38
Livonia Public Schools School District	\$6,155.47	Woodhaven-Brownstown School District	\$4,015.54
		School District of the City of	\$5,148.63

		Wyandotte	
		<b>TOTAL:</b>	\$92,840.24

**AMENDMENTS**

**132-18-19**

The Board approved an amendment board recommendation #21-18-19 for Act 18 payments, to be paid in 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 \$134,713,843.

School District	Original Amount	Amended Amount
Allen Park Public Schools	\$584,790	\$644,733
School District of the City of Dearborn	\$8,883,794	\$9,159,789
Detroit Public Schools Community District	\$35,396,034	\$31,098,902
Garden City Public Schools	\$8,473,515	\$8,014,608
Grosse Pointe Public Schools	\$6,072,839	\$6,782,489
Huron School District	\$1,113,548	\$1,146,433
School District of the City of Lincoln Park	\$8,461,024	\$8,064,108
Livonia Public Schools	\$10,662,727	\$11,277,370
Northville Public Schools	\$8,231,673	\$8,122,357
Plymouth-Canton Community Schools	\$3,971,364	\$3,786,132
Redford Union Schools	\$7,166,263	\$6,969,477
Southgate Community Schools	\$4,533,389	\$4,472,093
Taylor School District	\$2,702,489	\$2,806,243
Trenton Public Schools	\$3,092,539	\$3,010,925
Van Buren Public Schools	\$1,474,697	\$1,259,138
Wayne-Westland Comm. Schools	\$8,608,548	\$8,713,374
Westwood Community Schools	\$300,266	\$286,258
Woodhaven-Brownstown School District	\$2,782,656	\$2,897,931
School District of the City of Wyandotte	\$16,453,105	\$16,201,483
<b>Total All Districts</b>	<b>\$138,965,260</b>	<b>\$134,713,843</b>

**133-18-19**

The Board approved an amendment to Board Recommendation #47-18-19 to increase the current contract with GPS Solutions, LLC in compliance with Federal procurement requirements and Board Policy from \$1,868,055 to an amount not to exceed \$2,416,592 for the period September 1, 2018 through August 31, 2019.

**134-18-19**

The Board approved the amendment to Board Recommendation #101-18-19 to increase transportation funding for listed Great Start Readiness Programs (GSRP) for the period of October 1, 2018 through September 30, 2019.

District/PSA/Agency	Original Amount	New Amount
Busy Minds	\$29,600	\$31,800
John Evans Montessori Academy	\$29,600	\$32,530
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$59,200</b>	<b>\$64,330</b>

**135-18-19**

The Board approved an amendment to Board Recommendation #118-18-19 from \$75,000 to \$183,300 for a continued contract with Tidemark Institute for Project TESLA: Teachers Engaged in Science Learning and Leadership Activities Grant Program from January 1, 2019 through September 30, 2019.

**L. Action Items:**

**1. First Reading of Amended Policy 5350 Alcohol and Drug Free Workplace**

Member Beri, supported by Member Blackmon, moved that the Wayne RESA Board approve the first reading of Policy 5350 Alcohol and Drug Free Workplace, as presented. On voice vote, motion carried 5-0.

**M. Informational Items(s)**

1. Superintendent's Evaluation Timeline and Format were briefly discussed.

**N. General Board Comments**

Member Beri spoke to:

- Thank you for the thoughtful Board Appreciation recognition.

Member Jackson spoke to:

- MASB & MASA teaming up together for a portion of their Semi Annual Conferences – February 6, 7, & 8, 2019.

Member Funderburg spoke to:

- DPSCD is kicking off their Read by Grade Three program this evening.

**O. Adjournment**

Member Beri, supported by Member Petrie, moved to adjourn the meeting. On voice vote, motion carried 5-0. President Jackson adjourned the meeting at 11:13 a.m.

Submitted by:



Mary E. Blackmon, Secretary