



Wayne Regional Educational Service Agency
Board of Education

**Regular Meeting
December 19, 2018**

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 Vice President Petrie in the Education Center, 33500 Van Born Road, Wayne, Michigan on December 19, 2018, at 8:31 a.m.

B. Roll Call

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

Absent: Lynda Jackson

C. Pledge of Allegiance – Vice President Petrie led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

D. Approval of Agenda

Member Blackmon, supported by Member Beri, moved to approve the agenda, presented. On voice vote, the motion carried 4-0.

E. Public Participation – None.

F. Redford Union Schools' Madrigal Chorale gave a special choir performance led by Coral Director Schianti Jaramillo.

G. President's Remarks and Board Comments:

Member Beri spoke to:

- Reported on the AASA Conference
- Marshall Plan / Melvindale was one of nine districts to receive a Marshall Plan grant.

Member Blackmon spoke to:

- SEMCOG Update
- MAC Updated

Member Funderburg spoke to:

- Absenteeism/Homeless in Wayne County – a report – discussion ensued about Wayne RESA's efforts to support districts.
- My Career Quest South East provided a hands on experience in career exploration for students from Oakland, Washtenaw, Wayne and Macomb counties. Held at Novi Expo Center on November 28, 2018.
- Instructional Technology – discussion about RESA support to local districts.

Member Petrie spoke to:

- Lincoln Park's Middle School made fifty blankets for Motts Children's Hospital as a community service project.
- Dearborn has formed a Reading by Third Grade Task Force.

- Livonia School District's Churchill High School music teacher, Elizabeth Hering, has been nominated for a Grammy award.

H. Introduction of Staff – Tracey Wright, Executive Director, Human Resources

- Laura Jameson, Part-time Pupil Accounting Field Auditor
- Stephanie Wigginton - Secretary

I. Presentation(s)

The 2017-2018 Annual Financial Reports for Wayne RESA and the School District of the City of Inkster were presented by Chris Kassab and Laura Claeys of Plante & Moran, PLLC.

J. Communications – none

Vice President Petrie requested a recess at 9:51 a.m. The meeting reconvened at 9:59 a.m.

K. Superintendent's Report

Executive Director Kathy Merry – Unavailable for comment.

Deputy Superintendent Steve Ezikian:

- School Finance Research Collaborative (Wayne, Oakland & Macomb Counties) did a Cost Study to implement their recommendations.
- Wayne RESA's upgrade to the electrical power system will take place Summer 2019
- Special Education Early On Grant will help fund Detroit Public Schools Community District in their work to catch up on their Early On evaluation process.
- Wayne County ASD Services Update
- Literacy Program has 19 districts that would like to Pilot the program to implement instructional rounds.

Superintendent Randy Liepa:

- Lansing Update: A-F Bill, Innovative District's Bill, Reallocate Income Tax, Ballot Initiative, Legislative Lawsuits, Campaign Finance Bills – a tough lame duck session.
- Marshal Plan Update – Wayne County districts received 2 of the 9 statewide initial grants.
- School Finance Research Collaborative Update – information efforts continue.
- Detroit Public Schools Community District and River Rouge will have their Partnership Agreements 18 month benchmark review in January, 2019.
- Staff Appointments / Action Items – updated the board on upcoming voting items.

L. Consent Agenda

Member Blackmon, supported by Member Funderburg moved to approve the Consent Agenda, as amended. On voice vote, motion carried 4-0. Items include approval of:

- Superintendent's Recommendations
- Minutes from November 21, 2018, Regular Meeting
- WRESA November Check Register
- Inkster November Check Register
- Outstanding Investments, Revenues & Expenditures
- Pre/Post Travel Expenses

HUMAN RESOURCES

108-18-19

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

- Melissa Cischke, Secretary, Administrative and Financial Services, effective December 3, 2018.
- Tracy Malloy, Budget and Fiscal Analyst, effective January 2, 2019.

109-18-19

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

- Laura Jameson, Part-time Pupil Accounting Field Auditor, effective December 10, 2018.
- Zeinab Haidous, English Learner Consultant, effective January 2, 2019.
- Mark Arquette, Application Database Analyst, effective January 7, 2019.

110-18-19

The Board approved the following leave(s):

- Jennifer Munroe, Application Support Technician, Family/Medical Leave, effective November 12, 2018.
- Deborah Szeman, English Learner Consultant, Family/Medical Leave, effective November 14, 2018.
- David Sword, Math Consultant, Family/Medical Leave, effective November 29, 2018.

111-18-19

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

- Sabrina Rudy, Educational Improvement Consultant, Family/Medical Leave, effective November 19, 2018.

112-18-19

The Board approved the following reclassification(s):

- Christine Jackson, Programmer, (from Schedule B) to Application Programmer (Schedule D) effective October 23, 2018.

113-18-19

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 December 19, 2018 to June 30, 2021.

Darleen Boland	Wayne-Westland Community Schools
Lakrisha Broadnax	Metro Charter Academy
Genise Danzy	Metro Charter Academy
Mia Halthon-Jones	Detroit Enterprise Charter Academy

114-18-19

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 December 19, 2018 to June 30, 2021.

Sandra Williams	Detroit Enterprise Charter Academy
Rebecca French	Metro Charter Academy
Renee Kurtycz	Plymouth Scholars Charter Academy
Mary Bensen	South Canton Scholars Charter Academy
Ashley Donet	Taylor Exemplar Charter Academy

PURCHASES

115-18-19

The Board approved the purchase of assessment and intervention kits (AddVantageMR1 and AddVantageMR2) from US Math Recovery Research Council in an amount not to exceed \$50,000 for the period of October 1, 2018 through September 30, 2019.

RESA BOARD EXPENSES

116-18-19

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 November 1, 2018 through November 30, 2018: James Petrie, \$65.53; Danielle Funderburg, \$47.63; Lynda Jackson, \$9.63; Mary Blackmon, \$799.60

PAYMENTS

117-18-19

The Board approved reimbursement of allowable added costs for individual Student Aides employed during the 2018-2019 school year to the following local school districts and public school academies, not to exceed the amounts listed below.

LEA/PSA	AMOUNT
Allen Park Public Schools	\$144,000
Crestwood School District	\$273,500
Dearborn (School District of the City of Dearborn)	\$1,743,900
Dearborn Heights School District No. 7	\$150,900
Detroit Public Schools Community District	\$1,704,800
Ecorse Public Schools	\$107,100
Flat Rock Community Schools	\$138,300
Garden City Public Schools	\$382,100
Gibraltar School District	\$106,600
Grosse Ile Township Schools	\$177,100
Grosse Pointe Public School System	\$370,300
Hamtramck (School District of the City of Hamtramck)	\$65,300
Harper Woods (School District of the City of Harper Woods)	\$157,100
Huron School District	\$120,200
Lincoln Park (School District of the City of Lincoln Park)	\$122,900
Livonia Public Schools	\$2,923,800
Melvindale-N. Allen Park Public Schools	\$82,100
Northville Public Schools	\$532,500
Plymouth-Canton Community Schools	\$2,262,600
Redford Union Schools	\$282,100
River Rouge (School District of the City of River Rouge)	\$313,000
Riverview Community School District	\$53,600
Romulus Community Schools	\$277,900
South Redford School District	\$187,600
Southgate Community School District	\$448,900
Taylor School District	\$537,300
Trenton Public Schools	\$449,800
Van Buren Public Schools	\$426,600
Wayne-Westland Community Schools	\$1,256,900
Westwood Community Schools	\$244,400
Woodhaven-Brownstown School District	\$483,100
Wyandotte (School District of the City of Wyandotte)	\$365,400

Academy for Business & Technology	\$32,800
American Montessori Academy	\$127,600
Cesar Chavez Academy	\$302,200
Dearborn Academy	\$59,400
Detroit Innovation Academy	\$41,300
Detroit Leadership	\$14,900
Detroit Public Safety Academy	\$16,200
George Crockett Academy	\$37,400
Hope of Detroit Academy	\$113,800
James and Grace Lee Boggs School	\$88,700
New School High	\$15,000
Plymouth Educational Center Charter School	\$27,600
Summit Academy	\$20,600
Summit Academy - North	\$145,800
Tipton academy	\$59,400
Trillium academy	\$87,000
TOTAL	\$18,078,800

CONTRACTS

118-18-19

The Board approved entering into a contract renewal with Tidemark Institute for Project TESLA: Teachers Engaged in Science Learning and Leadership Activities Grant Program for \$75,000 from October 1, 2018 through September 30, 2019.

119-18-19

The Board approved entering into a purchase contract with Imagine Learning, Inc. in the amount of \$100,000 to provide supplemental literacy and math programs to be used at Gompers Elementary/Middle School and Coleman Young Elementary School in Detroit Public Schools Community District for 2018-2019.

120-18-19

The Board approved entering into a contract with Aequitas Solutions, LLC, Rancho Cucamonga, CA, for Project Management, Database Administration (DBA) support, programming, and training of WRESA's application systems in an amount not to exceed \$80,000 for the period July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019.

AGREEMENTS

121-18-19

The Board approved entering into an agreement with Empower Battery LLC, Independence, MO, for Leoch batteries (MFG# XP12-540FR) for Uninterruptible Power Supply (UPS) units in an amount not to exceed \$35,000.00.

AMENDMENTS

122-18-19

The Board approved the amendment to Board Recommendation #207-17-18 to increase the amount indicated, for operating Great Start Readiness Programs (GSRP) in Wayne County for the following subrecipients for the period of October 1, 2018 through September 30, 2019.

District/PSA/Agency	Original Amount	New Amount
American International Academy	\$130,500	\$241,570
Detroit Edison PSA	\$377,000	\$493,000
Tipton Academy	\$348,000	\$391,500
Total	\$855,500	\$1,126,070

GRANTS

123-18-19

The Board accepted the following grants for the terms, amounts and purposes noted:

Grant	Grantor	Amount	Term	Purpose
Section 61a(5) – CTE Counselor Designated Grant	State Aid	\$700,000	10/01/2018 - 06/30/2019	The CTE Counselor Grant supports Wayne RESA’s Workforce Development project by allowing RESA to hire career counselors, who are deployed into Wayne County high schools to provide direct career counseling to students. We currently serve 25 high schools and are reaching over 2,000 12 th grade high school students, helping them create a career plan for when they leave high school -which includes anything from college to other career training or credential attainment.

INFORMATIONAL

Resignation(s):

Kathleen Martinez, Payroll/Personnel Application Consultant, effective December 31, 2018.

M. Action Item(s)

1. One-Time Distribution of Act 18 Funds Supporting Special Education Transportation

Member Blackmon supported by Member Funderburg, moved that the Wayne RESA Board authorize the distribution of Act 18 Funds in an amount not to exceed \$13,000,000 proportionally to school districts, public school academies in Wayne County who provides transportation services to students attending special education programs, in Wayne County, in the 2016-2017 fiscal year. On voice vote, the motion carried 4-0.

2. Wayne RESA 2017 – 2018 Annual Financial Report

Member Funderburg supported by Member Blackmon, moved that the Board receive the Wayne RESA Annual Financial Report for the 2017-18 fiscal year, as presented. On voice vote, the motion carried 4-0.

3. School District of the City of Inkster 2017-2018 Annual Financial Report

Member Beri supported by Member Funderburg, moved that the Board receive the Annual Financial Report for the School District of the City of Inkster for the 2017-2018 fiscal year, as presented. On voice vote, the motion carried 4-0.

4. Creative Montessori Academy Contract Amendment

Member Blackmon supported by Member Beri, moved that the Board approve an amendment to the charter contract with Creative Montessori Academy that replaces Exhibit G with a revised fiscal agreement between Wayne RESA and Creative Montessori Academy. On voice vote, the motion carried 4-0.

5. Henry Ford Academy Contract Amendment

Member Funderburg supported by Member Blackmon, moved that the Board approve an amendment to the charter contract with Henry Ford Academy that replaces Exhibit G with a revised fiscal agreement between Wayne RESA and Creative Montessori Academy. On voice vote, the motion carried 4-0.

6. Local School District Board Recognition Month Resolution

Member Beri supported by Member Funderburg, moved that the Board approve the attached resolution recognizing the commitment, leadership and contributions of the School Boards in Wayne County and the services that they provide to students, staff and their communities; and that the approved resolution be distributed to all Wayne County School Board members with a cover letter by the local district's Board Secretary. On voice vote, the motion carried 4-0.

7. Appointment of Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources

Member Blackmon supported by Member Funderburg, moved that the Wayne RESA Board approve the appointment of Tracey Wright to the position of Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources, effective January 1, 2019. On voice vote, the motion carried 4-0.

8. Appointment Assistant Superintendent of Special Education and Early Intervention Services

Member Beri supported by Member Blackmon, moved that the Wayne RESA Board approve the appointment of Karen Howey to the position of Assistant Superintendent of Special Education and Early Intervention Services, effective January 1, 2019. On voice vote, the motion carried 4-0.

N. General Board Comments

Member Petrie spoke to:

- Kind regards to Lynda Jackson.

Member Blackmon spoke to:

- Thoughts and love sent to Lynda.
- Happy Holidays to all denominations.

Member Beri spoke to:

- Condolences to Lynda.

Member Funderburg spoke to:

- Teacher Shortage (General/Special Education)
- Adult Education Programs / Prosperity Zones

O. Adjournment

Member Beri supported by Member Blackmon, moved to adjourn the meeting. On voice vote, the motion carried 4-0. Vice President Petrie adjourned the meeting at 11:06 a.m.

Submitted by: _____
Mary E. Blackmon, Secretary