



Wayne Regional Educational Service Agency
Board of Education

**Regular Meeting
January 15, 2020**

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 Petrie in the Education Center, 33500 Van Born Road, Wayne, Michigan on January 15, 2020 at 8:33 a.m.

B. Roll Call

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

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

D. Approval of Agenda

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

E. Public Participation – None.

F. President's Remarks and Board Comments

Member Blackmon spoke to:

- SEMCOG University Workshop / Legislative Platform

Member Petrie spoke to:

- Happy New Year
- Lincoln Center of Wyandotte Schools received a donation of \$30,000 from the local Kiwanis club to build a playground with special equipment so students can work on sensory, gross motor and other therapeutic needs of the students there.
- Dearborn School district received funds from DFCU Financial Credit Union donate funds to the districts "Second Step;" social-emotional learning program. "Second Step" program provides students with emotion management, situational awareness and academic achievement. Significant decrease in discipline issues has been noted.
- Grosse Pointe Education Foundation distributed over \$40,000 in local grants to their schools. These grants supported: literacy, sensory equipment for classrooms, Chromebook computers at elementary schools, after school science program and musical instruments among other things.

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

- Stephenie O'Callaghan, Bookkeeper
- Latisha Porter, Secretary

H. Special Presentation(s)

1. Wayne RESA School Board Recognition

Deputy Superintendent, Steve Ezikian 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. **Trauma Informed Resilient Focused Schools**
Terry Dangerfield, Lincoln Park Superintendent, gave a PowerPoint presentation that included:
 - Lincoln Park Demographics
 - Brain Research / Impact that lasts a Life Time / Resilience
 - What It Looks Like
 - Lincoln Park MI School Data
 - Humans Before Academics

3. **MiSTEM Update**
Dr. Greg Johnson, Director, Wayne County RESA Regional STEM Network / Science Consultant, gave a presentation that included:
 - Joint Venture
 - MiSTEM Network Collaborative Meetings: Creating Coherence / Wayne RESA Internal Organization
 - MAKER-STEM
 - STEM Workforce / Foundation and Infrastructure

President Petrie requested a recess at 10:34 a.m. The meeting reconvened at 10:42 a.m.

I. Communications - None.

J. Superintendent's Report

Deputy Superintendent, Steve Ezikian – filling in for Dr. Liepa who was attending a Diversity Institute with local Superintendents reported:

- WRESA Power Project Update
- Act 18 Transportation Project Update
- WRESA Gallup Survey Update
- WRESA Legislative Executive Director Replacement Update
- Wayne County Regional Enhancement Mileage / November 2020 Election
- Wayne County After School Mileage Proposal / Not on March 2020 Ballot

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
- Minutes from December 18, 2019 Regular Meeting
- WRESA December Check Register
- Outstanding Investments, Revenues & Expenditures
- Pre/Post Travel Expenses

122-19-20

The Board approved the following leave(s):

- Deana Jentzen, Part-time English Learner Program Facilitator, Unpaid Personal Leave, effective December 16, 2019.
- Ghina Seblani, Part-time English Learner Program Facilitator, Unpaid Personal Leave, effective December 16, 2019.
- Lindsey Horning, Part-time English Learner Program Facilitator, Unpaid Personal Leave, effective January 6, 2020.

123-19-20

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

- Deborah Clancy, Educational Improvement Consultant, Family/Medical Leave, effective January 2, 2020.
- Jamie Hanik, Part-time English Learner Program Facilitator, Unpaid Personal Leave, effective January 6, 2020.
- Ghina Seblani, Part-time English Learner Program Facilitator, Unpaid Personal Leave, effective January 6, 2020.

124-19-20

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 15, 2020 through June 30, 2022.

- Priscilla Grossenheider-Albano / Woodhaven-Brownstown School District
- Helena Stephenson / Harper Woods School District
- Robert Thompson / Regent Park Scholars Charter Academy
- Shanteka White-Thompson / Regent Park Scholars Charter Academy

125-19-20

The Board approved a three year subscription for “*Special Ed Connection*” an on-line reference center provided by Labor Relations Press (LRP) Publications in the amount of \$34,465. This is effective for the period of January 2020 through January 2023.

126-19-20

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, 2019 through December 31, 2019: Funderburg - \$7.66, and Petrie - \$364.84

127-19-20

The Board approved entering into an Agreement with A & R Sealcoating, Inc. (A&R), Waterford Township, MI for parking lot repairs in an amount not to exceed \$35,000 for the period of December 2019 through September 2020.

128-19-20

The Board approved an amendment to Board Recommendation #46-19-20 to increase funding to the following Great Start Readiness Program (GSRP) subrecipient agencies and district for the period of October 1, 2019 through September 30, 2020.

District/PSA/Agency	Original Amount	New Amount
Greater Ebenezer Christian Child Care Center	\$113,680	127,890
Romulus Community Schools	\$639,450	\$753,130
Karnack Creative Child Care	\$0	\$113,680
Totals	\$753,130	\$994,700

129-19-20

The Board approved an amendment to Board Recommendation #72-19-20 to increase transportation funding for listed Great Start Readiness Programs (GSRP) for the period of October 1, 2019 through September 30, 2020.

District/PSA/Agency	Original Amount	New Amount
Detroit Public Schools Community District	\$152,500	\$228,750
Romulus Community Schools	\$137,250	\$161,650
Totals	\$289,750	\$390,400

130-19-20 (SE)

The Board approved the amendment to Board Recommendation #228-18-19 to increase funds to Illuminate Inc., Irvine, CA to allow for fees for additional public school academies using MISTAR Data and Assessment including software licenses, assessment content licenses and software maintenance for the period July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020.

Vendor	Original Amount	Amended Amount
Illuminate Inc.	\$920,000	\$950,000

131-19-20

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

Grant	Grantor	Amount	Term	Purpose
Section 32p Early Childhood Block Grants (State)	Michigan Department of Education	\$1,077,224	10/01/2019 - 09/30/2020	RESA contracts with Everybody Ready to meet the MDE requirements of the EC Block Grant. Agency certified staff provide intensive home visits to families with young children, newborns through age 3. Approximately 600 children will be served annually across Wayne County. The State grant also supports the work of the Great Start Collaborative –Wayne staff and programming. The intent and purpose of the work is to identify public sectors serving families with young children and strengthen the infrastructure to eliminate duplication of services while filling gaps in service.

L. Action Items:

1. Approve Local School District Board Recognition

Member Jackson, supported by Member Blackmon, moved that the Wayne RESA Board approved the provided 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, as presented. On voice vote, motion carried 5-0.

2. Appointment of Director of Finance and Compliance

Member Blackmon, supported by Member Beri, moved that the Wayne RESA Board approved the appointment of Tamara Dust to the position of Director of Finance and Compliance, effective January 1, 2020. 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 – None.

O. Adjournment

Member Beri moved to adjourn the meeting. On voice vote, motion carried 5-0. President Petrie adjourned the meeting at 11:00 a.m.

Submitted by: 
 Danielle Funderburg, Secretary