



Wayne Regional Educational Service Agency  
Board of Education

**Regular Meeting  
February 19, 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 February 19, 2020 at 8:30 a.m.

**B. Roll Call**

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

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

**D. Approval of Agenda**

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

**E. Public Participation** – None.

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

Member Blackmon spoke to:

- SEMCOG Meeting / Census and Congressional Seats Redistricting big issues
- Shining Light Award planning and selection coming up

Member Funderburg spoke to:

- 2020 Employee Roundup Breakfast / Work Base Learning Opportunities – in Detroit. Attended with Donna McDowell, and it was informative and enjoyable.

Member Beri spoke to:

- Plante Moran School Law and Finance Seminar January 25, 2020 – our school board members were there for the annual update, and it was informative.

Member Petrie spoke to:

- Roosevelt High School in Wyandotte is offering an elective class that focuses on peer to peer relationships between general education students and special needs students.
- Black History month is being celebrated across Wayne County in various ways:
  - South Redford’s Vandenburg Elementary will hold a celebration on February 26<sup>th</sup> from 5-7 p.m.
  - Harper Woods has a traveling Black Museum visiting their different schools. Parents can tour the museum at the end of the school day.
  - Plymouth-Canton, school newsletters are informing parents of a variety of activities that will be occurring in classrooms and schools throughout the month
  - Van Buren, Belleville High School, along with Rawsonville and McBride schools have events planned, including a parent performance at Rawsonville.

- Detroit's Marquette Elementary/Middle School, daily announcement will highlight a prominent black icon and their story; while at Harms Elementary they will have an Art project around a hero of the student's choice.

He highlighted these are just a small sampling of activities occurring for Black History month, and offered the Board's support of these programs and the support provided at RESA for school programs in our districts.

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

- Mary Rose Benson / EL Program Facilitator
- Michael Latvis / Executive Director of Legislative Affairs

**H. Special Presentation(s)**

1. The Whole School, Whole Community, Whole Child (WSCC) Model Overview – Dr. Cynthia Cook, School Health Consultant, Wayne RESA / Presentation talking points included:

- Michigan & National Initiatives
- ASCD/CDC Whole Child Initiatives
- Definition of Health as stated from various organizations
- Health and Learning Connection
- Michigan's definition of the Whole Child
- Coordinated School Health Program
- The 10 CDC School Health Components
- The 5 ASCD Tenets of the Whole Child Model
- Maslow's Hierarchy of Needs and the Whole Child Tenets
- Coordinating Policy, Process & Practice
- The Community

2. The Michigan Continuous Improvement Process (MICIP): An approach to equitable educational policies and practices. – Markita Hall, Manager, Educational Improvement, Wayne RESA / Presentation talking points included:

- School Improvement requirements set by the state
- The new model (MICIP) focuses on identifying Needs / develop plans to address needs / more flexibility offered to fund those plans
- Assess Needs Process was outlined
- Continuous Improvement Plan are 3-5 year plans

President Petrie requested a recess at 10:03 a.m. The meeting reconvened at 10:13 a.m.

**I. Communications** - None.

**J. Superintendent's Report**

Associate Superintendent Daveda Colbert:

- A-F State Accountability System – first grades will be assigned to schools shortly
- MDE Section 35a Early Literacy Coaching Grant-in the process of allocating 51 instructional coaches as part of the grant
- GELN / Essential Practices in Early and Elementary Literacy – we continue to promote literacy and the work of GELN

Deputy Superintendent Steve Ezikian

- MICIP-new state accountability system coming in the fall, still technical issues to address
- Seat Belts in School Buses – an ongoing discussion whether they are a good safety feature on buses
- Finance and Budget Director Residency – we will be posting another position

- Field Services – we continue to explore opportunities with districts to provide back end services

Superintendent Randy Liepa:

- Governor’s proposed budget is in line with the School Finance Research Collaborative findings
- Zero to 3 Literacy Program - / Processes / Material and curriculum to fit communities / Twelve churches – great progress with this program
- MDE highlighted that children who participated in GSRP has noticeable increase in MSTEP scores compared to other children who have not attended the program
- Career Counselors / Two new hires / Presentation for Bosch Group
- All Staff Meeting / Wednesday, February 26, 2020 at 8:30 a.m. at the Annex
- Census Discussion with Superintendents is important, and has occurred
- 2020 NSBA Advocacy Conference is worthwhile as almost 1,000 board members from across the country meet with their legislators to emphasize the importance of education and the need to support school efforts

#### **K. Consent Agenda**

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

- Superintendent’s Recommendations
- Minutes from January 15, 2020 Regular Meeting
- WRESA December Check Register
- Outstanding Investments, Revenues & Expenditures
- Pre/Post Travel Expenses

#### **132-19-20**

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

- Stacey Griffith, Secretary (from 12-month to 11-month), effective March 9, 2020.

#### **133-19-20**

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

- Deborah Harlan, Secretary (from 11-month to 12-month), effective February 10, 2020.
- Kawthar Mousa, Part-time English Learner Program Facilitator, effective February 17, 2020.
- Edward Latour, Instruction and Assessment Consultant, effective March 2, 2020.

#### **134-19-20**

The Board approved the following retiree(s) for rehire:

- Linda Olinik, Part-time Substitute Secretary, effective February 3, 2020.

#### **135-19-20**

The Board approved the following leave(s):

- Sheri Bartz, Secretary, Intermittent Family/Medical Leave, effective December 11, 2019; January 2, 2020; January 10, 2020; January 28; and January 31, 2020.
- Rose Mendola, Special Education Consultant, Family/Medical Leave, effective January 3, 2020.
- Stacey Konarske, Early Childhood Consultant, Family/Medical Leave, effective January 29, 2020.
- Yolanda Johnson, Student Application Business Analyst, Family/Medical Leave, effective February 3, 2020.
- Yuri Diaz, Application Support Technician, Family/Medical Leave, effective January 28, 2020.

#### **136-19-20**

The Board approved the removal of the following representative to the Wayne County Parent Advisory Committee at the request of the parent. This is effective February 19, 2020 through June 30, 2022.

- Renee Kurtycz / Plymouth Scholars Charter Academy

**137-19-20**

The Board approved the appointment of the following representative(s) to the Wayne County Parent Advisory Committee (WCPAC) for the remainder of a three-year term. This is effective for the period February 19, 2020 through June 30, 2022.

- Dawn Hurley-Powers / Harper Woods School District
- Rosalia Giannotti / Keystone Charter Academy
- Katina Good / Detroit Merit Charter Academy
- Jessica Owulette / Plymouth Scholars Charter Academy

**138-19-20**

The Board approved the purchase of classroom supplies from School Specialty, Appleton, Wisconsin, not to exceed the amount of \$55,000 for the period December 1, 2019 through September 30, 2020.

**139-19-20**

The Board approved the purchase of eleven vision screeners from J & B Medical for Special Education Early On in the amount of \$80,272.50.

**140-19-20**

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 January 1, 2020 through January 31, 2020: Blackmon - \$1,779.45, Funderburg - \$25.65, L. Jackson - \$51.52 and Petrie - \$152.99

**141-19-20**

The Board approved payment to Gallup Inc. for employee engagement measurement survey and related training and reporting in an amount not to exceed \$29,050.

**142-19-20**

The Board approved a contract with Great Schools Partnership to provide support for the Michigan Department of Education under the terms of the MDE-WRESA ISD Collaboration Grant in the amount of \$60,000, for the period of October 1, 2019 through September 30, 2020.

**143-19-20**

The Board approved entering into an agreement with Clara B. Ford Academy, a Strict Discipline Academy (SDA) in an amount not to exceed \$60,000 for reimbursement of professional development and training materials approved by MDE for the period of October 1, 2019 through September 30, 2020.

**144-19-20**

The Board approved entering into an agreement with the Detroit Public Schools Community District to provide funding to eligible instructional staff at identified MI Excel and Partnership Schools in an amount not to exceed \$ 940,916 for after schools programs for the period January 20, 2020 through September 30, 2020.

**145-19-20**

The Board approved an amendment to Board Recommendation #39-19-20 to increase funds to NBS Commercial Interiors (NBS), Chicago, IL to allow for additional furniture needed at WCRESA Education Center.

Contractor	Original Amount	Amended Amount
NBS Commercial Interiors	\$125,000	\$140,000

**146-19-20**

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
Bambiland	\$ 76,250	\$ 91,500
New Paradigm College Prep	\$ 0	\$ 5,000
Totals	\$ 76,250	\$ 96,500

**147-19-20**

The Board approved an amendment to Board Recommendation #89-19-20 to increase the current contract with Wayne Metro Community Action Agency in compliance with Federal procurement requirements and Board Policy, from \$109,587 to an amount not to exceed \$191,392 for the period October 1, 2019 through September 30, 2020.

**148-19-20**

The Board approved an amendment to Board Recommendation #71-19-20 to increase the amount of the contract for EduVation Consulting to include additional work requests from \$80,000 to an amount not to exceed \$98,500 for the period October 1, 2019 through September 30, 2020.

Company's Name	Original Contract Amount	Amended Contract Amount
EduVation Consulting	\$80,000	\$98,500

**149-19-20 (SE)**

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

Grant	Grantor	Amount	Term	Purpose
IDEA General Supervision	Michigan Department of Education	New Allocation \$280,500	07/01/2019 - 06/30/2020	The General Supervision Grant supports the development and implementation of a General Supervision System that will support improvement efforts and build capacity within local districts to fulfill the responsibilities of IDEA.  The original grant allocation was approved at 50% of the total. The amendment is a result of the adjusted amount made by MDE.
	IDEA Part B, Section 611	Old Allocation \$140,250		

**L. Action Items:**

**1. GSRP Memorial Award for the Purchase of Books**

Member Funderburg, supported by Member Blackmon, moved that the Wayne RESA Board accept a memorial award (\$150) from Mr. Earl Nicholson in memory of his late wife, Peggy Nicholson, a former Great Start Readiness Program (GSRP) teacher at the Wayne RESA subrecipient, Starfish Family Services., as presented. On voice vote, motion carried 4-0.

**2. Appointment of Manager of Implementation Services – Business – Marilyn Adolph**

Member Beri, supported by Member Funderburg, moved that the Wayne RESA Board approve the appointment of Marilyn Adolph to the position of Manager of Implementation Services - Business, effective February 17, 2020. On voice vote, motion carried 4-0.

- 3. Appointment of Manager of Implementation Services – Student – Brandon Wilkins**  
Member Blackmon, supported by Member Funderburg, moved that the Wayne RESA Board approve the appointment of Brandon Wilkins to the position of Manager of Implementation Services - Student, effective February 17, 2020. On voice vote, motion carried 4-0.
- 4. Appointment of Executive Director of Legislative Affairs – Michael Latvis**  
Member Funderburg, supported by Member Beri, moved that the Wayne RESA Board approve the appointment of Michael Latvis to the position of Executive Director of Legislative Affairs, effective February 17, 2020. On voice vote, motion carried 4-0.
- 5. One-Time Distribution of Act 18 Funds Supporting Operating Program Capital Expenditures**  
Member Beri, supported by Member Blackmon, moved that the Wayne RESA Board authorize the distribution of Act 18 Funds in an amount not to exceed \$6,000,000 to fund approved capital expenditures to districts operating Act 18 funded center programs; to be completed by June 30, 2021. On voice vote, motion carried 4-0.
- 6. 2019-2020 Budget Amendment – Wayne County RESA**  
Member Funderburg, supported by Member Blackmon, moved that the Wayne RESA Board approve the Wayne RESA 2019-2020 Amended Appropriations Resolutions of the General, Cooperative, Enhancement Millage, Act 18, Special Education Operating, Medicaid, Capital Projects and Funded Projects funds, as presented. On voice vote, motion carried 4-0.

**M. General Board Comments – None.**

**N. Adjournment**

Member Petrie moved to adjourn the meeting. On voice vote, motion carried 4-0. President Petrie adjourned the meeting at 10:59 a.m.

Submitted by:   
Danielle Funderburg, Secretary