



Wayne Regional Educational Service Agency  
Board of Education

**Regular Meeting**

**June 12, 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 June 12, 2019 at 9:01 a.m.

**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 Blackmon supported by Member Funderburg, moved to approve the agenda, as amended to reflect a revision in Board Recommendation #210-18-19. On voice vote, the motion carried 5-0.

**E. Public Participation** – None.

**F. Introduction of New Staff**

Tracey Wright, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources introduced the following new staff:

- Iwona Laskowski – Bookkeeper, Administrative and Financial Services, effective May 6, 2019.
- Kimber Ardaiz – Human Resource Assistant, effective May 20, 2019.
- Tracie Rizzo – Secretary, Educational Services, effective May 13, 2019.
- Daveda Colbert – Associate Superintendent, Educational Services, effective June 10, 2019.

**G. School/Student Presentation(s):**

- Family Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) – Romulus HS FCCLA Advisor Lisa Willerick shared that the FCCLA (once known as the Future Homemakers of America) is a national career and technical student organization with a statewide chapter and a local chapter. The Romulus chapter had 25 students this year. Involvement in FCCLA offers members the opportunity to expand their leadership potential and develop skills for life—planning, goal setting, problem solving, decision making, and interpersonal communication—necessary in the home and workplace. Additional highlights were shared about the service projects planned and coordinated by the students, the state and national conference participation, the Power of One and the STAR (Students Taking Action with Recognition) components.
- Romulus Graduate and former FCCLA member Nashawn Craig shared some background information about himself and his passion about school bus safety, which led him to create a series of videos on school bus safety. Nashawn shared an overview of his Award-winning (state level award for two years) Community Service Project on School Bus Safety and shared the video #Brake4Busses.

Member Blackmon thanked Nashawn for his presentation and his vision for the need. Member Funderburg added that her kids participated in FCCLA and she feels that there is valuable character building imbedded in the FCCLA program. She thanked Ms. Willerick for her commitment to the students and the program. Member Beri asked how many Wayne County districts participate in the program. Ms. Willerick responded that Riverview and Northville participate, and they are hoping to add Wayne-Westland and Plymouth Canton. Member Beri also inquired about the possibility of a presentation to the Melvindale-N. Allen Park Board on the FCCLA Program.

President Jackson requested a recess at 9:41 a.m. The meeting reconvened at 9:51 a.m.

#### **H. President's Remarks and Board Comments**

Member Jackson:

- Shared the following Wayne County school district highlights:
  - Southgate Anderson HS – student council members participated in an event with the local municipality where students shadowed the mayor, fire chief and others – in an activity where they were able to run local government for a day.
  - Redford – both school districts announced an exciting summer reading program that will be held at the local library.
  - Gibraltar – former Carlson H.S. student drafted by the Yankees.
  - Congratulations to all of the Wayne County High School 2019 graduates.

Member Petrie:

- Congratulated Members Jackson and Beri on their reelection.
- Thanked Tracey Wright for her work in organizing and coordinating the WRESA Retirement and Years of Service Celebration.

Member Beri:

- Expressed his appreciation to all of the Wayne County board members that attended and supported him in the election.

Member Funderburg:

- Congratulated Members Jackson and Beri on their reelection. She also noted that she has been very busy with all of the celebratory year end events. She enjoys this time of the year.

Member Blackmon:

- Congratulated Members Jackson and Beri on their reelection.
- Shared that she too enjoyed the WRESA Retirement and Years of Service event.
- Noted that the deadline for the Shining Light nominations are June 21. The location of the awards ceremony has changed from years past. This year the ceremony will be held Thursday, October 10 at The Mint at Michigan First Conference Center • 27000 Evergreen Rd. • Lathrup Village

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

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

Legislative Affairs, Kathy Merry

- The House passed the K12 Budget and is now headed to the House floor. For the first time they removed university funding from the School Aid Fund, however, the money was allocated to the roads. MASB sent out a communication, encouraging everyone to reach out to their Reps to oppose this budget. The Senate and the Governor both proposed an increase in our allocation but after the revenue consensus meeting, it was noted that the Senate overspent by \$163 M. We are not excited

about the House's version, as there are no weighted formulas in it. We are encouraging all Reps in the House to vote no. The end of July is what is projected for the next budget announcement.

- Benton Harbor School District is in severe financial jeopardy. The Governor's plan is to close the high school and allow them to maintain their K-8 programs. The Board is opposed and will be presenting another plan to the Governor. The education lobbying community are concerned as there have been talks about introducing new dissolution legislation in the legislature.
- The Governor signed two new bills – vaping and e-cigarettes are now illegal; and Alarm boxes in vestibules – legislation was needed to require the boxes are moved between the locked doors.
- Hoping that school district boards will continue to pass resolutions to support the School Finance Research Collaborative.

Associate Superintendent, Daveda Colbert

- Expressed her pleasure to be part of the WRESA Team. She has been meeting with staff and has really enjoyed her first 72 hours.

Deputy Superintendent, Steve Ezikian

- Revised Board Rec #210-18-19 – Steve shared that the terms for the appointed board members needed to be staggered for the charter school in the recommendation. He also noted that we will look at the other charters we authorize as well to make sure that their terms are staggered.
- Ongoing space issue - As a result of the agencies expanded work and increased staff, we now have a shortage of work space. We have done some work to double-up staff, but additionally we are considering utilizing the space at Burger School. In addition, we will be renovating some space on the first floor to repurpose it for Event Services.
- Truancy Project – The Wayne County Prosecutors office is working with WRESA, Assured Family Services and the districts in a pilot project regarding truancy. Six or seven districts have agreed to participate. Assured Family Services will do an assessment and provide wrap around services.
- We were quite impressed with a Wayne –Westland student that interviewed for a part-time position related to the NASA grant. Although we did not hire the young man, we are working to put together an internship for him.

Superintendent, Randy Liepa

- Congratulated Kim Hooper, Wayne RESA Transportation Services Consultant, as MDE has awarded him with a Certificate of Recognition for all of his outstanding work across the state.
- Dr. Liepa will again meet with each superintendent individually this summer to discuss what's happening in their districts and to talk about RESA services.
- Hamtramck Schools will have a new superintendent effective July 1, 2019. Welcome Ms. Jaleelah Ahmed.
- Dr. Liepa shared that he and Kathy Merry, Executive Director for Legislative Affairs, attended the 2019 Mackinac Policy Conference last month. As usual, it was a terrific conference and it was definitely time well spent.
- WRESA's Administrative Team retreat is scheduled for June 19 – 20, 2019. The focus of the retreat will be equity and diversity, as it has been all year. In addition, there will be a presentation from Gallup, as we focus on our organizational goals around culture and climate in the work environment. WRESA's Organizational Planning Committee (OPC) and Labor-Management Collaborative (LMC) are actively involved in moving this concept forward and we are planning a big kick-off at the organization's All Staff meeting in September.

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

Member Petrie, supported by Member Beri, moved to approve the Consent Agenda, as amended to reflect a revision in Board Recommendation #210-18-19. On voice vote, motion carried 5-0. Items include approval of:

- Superintendent's Recommendations
- Minutes from May 15, 2019 Budget Hearing Meeting
- Minutes from May 15, 2019 Regular Meeting
- Minutes from June 3, 2019 Election Meeting
- WRESA May Check Register
- Outstanding Investments, Revenues & Expenditures

**204-18-19**

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

Mitchell Boldin, Web and Instructional Design Consultant, effective July 1, 2019.

**205-18-19**

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

James Moon-Dupree, Technician-AREN/GIS, effective June 3, 2019.

Kimberly Krug, Special Education-ASD Consultant, effective July 1, 2019.

**206-18-19**

The Board approved the following leave(s):

Nicole Thompson, Secretary, Intermittent Family/Medical Leave, effective March 27; and April 9, 2019.

Peggy Liepa, Business Services-Business Analyst, Intermittent Family/Medical Leave, effective April 26, 2019.

Angela Schulz, Business Services-Business Analyst, Intermittent Family/Medical Leave, effective May 7; and May 21, 2019.

Sharon Warren, Secretary to the Board, Family/Medical Leave, effective May 8, 2019.

Gayla Bates, Bookkeeper, Family/Medical Leave, effective June 3, 2019.

Pamela Spencer, Early Childhood Consultant, Family/Medical Leave, effective June 4, 2019.

**207-18-19**

The Board approved the following renewal of part-time administrative employment contract(s):

Mary Fayad, Part-time Special Education Administrator, effective July 1, 2019.

Stephanie Burrage, Part-time Constituent School District Support Administrator, effective July 1, 2019.

Linda Kempton, Part-time Finance Administrator, effective July 1, 2019.

Leonard R. Rezmierski, Part-time Superintendent Support Administrator, effective July 1, 2019.

**208- 18-19**

The Board approved the appointment of Linda MacClinton, Redford Union Schools, to the Wayne County Parent Advisory Committee (WCPAC) for a three-year term. Effective for the period July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2022.

**209-18-19 (SE)**

The Board approved the reappointment of the following representatives to serve on the Creative Montessori Academy Board:

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| Tammy Duty  | Two year term beginning May 1, 2019 and ending April 30, 2022 |
| Lisa Gillon | Two year term beginning June 1, 2019 and ending May 31, 2022  |

*Rationale:* The above individuals have served as active members of the Creative Montessori Academy Board. Tammy Duty is the current President of Creative Montessori Academy Board, an active CMA parent and a high school teacher in Taylor Public Schools. Lisa Gillon is a resident of the down river community as well as a High School Principal in Novi, Michigan.

**210-18-19 (SE)**

The Board approve the reappointment of the following representative to serve on the Henry Ford Academy Board:

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| Lucie Howell       | Two year term beginning July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2021   |
| Spence Medford     | Two year term beginning July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2021   |
| Brent Ott          | Three year term beginning July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2022 |
| Todd Nissen        | Three year term beginning July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2022 |
| Michael Schmidt    | One year term beginning July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2020   |
| Dr. Sarena Shivers | One year term beginning July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2020   |

*Rationale:* All of the above individuals have served as active members of the Henry Ford Academy Board. Lucie Howell serves as the Director of Learning and Engagement for The Henry Ford. Spence Medford is the Vice President of Institutional Advancement for the Henry Ford Museum. Brent Ott is the Vice President of Business Services and Chief Financial Officer for The Henry Ford. Todd Nissen is the Director of Communications for the Ford Motor Company Fund. Michael Schmidt is the Director of Education and Community Development for the Ford Motor Company Fund. Dr. Sarena Shivers is the current superintendent of Redford Union Public Schools.

**211-18-19**

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 May 1, 2019 through May 31, 2019: Mary Blackmon, \$171.10; Danielle Funderburg, \$392.56; Lynda Jackson, \$1,013.01; Jim Petrie, \$208.68.

**212-18-19**

The Board approved payments to MAISL Trust in the amount of \$52,086 for property, casualty and liability insurance.

**213-18-19**

The Board approved payments to AJ Gallagher Risk Management Services in the amount of \$45,500 for Cyber Liability insurance.

**214-18-19**

The Board authorized the issuance of purchase orders for the acquisition of computer service equipment and software to be resold to local districts when Wayne RESA is acting as central purchasing agent and authorization from the requesting local district has been received prior to the issuance of a purchase order from Wayne RESA.

**215-18-19**

The Board approved a purchase from Inacom TSG, Southfield, MI for Cisco SMARTnet maintenance from July 31, 2019 to July 30, 2020 in the amount of \$53,512.

**216-18-19**

The Board authorized issuance of purchase orders in the amount of \$35,000 for acquisition of paper supply from Central Michigan Paper Company, to supply Wayne RESA copiers and printers.

**217-18-19**

The Board approved entering into a contract with Clara B Ford Academy for an amount not to exceed \$60,000 for the period October 1, 2018 through September 30, 2019.

**218-18-19**

The Board approved a renewal contract with Konica Minolta, Palatine, IL for copier machine maintenance, in the amount of \$68,000 for the period July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020.

**219-18-19**

The Board approved a renewal contract with Dell Computers, Round Rock, TX in an amount not to exceed \$100,000 for the period July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020.

**220-18-19**

The Board approved a renewal contract with RNA Facilities Management, Ann Arbor, MI for Security Services, in an amount not to exceed \$25,000 for the period July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020; with a yearly optional renewal of up to four years.

**221-18-19**

The Board approved a renewal contract with Safe Provisions, Ann Arbor, MI for Security Services, in an amount not to exceed \$25,000 for the period July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020; with a yearly optional renewal of up to four years.

**222-18-19**

The Board approved a renewal contract with RNA Facilities Management, Ann Arbor, MI for grounds maintenance at WRESA and Burger, in the amount of \$58,000 for the period July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020; renewable for two additional years.

**223-18-19**

The Board approved a renewal contract with RNA Facilities Management, Ann Arbor, MI for custodial services at WRESA and Burger, in the amount of \$357,675.68 for the period July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020; this is the last year of the contract.

**224-18-19**

The Board approved a renewal contract with LaJa Consulting, LLC, Romulus, MI for project managements, staffing and support services for MISTAR Special Education in an amount not to exceed \$150,000 for the period July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020.

**225-18-19**

The Board approved a renewal contract with Aequitas Solutions, LLC, Rancho Cucamonga CA for Software Licenses, programming, and implementation of WRESA's application systems in an amount not to exceed \$670,000 for the period July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020.

**226-18-19**

The Board authorized the superintendent to enter into a contract with Aequitas Solutions, LLC, Rancho Cucamonga CA for software development of Wayne RESA's Student Information System (SIS) Special Education IEP in an amount not to exceed \$290,000 for the period July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020.

**227-18-19**

The Board approved a renewal contract with IntegriSource, Tallahassee, FL for programming services in an amount not to exceed \$150,000 for the period July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020.

**228-18-19**

The Board approved a renewal contract with Illuminate Inc., Irvine, CA, for MISTAR Data and Assessment including software licenses, assessment content licenses and software maintenance in an amount not to exceed \$920,000 for the period July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020.

**229-18-19**

The Board approved a renewal contract with Edulink, Inc., Orange, CA for an Automated Calling System for unlimited emergency, informational, attendance, survey calls, and teacher based student calling for an amount not to exceed \$200,000 (\$1.00 annually per student) for the period July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020.

**230-18-19**

The Board approved entering into a contract with Online Solutions, LLC, New Hudson, MI for Delphi programming for enhancement of Wayne RESA's Polyplot Routing/Mapping systems and other Smart system components, in an amount not to exceed \$80,000 for the period July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020.

**231-18-19**

The Board approved a renewal contract with Idera Inc, Dallas, TX for database tools for monitoring and troubleshooting MS SQL database servers in an amount not to exceed \$30,000 for the period July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020.

**232-18-19**

The Board approved entering into an Agreement with GPS Solutions, LLC (GPS), Farmington Hills, MI, for Title I Supplemental Instruction Services in an amount not to exceed \$1,868,055, for the period September 1, 2019 through August 31, 2020.

**233-18-19**

The Board approved entering into an Agreement with GPS Solutions, LLC (GPS), Farmington Hills, MI, for Title II Professional Development services in an amount not to exceed \$275,000, for the period September 1, 2019 through August 31, 2020.

**L. Action Items:**

**1. Wayne RESA 2018-2019 Budget Amendment**

Member Petrie, supported by Member Beri, moved that the Board approve the Wayne RESA 2018-2019 Amended Appropriations Resolutions of the Enhancement Millage and Medicaid funds, as presented. On voice vote, motion carried 5-0.

**2. Wayne RESA 2019-2020 Preliminary Budget**

Member Beri, supported by Member Funderburg, moved that the Board approve the Wayne RESA 2019-20 Appropriations Resolutions of the Preliminary Budget, as presented. On voice vote, motion carried 5-0.

**3. Wayne RESA Certification of 2019 Tax Rate**

Member Blackmon, supported by Member Beri, moved that the Board approve the attached resolution levying .0965 mills for operational purposes, 3.3678 mills for special education purposes and 2.000 mills for county schools enhancement for a total of 5.4643 mills on the taxable value of property for all cities and townships or fractions thereof. On voice vote, motion carried 5-0.

**4. School District of the City of Inkster 2018-2019 Budget Amendment**

Member Funderburg, supported by Member Blackmon, moved that the Board approve the Budget Amendments to the 2018-209 Appropriations Resolutions of the General Fund and Debt Fund for the School District of the City of Inkster, as presented. On voice vote, motion carried 5-0.

**5. School District of the City of Inkster 2019-2020 Preliminary Budget**

Member Petrie, supported by Member Funderburg, moved that the Board approve the School District of the City of Inkster 2019-20 Preliminary Budget Resolutions, as presented. On voice vote, motion carried 5-0.

**6. School District of the City of Inkster Certification of 2019 Tax Rate**

Member Beri, supported by Member Funderburg, moved that the Board approve the attached resolution levying 17.5818 mills on Non-Homestead Property and 5.5818 on Commercial Personal Property for operational purposes, and 13.0000 mills on all property for the Debt Fund on the taxable value of property for all cities and townships or fractions thereof on behalf of the School District of the City of Inkster. On voice vote, motion carried 5-0.

**7. Wayne RESA Proposed Board Meeting Schedule - 2019-20**

Member Funderburg, supported by Member Blackmon, moved that the Board approve the Wayne RESA Board Meeting Schedule for the 2019-20 term, as presented. On voice vote, motion carried 5-0.

**8. Wayne RESA 2019 Annual Board Retreat**

Member Blackmon, supported by Member Beri, moved that the Board approve the Wayne RESA Annual Board Retreat dates of July 26 & July 27, 2019. On voice vote, motion carried 5-0.

**M. General Board Comments - none**

**N. Adjournment**

Member Blackmon, supported by Member Beri, moved to adjourn the meeting. On voice vote, motion carried 5-0.

President Jackson adjourned the meeting at 11:01 a.m.

Submitted by:



Mary E. Blackmon, Secretary