



Wayne Regional Educational Service Agency
Board of Education

Electronically Held Regular Meeting

(Governor's Executive Order No. 2020-75)

May 20, 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 Wayne RESA location of 33500 Van Born Road, Wayne, Michigan on May 20, 2020 at 9:16 a.m.

B. Roll Call

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

C. Pledge of Allegiance –Waived.

D. Approval of Agenda

Member Blackmon supported by Member Funderburg, moved to approve the agenda. Roll call vote: Beri-Yes, Blackmon-Yes, Funderburg-Yes, Jackson-Yes, and Petrie-Yes, the motion carried 5-0.

E. Public Participation – None.

F. President's Remarks and Board Comments

Member Blackmon spoke to:

- SEMCOG asked if the WRESA Board would like them to share any of their resources through a presentation.
- Attended an Education Seminar recently through a virtual venue
- Congratulated districts for their graduation celebration creativity

G. Communications - None.

H. Superintendent's Report

Michael Latvis, Executive Director of Legislative Affairs

- Discussed the state budget Deficit due to declining revenues
- School Aid funding may be prorated this year for local districts due to funding shortfalls
- Cares Act – we would like to see flexibility in the utilization of these federal funds allocated because of the health care crisis
- Tri County Alliance will work together to support districts with fall reopening plans
- Stay at Home Order is still in place, and being reviewed moving forward

9:37 a.m. Trustee Jackson excused herself from the Board meeting.

Daveda Colbert, Associate Superintendent, Educational Services

- Provided highlights of her written Educational Services Update that was previously forwarded to board members.

Steve Ezikian, Deputy Superintendent

- WRESA Proration – the state could prorate our funding, also. We will monitor and report back to the board.
- We are helping secure PPE for Schools to Open in the Fall
- Hand sanitizer, donated to Wayne RESA by United Way, has been distributed to Wayne County school districts
- Cares Act Leaves, there are multiple leaves now required by federal law related to the health care crisis. We only highlight that a leave is under the CARES Act, and do not disclose the purpose - for the privacy of staff. There are multiple reasons you can apply for a leave, and most of them are not related to a personal illness.

Superintendent, Dr. Randy Liepa

- Budget / Federal & State Government Involvement for Essential Services, highlighted the need for federal funding support for local and state budgets to make sure schools can provide needed services.
- Tri County Alliance Pro Active Work, occurring to support the budget advocacy work.
- Planning for Fall 2020 Opening of Wayne County School Districts, superintendents are working on plans and we are supporting them.
- Law Suit Literacy for Detroit, it is a landmark case, even though the settlement is somewhat minimal for the district.
- Detroit Regional Chamber asking to collaborate with WRESA to get resources out to families related to college entrance activities for seniors.
- Graduation Ceremonies across Wayne County are varied under the current Stay at Home orders, schools are honoring students in a variety of ways.
- WRESA staff continue working at home / Safe Return Plan has been drafted for when the Stay at Home order ends.

President Petrie requested a recess at 10:21 a.m. The meeting reconvened at 10:27 a.m.

I. Consent Agenda

Member Blackmon, supported by Member Funderburg, moved to approve the Consent Agenda, as presented. Roll call vote: Beri-Yes, Blackmon-Yes, Funderburg-Yes, Petrie-Yes, the motion carried 4-0.

Items include approval of:

- Superintendent's Recommendations
- Minutes from April 15, 2020 Regular Meeting
- Minutes from May 5, 2020 Study Session
- WRESA April Check Register
- Outstanding Investments, Revenues & Expenditures
- Rescind Pre Travel

186-19-20

The Board approve the following leave(s):

- Markita Hall, Manager of Educational Services, Paid Sick Leave under the Families First Coronavirus Response Act, effective April 1-3, 2020.
- Russell Robinson, Educational Improvement Consultant, Paid Sick Leave under the Families First Coronavirus Response Act, effective April 13-17, 2020.
- Larry Stemple, Manager of Special Education and Early Intervention Services – General Supervision and Accountability, Paid Sick Leave under the Families First Coronavirus Response Act, effective April 13-17, 2020.

- Danielle Holmon, Secretary, Family/Medical Leave, effective April 15, 2020.

187-19-20

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

- Deana Jentzen, Part-time English Learner Program Facilitator, Unpaid Personal Leave, effective April 16, 2020.
- Lindsey Horning, Part-time English Learner Program Facilitator, Unpaid Personal Leave, effective April 20, 2020.

188-19-20

The Board approve the removal of the following representative to the Wayne County Parent Advisory Committee at the request of the parent. This is effective May 20, 2020 through June 30, 2022.

- Rosalia Giannotti / Keystone Charter Academy
- Sandra Williams / Detroit Enterprise Academy

189-19-20

Board approve the School-Based Services Medicaid claim initial settlement payment to the following local school districts and the Act 18 Fund for services to Medicaid eligible special education students for \$13,707,383.03 for the period July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019.

DISTRICT/LEA	AMOUNT	DISTRICT/LEA	AMOUNT
Allen Park Public Schools	156,818.28	Melvindale-North Allen Park Schools	146,993.01
Crestwood School District	239,059.27	Northville Public Schools	184,993.21
Dearborn City School District	1,368,161.14	Plymouth-Canton Community Schools	626,283.55
Dearborn Heights School District #7	129,823.84	Redford Union Schools, District No. 1	240,645.01
Ecorse Public Schools	60,951.48	School District of the City of River Rouge	108,142.55
Flat Rock Community Schools	96,453.06	Riverview Community School District	102,195.74
Garden City Public Schools	266,035.04	Romulus Community Schools	247,041.74
Gibraltar School District	114,753.17	South Redford School District	183,275.78
Grosse Ile Township Schools	49,239.17	Southgate Community School District	196,555.11
Grosse Pointe Public Schools	364,396.88	Taylor School District	909,686.62
School District of the City of Hamtramck	190,784.24	Trenton Public Schools	99,500.16
School District of the City of Harper Woods	95,205.69	Van Buren Public Schools	266,386.36
Huron School District	98,400.89	Wayne-Westland Community School District	999,165.15
School District of the City of Lincoln Park	276,481.60	Westwood Community School District	149,415.60
Livonia Public Schools School District	503,202.45	Woodhaven-Brownstown School District	332,670.44

		School District of the City of Wyandotte	165,917.47
		TOTAL:	\$ 8,968,633.70

LEA Direct Payment \$ 8,968,633.70
 ACT 18 RESA \$ 4,738,749.33
 Total \$13,707,383.03

190-19-20

The Board approve a renewal contract with RNA Facilities Management, Ann Arbor, MI for custodial services at WCRESA Education Center and Burger Baylor facilities, in the amount of \$377,041.74 for the period July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021.

191-19-20

The Board approve entering into a contract with the school districts and public school academies listed below in the amount indicated for engaging in the Early Literacy Coaching Educator on Loan Initiative for the period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021.

District / PSA	Amount
Allen Park Public Schools	\$112,000
Cesar Chavez Academy	\$112,000
Chandler Park Academy	\$112,000
Crestwood School District	\$112,000
Dearborn Heights School District #7	\$112,000
Dearborn City School District	\$112,000
Detroit Public Schools Community School District	\$560,000
Detroit Service Learning Academy	\$112,000
Ecorse Public Schools	\$112,000
Flat Rock Community Schools	\$112,000
Garden City Public Schools	\$112,000
Gibraltar School District	\$112,000
Grosse Ile Township Schools	\$112,000
Grosse Pointe Public Schools	\$112,000
School District of the City of Hamtramck	\$112,000
The School District of the City of Harper Woods	\$112,000
Huron School District	\$112,000
School District of the City of Lincoln Park	\$112,000
Livonia Public Schools	\$112,000
Melvindale-North Allen Park Schools	\$112,000
Northville Public Schools	\$112,000
Old Redford Academy	\$112,000
Plymouth-Canton Public Schools	\$112,000
Redford Union Schools, District#1	\$112,000
School District of the City of River Rouge	\$112,000
Riverview Community School District	\$112,000
Romulus Community School	\$112,000
South Redford School District	\$112,000
Southgate Community School District	\$112,000
Star International Academy	\$112,000
Summit Academy North	\$112,000

Taylor School District	\$112,000
Trenton Public Schools	\$112,000
University Preparatory Academy	\$112,000
Van Buren Public Schools	\$112,000
Washington-Parks Academy	\$112,000
Wayne-Westland Public School District	\$112,000
Westwood Community School District	\$112,000
Woodhaven-Brownstown School District	\$112,000
School District of the City of Wyandotte	\$112,000
Total	\$4,928,000

192-19-20

The Board approve entering into a consortium contract with AT&T, Southfield, MI for AT&T Centrex, ISDN PRI, POTS, and long distance services from July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2022.

193-19-20

The board accept the pricing and terms received from Clear Rate Communications, Inc, Troy, MI, for the Clear Connect SIP Trunking and PRI Internet voice solutions as a consortium solution for Wayne and Oakland county school districts, as included in their response to RFP #2020-012-651 for the period of July 1, 2020 through June 31, 2023.

194-19-20

The Board approve entering into an agreement between Fire Fly Computers in an amount not to exceed \$99,370 for remote/ distant learning for the period of May 1, 2020 through September 30, 2020.

195-19-20

The Board approve entering into an agreement with Joy Preparatory Academy in an amount not to exceed \$80,000 for instructional positions as outlined in the RAG grant for the period October 1, 2019 through September 30, 2020.

196-19-20

The Board approve an amendment to Board Recommendation #101-19-20 for the payment of allocable funds to the following PSAs in the amount indicated below for operating Great Start Readiness Programs (GSRP) for the period of October 1, 2019 through September 30, 2020.

District/PSA/Agency	Board Rec 46-19-20 Allocation	Board Rec 101-19-20	Amended Allocation
Detroit Edison Public School Academy	\$483,140	\$611,030	\$483,140
New Paradigm Glazer-Loving Academy	-0-	-0-	\$127,890

197-19-20

The Board approve an amendment to Board Recommendation #27-19-20 entering into written agreements with the following local public school academies for utilization of IDEA Flowthrough funds for the period of July 1, 2019, through June 30, 2021.

PSA	Original Amount	Amended Amount
Ivywood Classical Academy	\$3,000	\$17,352
Westfield Charter Academy	\$3,000	\$90,028
Total	\$6,000	\$107,380

198-19-20

The Board approve an amendment to Board Recommendation # 8-19-20 to increase the amount of the contract with the University of Michigan-Dearborn/Fairlane Campus for the purchase of facilities and catering from an amount not to exceed \$60,000 to an amount not to exceed \$75,000 for the period of October 1, 2019 through September 30, 2020. This will cover the possible need for face-to-face meetings in September, if allowed.

J. Action Item(s):

1. Essential Workers Resolution

Member Blackmon supported by Member Beri, moved that the Wayne RESA Board approve the attached resolution recognizing the commitment, heroism and sacrifice of all essential workers – health care providers; police; fire and others – as a public sign of our gratitude and support for them all. Roll call vote: Beri-Yes, Blackmon-Yes, Funderburg-Yes and Petrie-Yes, motion carried 4-0.

2. Henry Ford Academy Contract Renewal

Member Funderburg supported by Member Beri, moved that the Wayne RESA Board Authorize the Superintendent to renew the charter contract with Henry Ford Academy Board for a period of three years, beginning July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2023. Roll call vote: Beri-Yes, Blackmon-Yes, Funderburg-Yes and Petrie-Yes, motion carried 4-0.

3. Superintendent's Evaluation and Contract Extension

Member Beri supported by Member Blackmon, moved that the Wayne RESA Board approve the satisfactory evaluation of Superintendent Randy Liepa and amend his contract to include a one-year extension through June 30, 2023, with the remainder of the terms and conditions of his contract to remain the same as the 2015-2016 contract; and that the Board authorize the President and Secretary of the Board to sign the amended contract effective July 1, 2020. Roll call vote: Beri-Yes, Blackmon-Yes, Funderburg-Yes and Petrie-Yes, motion carried 4-0.

4. National Teacher Appreciation Week Resolution

Member Blackmon supported by Member Funderburg, moved that the Wayne RESA Board approve the attached proclamation recognizing the commitment, creativity, effort, and leadership of all teachers/educators as a public sign of our gratitude and support for all that they do to educate our nation's children, and more specifically to highlight the work of the teachers/educators in Wayne County that continue to improve student outcomes for all Wayne County students. Roll call vote: Beri-Yes, Blackmon-Yes, Funderburg-Yes and Petrie-Yes, the motion carried 4-0.

K. General Board Comments

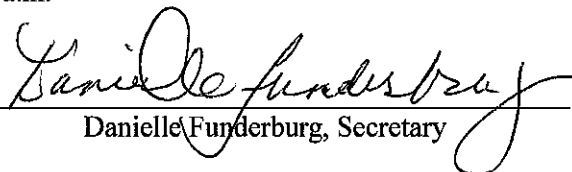
Member Petrie spoke to:

- Thank you to Ed Lazar and Thomas Diroff for their Tech Support.

L. Adjournment

Member Blackmon supported by Member Beri, moved to adjourn the meeting. Roll call vote: Beri-Yes, Blackmon-Yes, Funderburg-Yes and Petrie-Yes, the motion carried 4-0. President Petrie adjourned the meeting at 10:59 a.m.

Submitted by:


Danielle Funderburg, Secretary