



Wayne Regional Educational Service Agency
Board of Education

Virtually Held Regular Meeting
(SB No. 1108)

October 21, 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 Blackmon in the Wayne RESA, location of 33500 Van Born Road, Wayne, Michigan (held virtually) on October 21, 2020 at 8:30 a.m.

B. Roll Call

Present: James Beri (Allen Park, Michigan), Mary Blackmon (Detroit, Michigan), Danielle Funderburg (Romulus, Michigan) and James Petrie (Northville, Michigan)
Absent: Lynda Jackson

C. Approval of Agenda

Member Beri supported by Member Petrie, moved to approve the agenda, as amended to adjust board recommendations 71-20-21 and 81-20-21. Roll call vote: Beri-Yes, Blackmon-Yes, Funderburg-Yes and Petrie-Yes, the motion carried 4-0.

D. Public Participation – None.

E. Introduction of New Staff – Rena Corum, Manager for Human Resources

- Amy Wischow - Application Support Technician
- Wayne Barefoot – Part-Time Technician – Field Services

F. President’s Remarks and Board Comments

Member Petrie spoke to:

- Enhancement Millage support from Northville.
- SEMCOG Survey

Member Funderburg spoke to:

- Manufacturing Day 2020 – Held: Friday, October 2, 2020 – great event. Kudos to support from Wayne RESA.
- Attended the SEMCOG General Assembly

Member Beri spoke to:

- Attended the SEMCOG General Assembly / Survey

Member Blackmon spoke to:

- SEMCOG General Assembly Update
- Enhancement Millage outreach continues in several ways
- Michigan Lottery Excellence in Education Award for \$1,500 cash gift as well as a \$500 grant to a local school was awarded to the Nutrition Supervisor Collen Berry at Plymouth Canton Schools.
- Dearborn Public Schools recently recognized their teachers of the year. Congratulations to:

Andrea Sims of Duvall Elementary; Michael Hawkins of Nowlin Elementary; Ryan Piche of Bryant Middle School; and Dan Taylor of Fordson High School.

- Congratulations and welcome to the new Superintendents to Wayne County this year: John Dignan, Wayne Westland; Griff Mills, Taylor; Doug Mentzer, Trenton; and Ben Edmundson, Romulus

G. Communications - None.

H. Special Presentation(s)

1. LLN (Literacy Coaching)/Content and Assessment – Mari Treece, Educational Services Director and staff spoke to:
 - MAISA-trained Intensive Coaching Institute Facilitators were introduced
 - Wayne County Literacy Theory of Action
 - Implementing a Coaching Model
 - Purpose of Section 35a (4) Funds / Parameters of the Grant
 - MDE Early Literacy Coaching Model
 - Wayne RESA & Wayne County District Grant Stakeholder Commitments
 - Implementation Science / Communication Loops
 - Wayne County Coaching Network / Coaches on Special Assignments (COSA)
 - 2020 Statewide Kickoff Training Timeline for COSAs
 - System of Data Collection to Measure Impact / COSA Coaching Log
 - Currently 120 coaches supported in the Wayne County Coaching Network
 - Leading for Equity Literacy Series: <https://www.smore.com/63jah>
2. Overview of Instructional Technology Services and Online-Blended Support – Anupam Chugh, Instructional Technology Manager and staff spoke to:
 - Introduction of Team
 - Local and Statewide Collaborations
 - Providing Equitable Support & Resources for Wayne County Schools
 - Professional Support for Online/Blended Learning
 - Collaborations within RESA
 - Impact by the Numbers, how many of our resources have been accessed by local teachers
 - Cost Savings
 - MI Streamnet REMC Association of Michigan / Zoom
 - Team Vision

President Blackmon requested a recess at 10:17 a.m. The meeting reconvened at 10:28 a.m.

I. Superintendent's Report

Michael Latvis, Executive Director of Legislative Affairs

- Fiscal Year 2020-21 Education Omnibus Budget / Background – pretty much a rollover budget; which schools were grateful for with state budget challenges under COVID.
- Major Boilerplate Changes – Return to Learn legislation included in budget, including issues around attendance; student count; other.
- What's Next: Lame Duck; Federal Stimulus; Fiscal Year 2022 Executive Budget Recommendation – our plan is to prepare recommendations for legislators on our priorities
- COVID-19 Pandemic Executive & State Department Orders / Impact on Michigan Schools – reviewed what orders are no longer in place, and what new directives have come from legislation or DHHS orders.
- Return to Learn legislation passed in August – Is still in place and provides direction for requirements for local districts as we manage schools in the COVID environment.

Daveda Colbert, Associate Superintendent, Educational Services

- An Educational Services written report was provided to board members
- Manufacturing Day Virtual Event went well, RESA involved in the production
- Equity Series - training put on by our content experts coming up will be shared with board members
- Continue Engagement Work, and it ties into our Gallup initiative
- Great Start Readiness Participation has held up, as open classrooms were redistributed
- Truancy / Absenteeism is still a focus, a presentation will be coming later in the year

Steve Ezikian, Deputy Superintendent

- School Districts are concerned regarding the Cares Act and other grants having a deadline of December 31, 2020 to spend all of the funds allocated to them
- Executive Orders being carried out by the Health Department & MIOSHA are being reviewed to assure our building is meeting all safety requirements
- Update of Weekly Health Department Meetings / District Mitigation Plans – this review is going well as districts submit their plans to the county
- Act 18 Fund Transportation Reimbursement – will recommend this, as we have done now for several years, as the Act 18 fund has the resources to do this.
- Building Management System / Rob McCoy – Rob reviewed upcoming plans

Superintendent, Dr. Randy Liepa:

- Provided an update on the regional enhancement millage information campaign
- Provided an update on Health Department rules / Legislation and how they impact Local School District Safety Plans
- Shared that Continuity of Learning Plans have all been approved and submitted to the state
- Shared an observation that face to face instruction in Wayne County appears to be safe at this time, with few reported COVID cases
- Shared the School Finance Research Collaborative continue their work, and just completed an transportation cost study
- Noted the Tri-County Alliance now includes Genesee and St. Claire counties
- Shared that Interviews are in progress for position of Wayne RESA's Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources
- Congratulations to the Wayne RESA Board members for earning the MASB Distinguished Award as a result of every member achieving their Award of Distinction. The Wayne RESA Board is one of four boards in the State of Michigan that received this award. The board also received the Standard of Excellence Award and the Honor Board Award since every board member has their Award of Merit and Level One Certification.

J. Consent Agenda

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

Items include approval of:

- Superintendent's Recommendations
- Minutes from September 16, 2020, Regular Meeting
- September WRESA Check Register
- Outstanding Investments, Revenues & Expenditures

65-20-21

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

- Matthew Huls, Part-Time Technician – Field Services, effective September 18, 2020.
- Wilbur W. Barefoot, Part-Time Technician – Field Services, effective September 21, 2020.

66-20-21

The Board approved the following leave(s):

- Sheri Bartz, Secretary, Paid Sick Leave under the Families First Coronavirus Response Act, effective September 11 and September 14, 2020.
- Danielle Holmon, Secretary, Family/Medical Leave, effective September 30 through October 16, 2020.

67-20-21

The Board approved the following reclassification(s):

- Christine Jackson, Application Programmer, (Schedule D) to Application Programmer Analyst (Schedule E) effective August 3, 2020.

68-20-21

The Board approved a purchase from Vista IT Group, Grand Rapids, MI, for server blades in an amount not to exceed \$32,000.

69-20-21

The board approved the purchase of assistive technology/equipment from Apple Computer Inc. not to exceed the amount of \$60,000 for the period of October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2021.

70-20-21

The board approved the purchase of Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC) Devices from Tobii Dynavox not to exceed the amount of \$100,000 for the period of October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2021.

71-20-21 – Amendment

The Board approved payment to Byrum & Fisk for mailing expenses related to communications to inform the public about the ballot proposal to renew the Wayne County Regional Enhancement millage, in an amount not to exceed \$120,000.

72-20-21

The Board approved entering into a contract with Carol Hanner (Carol Hanner, LLC.), Plymouth, MI for Career and Technical Education (CTE) technical support in an amount not to exceed \$25,000 for the period of October 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021.

73-20-21

The Board approved entering into a contract with BFDI Training Institute (formerly Black Family Development), Detroit, MI to deliver *Restorative Practices* professional learning workshop offerings, coaching, and technical assistance not to exceed the amount of \$27,045.18 for the period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021.

74-20-21

The Board approved entering into a contract with LaJa Consulting, LLC, Romulus, MI to provide student population count services for Wayne RESA districts in an amount not to exceed \$54,000 for the period of October 6, 2020 through December 30, 2020.

75-20-21 The Board approved entering into a contract with the Michigan Rehabilitation Services (MRS) under an Interagency Cash Transfer Agreement in an amount not to exceed \$107,772 for the period of October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2021.

76-20-21

The Board approved entering into a contract with the Michigan Rehabilitation Services (MRS) under an Interagency Cash Transfer Agreement in an amount not to exceed \$80,000 for the period October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2021.

77-20-21

Board approved entering into a contract with the following Great Start Readiness Program (GSRP) subrecipients for transportation services, for the period of October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2021.

District/PSA/Agency	Total
Academy for Business and Technology	\$24,400
Arab American	\$48,800
Bambi Land Learning Center	\$91,500
Brainiacs Clubhouse CDC	\$27,450
Child Star Development Center	\$30,500
Children's Paradise	\$73,200
Christios Child Care Academy	\$27,450
Circle Time with Friend Learning Center	\$42,700
Detroit Public Schools Community District	\$228,750
Dreamy Daycare Center 2 LLC	\$38,125
Ecorse Public Schools	\$76,250
Focus: HOPE	\$100,000
George Washington Carver Academy	\$54,900
Growing Minds Learning Center	\$106,750
Hanley International Academy	\$13,725
Harper Woods School District	\$1,200
Joy Preparatory Academy	\$9,150
Jude Family Childcare Learning Center	\$9,150
Livonia Public Schools	\$122,000
Matrix Human Services	\$65,000
Oakman Child Care & Development	\$27,450
Redford Service Learning Academy	\$2,800
Someplace Else Learning Factory	\$24,400
The Dearborn Academy	\$1,000
Van Buren Public Schools	\$91,500
Village of Shiny Stars	\$21,350
Total Amount	\$1,359,500

78-20-21

The Board approved a renewal contract with Kelley Cawthorne for legislative consulting and legal services in the amount of \$4,500 per month, for a total of \$54,000 for the period July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021.

79-20-21

The Board approved amendments to Board Recommendations #98-18-19 and #87-19-20 to extend the agreement with Public Consulting Group (PCG), Boston, MA, for academic support to Ecorse Public Schools, in an amount not to exceed \$239,753.74, for the period of October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2021.

80-20-21

The Board approved an amendment to Board Recommendation #10-20-21 to increase or decrease the amount indicated, for operating Great Start Readiness Programs (GSRP) in Wayne County for the following subrecipients for the period of October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2021.

District/PSA/Agency	Original Amount	New Amount
Academy for Business & Technology	\$113,680	\$227,360
Al-Wali Child Care Center	\$0	\$113,680
Arab-American Children Center	\$227,360	\$341,040
Children First Learning Center	\$0	\$113,680
Bright Beginnings Montessori Inc.	\$0	\$113,680
Children of the Rising Sun Empowerment Center	\$0	\$113,680
Children'z Place 2 LLC	\$0	\$113,680
Christios Child Care & Academy	\$255,780	\$383,670
Circle Time with Friends Learning Center	\$198,940	\$255,780
Creative Learning Children's College	\$127,890	\$241,570
David Ellis Academy – Detroit	\$0	\$113,680
David Ellis Academy – West	\$341,040	\$227,360
Dearborn City School District	\$3,410,400	\$3,637,760
Detroit Edison Public School Academy	\$483,140	\$611,030
Detroit Leadership Academy	\$227,360	\$341,040
Detroit Public Schools Community District	\$16,234,925	\$12,391,120
Detroit Service Learning Academy	\$113,680	\$255,780
Flat Rock Community Schools	\$227,360	\$113,680
Focus: HOPE	\$227,360	\$355,250
George Washington Carver Academy	\$255,780	\$383,670
Greater Harvest Ministries Inc.	\$0	\$113,680
Growing Minds Learning Center Inc.	\$767,340	\$881,020
Harper Woods School District	\$341,040	\$464,720
International Language Solutions	\$0	\$113,680
Education Consulting Solutions	\$0	\$113,680
Joy Preparatory Academy	\$227,360	\$113,680
Karnak Creative Child Care	\$113,680	\$227,360
Kid Connection Inc.	\$0	\$113,680
KinderCare Education LLC at Champions GSRP	\$0	\$113,680
Kingdom Kare Learning Center	\$113,680	\$227,360
Kristy's Early Childhood Development Center	\$341,040	\$255,780
Little Lights Foundational Learning Center	\$0	\$113,680
Matrix Human Services	\$113,680	\$170,520
ndividualME Early Learning Academy	\$113,680	\$127,890
New Paradigm - College Prep.	\$127,890	\$255,780
New Paradigm - Loving Academy	\$127,890	\$255,780
Oakman Child Care & Development	\$127,890	\$355,250
Someplace Else	\$113,680	\$227,360
Star International Academy	\$341,040	\$568,400
Summit Academy	\$0	\$113,680
The Learning Tree Child Care Center - North	\$113,680	\$341,040
The Learning Tree Child Care Center - South	\$113,680	\$341,040
The Learning Tree Child Care Center - West	\$0	\$113,680
Trillium Academy	\$113,680	\$227,360
Van Buren Public Schools	\$468,930	\$483,140

Total Amount	\$26,224,555	\$26,881,110
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81-20-21 Amendment

The Board approved entering into an agreement with Barton Malow, Southfield, MI for RFP services, system design, and management of programming of the WRESA Building Automated System Integration Project, in the amount of \$47,270.

K. Action Item(s)

1. Member Beri supported by Member Funderburg, moved that the Wayne RESA Board authorize the Superintendent to extend the charter contract with the Creative Montessori Academy Board for a period of one-year, July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022. Roll call vote: Beri-Yes, Blackmon-Yes, Funderburg-Yes and Petrie-Yes, the motion carried 4-0.
2. Member Petrie supported by Member Funderburg, moved that the Wayne RESA Board approve an amendment, adding the COVID-19 Preparedness and Response Plan and Extended Continuity of Learning Plan, to the charter contract with Creative Montessori Academy. The Preparedness and Response Plan and Extended Continuity of Learning Plan shall remain in effect as required by state law and guidance and shall expire by no later than the end of the 2020-2021 school year. Creative Montessori Academy shall continue to otherwise act in accordance with its charter contract. Roll call vote: Beri-Yes, Blackmon-Yes, Funderburg-Yes and Petrie-Yes, the motion carried 4-0.
3. Member Funderburg supported by Member Beri, moved that the Wayne RESA Board approve an amendment, adding the COVID-19 Preparedness and Response Plan and Extended Continuity of Learning Plan, to the charter contract with Henry Ford Academy. The Preparedness and Response Plan and Extended Continuity of Learning Plan shall remain in effect as required by state law and guidance and shall expire by no later than the end of the 2020-2021 school year. Henry Ford Academy shall continue to otherwise act in accordance with its charter contract. Roll call vote: Beri-Yes, Blackmon-Yes, Funderburg-Yes and Petrie-Yes, the motion carried 4-0.

4. General Board Comments

Member Beri spoke to:

- Congratulations to Lisa Perugi, WRESA’s Early On Special Education Consultant, who has been appointed to the Michigan Interagency Coordinating Council for Infants and Toddlers with Developmental Disabilities.

Member Blackmon spoke to:

- Danielle Funderburg has begun consulting work with MASB’s Superintendent Search Committee.

Member Funderburg spoke to:

- Appreciate Wayne RESA keeping all board members informed. This is important as we participate in various committees outside of WRESA and are able to answer questions when they are brought to the table.

5. Adjournment

Member Petrie 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 Blackmon adjourned the meeting at 11:57 a.m.

Submitted by: James S. Beri
James S. Beri, Secretary