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## Highlights from the December 16, 2020 Regular Meeting(s) of the Wayne RESA Board of Education.

**The Board received** a pre-recorded virtual student choir performance from “The Voice of Victory” of the David Ellis Academy. Introductions were made by Kenya Hildreth, School Administrator and Talana Perry, Principal of Curriculum and Instruction. Also, the Detroit Youth Choir Director, Anthony White, shared a conversation with board members.

**The Board received** an in depth presentation regarding the work occurring to support Wayne County Special Education students during COVID-19. The presentation highlighted requirements under the law to meet the needs of students with special needs; what unique things districts are doing to meet these requirements in both virtual and adjusted school learning environments; what Wayne RESA is doing to support local districts in these efforts. Karen Howey, Assistant Superintendent of Special Education, and Lois Vaughn-Hussain, Special Education Consultant spoke to the many details.

### The Wayne RESA Board of Education approved the following items on the Consent Agenda:

#### Approved the following leave(s):

- Sabrina Rudy, Educational Improvement Consultant, Paid Sick Leave under the Families First Coronavirus Response Act, effective October 27–November 11, 2020.
- Ilona Baciak, Part-time English Learner Program Facilitator, Unpaid Personal Leave, effective November 3, 2020.
- Bradley Curnett, Building Services Assistant, Paid Sick Leave under the Families First Coronavirus Response Act, effective November 10-14, 2020.
- Jennifer Herbert, Part-time English Learner Program Facilitator, Paid Sick Leave under the Families First Coronavirus Response Act, effective November 10-12, 2020 and November 17-19, 2020.
- Sharon Warren, Secretary to the Board/Mandatory Referral Coordinator, Paid Sick Leave under the Families First Coronavirus Response Act, effective November 16-19, 2020.
- Sheri Bartz, Secretary, Paid Sick Leave under the Families First Coronavirus Response Act, effective November 19-25, 2020 and November 30, 2020.
- Cynthia Cook, Health/Prevention Services Consultant, Family/Medical Leave, effective November 19, 2020.
- Michelle Vlodyka, Early Childhood Consultant, Family/Medical Leave, effective November 30, 2020.
- Michelle Vlodyka, Early Childhood Consultant, Paid Sick Leave under the Families First Coronavirus Response Act, effective November 30–December 11, 2020.

#### Approved the following return from leave(s):

- Zachary Betthausen, Part-time English Learner Program Facilitator, Military Leave, effective November 2, 2020.
- Robert Kaminski, Application Data Analyst, Family/Medical Leave, effective November 2, 2020.
- Markita Hall, Manager, Family/Medical Leave, effective November 9, 2020.

#### Approved the following reclassification(s):

- Peggy Liepa, Business Service-Business Analyst, (Schedule F) to Senior Business Analyst – Payroll and Personnel (Schedule G) effective August 28, 2020.

**Approved** the purchase of instructional materials from Complete Book and Media Supply, LLC in compliance with Federal procurement requirements and Board Policy in an amount not to exceed \$30,000 for the period December 1, 2020 through September 30, 2021.

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**Approved** the purchase from Rauhorn Electric, Inc., Bruce Township, MI, for the replacement of parking lot light poles in an amount not to exceed \$98,392.

**Approved** the following actual and necessary expenses incurred by Wayne RESA Board member(s) in discharging their official duties and in performing functions as authorized by the Board. Technology reimbursement for the periods of July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020 and July 1, 2020 through October 31, 2020: Blackmon - \$401.88

**Approved** payment to reimburse the following school districts for updating curriculum materials in the Great Start Readiness Program (GSRP) Curriculum Grant, in the amounts indicated, for the period October 1, 2019 through September 30, 2020.

DISTRICT/LEA	AMOUNT
Detroit Public Schools Community District	\$468,160.86
Tipton Academy	\$59,253.01

**Approved** payment of the reimbursement of allowable added costs for individual Student Aides employed during the 2020-2021 school year to the following local school districts and public school academies, not to exceed the amounts listed below.

LEA/PSA	AMOUNT
Allen Park Public Schools	\$178,700
Dearborn Heights School District #7	\$215,100
Dearborn Public Schools	\$3,722,500
Detroit Public Schools Community District	\$2,096,200
Ecorse Public Schools	\$75,000
Flat Rock Community Schools	\$176,000
Garden City Public Schools	\$468,400
Gibraltar School District	\$323,400
Grosse Ile Township Schools	\$300,200
Grosse Pointe Public Schools	\$400,900
Huron School District	\$198,700
Lincoln Park, School District of the City of	\$359,400
Livonia Public Schools	\$3,974,700
Melvindale-North Allen Park Schools	\$52,300
Northville Public Schools	\$768,000
Plymouth-Canton Community Schools	\$2,437,300
Redford Union Schools, District No. 1	\$162,000
Riverview Community School District	\$82,600
Romulus Community Schools	\$156,600
School District of the City of River Rouge	\$505,200
South Redford School District	\$301,200
Southgate Community School District	\$642,300
Taylor School District	\$495,700
Trenton Public Schools	\$772,800
Wayne-Westland Community School District	\$1,811,100
Westwood Community School District	\$286,200
Woodhaven-Brownstown School District	\$867,500
Academy for Business & Technology	\$26,400
Detroit Leadership Academy	\$99,600
Hope of Detroit Academy	\$149,400

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The Dearborn Academy	\$141,200
The James & Grace Lee Boggs School	\$153,100
Tipton Academy	\$90,600
Voyageur Academy	\$23,000
Total	\$22,513,300

**Approved** the School Services Program Direct Services Claiming (Formerly School Services Program/FFS) Medicaid claim final settlement payment to the following local school districts and the Act 18 Fund for services to Medicaid eligible special education students for \$1,552,358.80 for the period of July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019.

DISTRICT/LEA	AMOUNT	DISTRICT/LEA	AMOUNT
Allen Park Public Schools	17,712.22	Melvindale-North Allen Park Schools	16,599.16
Crestwood School District	26,680.89	Northville Public Schools	21,057.42
Dearborn City School District	152,983.52	Plymouth-Canton Community Schools	70,780.87
Dearborn Heights School District #7	14,672.89	Redford Union Schools, District No. 1	27,385.33
Ecorse Public Schools	6,850.23	School District of the City of River Rouge	12,224.78
Flat Rock Community Schools	10,988.60	Riverview Community School District	11,529.16
Garden City Public Schools	30,066.49	Romulus Community Schools	27,545.83
Gibraltar School District	12,979.14	South Redford School District	20,482.86
Grosse Ile Township Schools	5,607.18	Southgate Community School District	22,252.99
Grosse Pointe Public Schools	41,329.24	Taylor School District	101,678.94
School District of the City of Hamtramck	21,159.39	Trenton Public Schools	11,936.57
School District of the City of Harper Woods	10,682.30	Van Buren Public Schools	30,163.39
Huron School District	11,206.34	Wayne-Westland Community School District	111,456.21
School District of the City of Lincoln Park	31,106.82	Westwood Community School District	16,729.15
Livonia Public Schools School District	56,796.39	Woodhaven-Brownstown School District	37,501.40
		School District of the City of Wyandotte	18,888.72
		TOTAL:	\$ 1,009,034.42

LEA Direct Payment   \$ 1,009,034.42  
 ACT 18 RESA           \$ 543,324.38  
 Total                   \$1,552,358.80

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**Approved** a contract with Robert W. Simmons III to provide support for the Michigan Department of Education under the terms of the MDE-WRESA ISD Collaboration Grant in the amount of \$75,000 for the period of December 16, 2020 through September 30, 2021.

**Approved** entering into a contract with Lambert & Company for communication services in an amount not to exceed \$30,000. Lambert will provide communications services upon request by Wayne RESA. The agency’s billing structure is one that blends senior staff and associates to accomplish objectives in a cost-effective and timely manner. Each staff member bills at an hourly rate based on experience and level of expertise - e.g., senior counsel for strategic positioning and planning, associates for media relations and project execution. Following is a breakdown of the agency’s rates by account team member.

ACCOUNT TEAM MEMBER	ROLE DESCRIPTION	HOURLY RATE
Managing Director	Senior Counsel, Strategy, Crisis Communications	\$300
Senior Director	Counsel, Strategy, Crisis Communications	\$250 - \$300
Director	Client Relations, Day-to-Day Execution, Strategy	\$220 - \$250
Senior Manager	Day-to-Day Execution + Support	\$205 - \$220
Manager	Day-to-Day Execution + Support	\$195 - \$205
Senior Associate	Day-to-Day Execution + Support	\$170 - \$195
Associate	Day-to-Day Execution + Support	\$135 - \$170
Administrative	Clerical Support	\$55
Digital & Creative Services	Project Support As Needed	\$135-\$165

**Approved** entering into a contract with Innovated Energy Controls, Howell, MI for Wayne RESA electrical transformer replacement in the amount of \$48,944.

**Approved** entering into an agreement with the following subrecipients for activities completed in the Strong Beginnings grant, in the amounts indicated, for the period November 3, 2020 through June 30, 2021.

DISTRICT/LEA/PSA	AMOUNT
Dearborn Public Schools	\$85,000
American International Academy	\$85,000
Growing Minds Learning Center	\$85,000

**Approved** written agreements with each of the following agencies and school districts for implementation of Early On activities in the amount of \$127,700 for the period of July 1, 2020 through September 30, 2021.

AGENCY/DISTRICT	AMOUNT
Chitter Chatter	\$30,000
Detroit Public School Community District	\$24,000
Development Centers Inc.	\$12,700
Grosse Pointe Public Schools	\$7,000
Leaps and Bounds	\$2,000
Plymouth Canton Community Schools	\$8,000
Trenton DHH	\$6,000

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Woodhaven Brownstown School District	\$19,000
Wayne-Westland Community School District	\$19,000
Total	\$127,700

**Approved** an amendment to Board Recommendation #77-20-21 to modify the following Great Start Readiness Program (GSRP) subrecipients transportation funds, for the period of October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2021.

District/PSA/Agency	Original Amount	New Amount
A&W/ Bright Star Learning Center	\$0	\$61,000
Above and Beyond Learning Center	\$0	\$73,461
Academy for Business & Technology	\$24,400	\$35,000
Antioch Learning Center	\$0	\$40,000
Arab-American Children Center	\$48,800	\$73,200
Bambi Land Learning Center	\$91,500	\$94,300
Brainiacs Clubhouse CDC	\$27,450	\$33,000
Busy Minds Child Care	\$0	\$24,400
Child Star Development Center	\$30,500	\$40,000
Children'z Place	\$0	\$15,000
Childtime of Dearborn (#0633)	\$0	\$900.00
Christios Child Care Academy	\$27,450	\$20,550
Circle Time with Friends Learning Center	\$42,700	\$24,400
Creative Learning Children's College	\$0	\$29,450
Detroit Service Learning Academy	\$0	\$22,520
Dreamy Day Care 1	\$0	\$57,560
Dream Day Care 2	\$38,125	\$25,450
Ecorse Public Schools	\$76,250	\$45,750
Focus: HOPE	\$100,000	\$59,500
Garden City School District	\$0	\$101,265
Greater Ebenezer CCCC	\$0	\$24,400
Growing Minds Learning Center	\$106,750	\$101,384
Hamtramck Preschool	\$0	\$18,224
Hanley International Academy	\$13,725	\$8,137
Kristy's Development Center	\$0	\$38,125
Livonia Public Schools	\$122,000	\$102,800
Nene's Little Angel's	\$0	\$15,000
Oakman Child Care & Development	\$27,450	\$54,087
Quality Childcare and Learning Center	\$0	\$36,740
Van Buren Public Schools	\$91,500	\$130,575
Village of Shiny Stars	\$21,350	\$32,800
Total	\$889,950	\$1,438,978

**Approved** an amendment to Board Recommendation #46-19-20 for George Washington Carver, Highland Park, MI, to correct the Great Start Readiness Program (GSRP) allocation from \$250,560 to \$251,170 for the period of October 1, 2019 through September 30, 2020.

**Approved** an amendment to Board Recommendation #72-19-20 to increase Brainiacs Clubhouse Child Development Center from \$27,450 to \$31,687 for transportation expenses during the period of October 1, 2019 through September 30, 2020.

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**Approved** an amendment to Board Recommendation #10-20-21 to increase the funding amount for St. Paul Child Development Center, Detroit, MI from \$222,360 to \$227,360 for operating a Great Start Readiness Program (GSRP) during the period of October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2021.

**Approved** an amendment to Board Recommendation #44-20-21 to amend payments of 2020-2021 Deferred Section 107 allocable amounts to the following school districts, in the amounts indicated, for Region 10 grant activities identified and approved under Section 107 of the State Aid Act from the Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Development for a total amount not to exceed \$2,274,444 for the period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021.

Walled Lake Consolidated Schools opted out of receiving 2020-21 Deferred Section 107 funds. Additionally, Southgate Community School District and Utica Community Schools required adjustments to their 2019-20 Final Expenditures Reports resulting in additional 2020-21 Deferred funds. Said funds have been reallocated to other districts who communicated an interest in additional Deferred funds. Funds were allocated based on the Regional funding formula.

County	District	Current Amount	New Amount
Macomb	Chippewa Valley Schools	\$32,683	\$32,683
Macomb	Lake Shore Public Schools (Macomb)	\$57,051	\$57,051
Macomb	L'Anse Creuse Public Schools	\$74,823	\$84,202
Macomb	Utica Community Schools	\$257,788	\$257,788
Macomb	Warren Consolidated Schools	\$55,991	\$55,991
Macomb	Warren Woods Public Schools	\$46,504	\$46,504
Oakland	Birmingham Public Schools	\$26,674	\$26,674
Oakland	Ferndale Public Schools	\$280,413	\$301,200
Oakland	Pontiac City School District	\$18,014	\$18,014
Oakland	School District of the City of Royal Oak	\$132,170	\$132,170
Oakland	Novi Community School District	\$55,867	\$55,867
Oakland	Troy School District	\$201,877	\$201,877
Oakland	West Bloomfield School District	\$34,644	\$34,644
Oakland	Farmington Public School District	\$32,802	\$32,802
Oakland	Huron Valley Schools	\$40,111	\$40,111
Oakland	Rochester Community School District	\$69,304	\$69,304
Oakland	Walled Lake Consolidated Schools	\$39,385	\$0
Wayne	Detroit Public Community School District	\$317,468	\$317,468
Wayne	Dearborn City School District	\$0	\$0
Wayne	Hamtramck, School District of the City of	\$112,831	\$112,831
••Wayne	Livonia Public Schools School District	\$110,619	\$124,471
Wayne	Plymouth-Canton Community Schools	\$63,719	\$63,719
Wayne	Romulus Community Schools	\$53,615	\$53,615
Wayne	Southgate Community School District	\$155,458	\$155,458
Total		\$2,269,811	\$2,274,444

**Approved** an amendment to Board Recommendation #80-20-21 to increase the amount of the contract with Palmer Moving & Storage, Inc. (Palmer), Warren, MI from \$100,000 to \$250,000 to allow for additional moving and storage services.

**Approved** an amendment to Board Recommendation #91-20-21, for payment to Team Cares, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$50,000. The amendment, which is a result the COVID pandemic, has caused them to reevaluate and change their focus for how they will use these grant dollars.

**Accepted** the following grants for the terms, amounts and purposes noted:

Grant	Grantor	Amount	Term	Purpose
Sec 54d Early On	State Aid PA 58 of 2019	\$1,077,224	10/1/2019 - 6/30/2021	Early On serves infants and toddlers from birth to 36 months with developmental delay or conditions that could lead to such delay. These funds are used to contract with certain school districts and agencies to provide services for families of these children.
Sec 54d Early On	State Aid PA 165 of 2020	\$1,078,169	10/1/2020 - 9/30/2021	Early On serves infants and toddlers from birth to 36 months with developmental delay or conditions that could lead to such delay. These funds are used to contract with certain school districts and agencies to provide services for families of these children.
Early On - GEER	Michigan Department of Education	\$150,659	3/13/2020 - 9/30/2021	Due to COVID 19 there is an increased need for PPE, technology/connectivity and materials to allow families to participate in Early On evaluation and services. GEER funds are to be used to purchase the materials needed to support families to receive timely evaluation and Early On services and to safely return to in-person services.
Strong Beginnings	Preschool Development Grant Birth through Five Initiative of the Michigan Department of Education	\$336,000 Grant  \$45,000 Start- up  \$8,400 Transportation Funds	11/3/2020 – 6/30/2021	A grant award to serve forty-two eligible 3-year old children in Strong Beginnings Pilot classrooms. The sites will be Dearborn Schools LEA, Growing Minds Community Based Organization CBO, and American International PSA.

**The Board also considered the following Action Items:**

**Approved** a First Reading of the Board of Education Operating Procedures.

**Approved** a resolution recognizing the commitment, leadership and contributions of the School Boards of Education in Wayne County and the services that they provide to students, staff and their communities. January 2021 is School Board Recognition Month.

**Approved** Miller Johnson Snell & Cummiskey, LLC as legal counsel for Wayne RESA.

**Superintendent's Comments**

Superintendent, Dr. Randy Liepa:

- Shared that local School Districts are in a Time of Transition / provided results of a district survey about what school districts are planning for in January - Virtual vs. Face to Face instruction.
- Best wishes for a great holiday.
- WRESA has provided consultation and feedback for an academy. This academy provides a unique learning environment for students with drug or alcohol dependencies. The academy is starting small with twenty students.