



Wayne Regional Educational Service Agency
Board of Education

Virtually Held Regular Meeting

(SB No. 1108)

December 16, 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 December 16, 2020 at 8:33 a.m.

B. Roll Call

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

C. Approval of Agenda

Member Beri supported by Member Jackson, moved to approve the agenda, as amended. Removed Introduction of New Staff. Roll call vote: Beri-Yes, Blackmon-Yes, Funderburg-Yes, Jackson-Yes and Petrie-Yes, the motion carried 5-0.

D. Public Participation – None.

E. Introduction of New Staff – Kelly Bohl, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources

- Pamela Cox – Part-time English Learner Program Facilitator
- Lavinia Guseth – Part-time English Learner Program Facilitator
- Andrea Fritz – Application Support Technician

F. President’s Remarks and Board Comments

Member Petrie:

- Will be running for another Wayne RESA board term in 2021.

Member Funderburg:

- Her Romulus School Board term will end December 31, 2020.

Board member Jackson left the meeting at 8:58 am.

Member Beri:

- Thank you to Len Rezmierski and Susan Zurvalec for presenting High Impact School Governance to the Melvindale North Allen Park Board of Education.

Member Blackmon:

- Donald Hubler will not seek re-election for MASB Board of Directors.
- Appreciate and Honor, Jewel Ware, Wayne County Commissioner Board member that passed away.
- Detroit Public Schools Community District is hosting a poetry showcase for students as the district observes Human Rights Month. Students can submit a video or written submission around a topic chosen by the United Nations General Assembly. The topic for the contest is “all human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights. They are endowed with reason and conscience and should

act towards one another in a spirit of brotherhood.” Looking forward to seeing the student submissions.

- In Grosse Pointe, students at both high schools, North and South, have united their student associations to work together to bring forth support to local families during the holiday season. So far, they are supporting 57 families, and they are looking to increase that number.
- Wyandotte Roosevelt High School hosted an event on December 10th that is a continuation of a storytelling program started in 2017. To their credit, they have taken the event virtual this year so they could continue the program. The program, called “Images of Resilience,” is put on in partnership with the Guidance Center and produced by the Downriver Student Film Consortium. It highlights the art of creative expression through the arts and storytelling.
- Happy holidays to all of our students and staff in Wayne County schools as they continue the education process during these challenging times.

G. Communications - None.

H. Presentation(s)

1. Student Choir Performance

- David Ellis Academy’s “The Voice of the Victory” presented a few vocal selections. The students were introduced by Kenya Hildreth, School Administrator and Talana Perry, Principal of Curriculum and Instruction
- Detroit Youth Choir Director, Anthony White, shared a conversation with board members.

2. Support for Special Education Students During COVID

Karen Howey, Assistant Superintendent of Special Education, and Lois Vaughn-Hussain, Special Education Consultant spoke to the following presentation that spoke to meeting the needs of students with disabilities in Wayne County during COVID-19.

They highlighted the requirements school districts have under state and federal law to meet the needs of special education students with an IEP even in the times of COVID; what school districts are doing to meet the unique needs of students and meeting their educational goals as outlined in student IEP’s while school has been either virtual or substantially changed since last March; they types of supports Wayne RESA has developed and provided schools and teachers to help meet their obligations to special education students.

Board members asked questions during the presentation.

President Blackmon requested a recess at 10:14 a.m. The meeting reconvened at 10:20 a.m.

I. Superintendent’s Report

Michael Latvis, Executive Director of Legislative Affairs

- Shared a status report on possible Federal Stimulus, and what it might mean for schools.
- Shared state budget status and our efforts to provide feedback as the state readies itself for budget planning for the 2021-22 year.

Daveda Colbert, Associate Superintendent, Educational Services

- Shared that Family Resources that are available have been compiled for our local schools, and are now on our website
- Highlighted RESA Consultants appointed to Statewide Work
 - Cherron Ramey will serve as the Co-Chair for MAISA General Education Leadership Network 6-12 Disciplinary Literacy Task Force.

- Melissa Wilson will serve as Board Secretary on the Michigan Reading Association Executive Board.
- D'Anna Courtney will serve on the Early Childhood Professional Learning Advisory Board.

Steve Ezikian, Deputy Superintendent

- Donations of face masks continue. Over 1 million face masks have been distributed to Wayne County schools.
- Upgraded WRESA Website / It now can be shared in many different languages.
- IT Maintenance/Testing/Upgrades are coming over break (December 22-27, 2020)
- Mike Latvis, Tamara Dust and Steve met virtually with the Legislative Budget Offices to discuss the Inkster Bond Loan, as we continue to work on getting support to paying off the debt.

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.

J. Consent Agenda

Member Petrie supported by Member Beri, moved to approve the Consent Agenda. 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 November 16, 2020, Regular Meeting
- November WRESA Check Register
- Outstanding Investments, Revenues & Expenditures

98-20-21

The Board 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.

99-20-21

The Board 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.

100-20-21

The Board 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.

101-20-21

The Board 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.

102-20-21

The Board 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.

103-20-21

The Board 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

104-19-20

The Board 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

105-20-21

The Board 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
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

106-20-21

Board 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

107-20-21

The Board 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.

108-20-21

The Board 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
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109-20-21

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

110-20-21

The Board 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

111-20-21

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

112-20-21

The Board 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

113-20-21

The Board 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.

114-20-21

The Board 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.

115-20-21

The Board 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.

116-20-21

The Board 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

117-20-21

The Board 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.

118-20-21

The Board 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.

119-20-21

The Board 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.

K. Action Item(s)

1. Board of Education Operating Procedures – First Reading

Member Funderburg supported by Member Petrie, moved that the Wayne RESA Board of Education approve the first reading of the attached Board Operating Procedures, and direct the Wayne RESA administration to incorporate them into the Wayne RESA Board Policies, as amended. Roll call vote: Beri-Yes, Blackmon-Yes, Funderburg-Yes and Petrie-Yes, the motion carried 4-0.

2. Local School District Board Recognition Month Resolution

Member Petrie supported by Member Funderburg, moved that the Wayne RESA Board of Education approve the attached 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, as amended. Roll call vote: Beri-Yes, Blackmon-Yes, Funderburg-Yes and Petrie-Yes, the motion carried 4-0.

3. Miller Johnson Snell & Cummiskey Legal Counsel

Member Petrie supported by Member Beri, moved that the Wayne RESA Board of Education approve Miller Johnson Snell & Cummiskey, LLC as legal counsel for Wayne RESA. Roll call vote: Beri-Yes, Blackmon-Yes, Funderburg-Yes and Petrie-Yes, the motion carried 4-0.

L. General Board Comments

Member Petrie:

- Wishes of a great holiday season and thank you for your extreme efforts and resilience in the work each of you do for Wayne County school districts.

Member Blackmon:

- MAC & SEMCOG Update
- Wishes of a wonderful, blessed holiday.

M. Adjournment

Member Beri supported by Member Petrie, 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 11:02 a.m.

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