



Wayne Regional Educational Service Agency
Board of Education

Virtually Held Regular Meeting
(Public Act 254)

February 17, 2021

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 February 17, 2021 at 8:33 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 presented. 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 – Kelly Bohl, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources

- Ashley Dunford – Student Application Business Analyst
- Diane Barnes-Szabados – Application Support Technician
- Jamie Williams – Technical Assistant

F. President’s Remarks and Board Comments

Member Petrie:

- Shared that he saw the Press Conference that Dr. Liepa’s participated in on February 16, 2021 around school funding.

Member Funderburg:

- Attended an NSBA Equity Online Symposium. She liked a book they received - "Seats at the Table: School Board Members’ Perspectives on Race & Racism"
- Attended SEMCOG-SEMUCOE: Preparing & Connecting Talent with Careers: MI LEO
- Will be a Panelist on Friday (2/19/21) during the MASBs Winter Institute: Finding What Works: A Panel Discussion from Meeting management to Governance Standards

Member Blackmon:

- M.A.C. Board Meeting Update
- Recognition of Heart Health Month
- Recognition of Black History Month
- Allen Park High School Student Council held its 2nd annual Charity Week. This year’s theme was teen mental health and proceeds went to “Kids Talk – Childrens Advocacy Center. A couple of the fundraising efforts included an online raffle and a video game competition.

- You may recall the nurse that sang a stirring rendition of “Amazing Grace” the night before the Presidential Inauguration. That same nurse sang to her Livonia St. Mary hospital co-workers and the video went viral. That nurse was Lori Marie Kay a former graduate of Woodhaven High School.
- Many thanks to all the students in Wayne County that make us proud.

G. Communications - None.

H. Presentation(s)

1. Partnership District Update

Markita Hall, Manager Educational Services, included the following update in regards to Partnership Districts:

- Gave a historical perspective
- Districts, Public School Academies that are partnership districts were identified / WRESA is a signing partner with six districts
- WRESA Support provided to all Partnership District
- She shared the 18-Month Benchmark Status of all Districts
- She highlighted that we are Supporting At-Risk Districts
- Promising Practices were shared – DPSCD / Ecorse Public Schools / River Rouge /
- Next Steps

I. Superintendent’s Report

Superintendent, Dr. Randy Liepa:

- Discussed his participation in the February 16, 2021 Press Conference around current issues with funding for schools
- Wayne County School Educator Vaccination Distribution went very well – all entities completed for the first vaccine
- Learning Recovery Conversations are now occurring in schools districts as they move forward

Michael Latvis, Executive Director of Legislative Affairs

- Difficult environment in Lansing right now
- 2022 Executive Budget Recommendation was shared by the Governor last week
- Supplemental Budget Plans have been presented from House, Senate and Governor – we are hoping for progress on finalizing this soon.
- Explained Federal Stimulus Funds to schools

9:40 a.m. Board Trustee Lynda Jackson (Brownstown, Michigan) joined the meeting.

Steve Ezikian, Deputy Superintendent

- Highlighted we are not involved with Federal Stimulus Funds Distribution and Monitoring
- Shared that the E-Rate Bid will be coming to them – Board Approval in March 2021
- Board Policy Review is being explored – more to come on this
- We are looking for added Act 18 reimbursement for special education costs to local districts based on the current financial position of the fund
- Wayne County School Districts are notified of Covid-19 updates from health dept.

President Blackmon requested a recess at 10:00 a.m. The meeting reconvened at 10:13 a.m.

J. Consent Agenda

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

Items include approval of:

- Superintendent's Recommendations
- Minutes from January 20, 2021, Regular Meeting
- January WRESA Check Register
- January Inkster Check Register
- Outstanding Investments, Revenues & Expenditures

135-20-21

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

- Ashley Dunford, Student Application Business Analyst, effective January 19, 2021.

136-20-21

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

- Jamie Williams, Technical Assistant, effective January 19, 2021.
- Diane Barnes Szabados, Application Support Technician, effective January 25, 2021.

137-20-21

The Board approved the following retiree(s) for rehire:

- Donna McDowell, Part-time Workforce Development Project Consultant, effective January 19, 2021.

138-20-21

The Board approved the following leave(s):

- Deana Jentzen, Part-time English Learner Program Facilitator, Unpaid Personal Leave, effective January 13, 2021.
- Sheri Bartz, Secretary, Family/Medical Leave, effective January 7, 2021.

139-20-21

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

- Sheri Bartz, Secretary, Family/Medical Leave, effective February 1, 2021.

140-20-21

The Board approved the appointment of the following representative(s) to the Wayne County Parent Advisory Committee (WCPAC) for a three-year term. This is effective for the period February 17, 2021 through June 30, 2023.

- Clare Brick - Northville Public Schools

141-20-21

The Board approved a purchase from Nutty Scientists of SE Michigan (Nutty Scientists), Canton, MI for the purchase of 2,600 STEM Kits in an amount not to exceed \$45,000.

142-20-21

The Board approved the purchase of 5,240 STEM Books from Mrs. Nelson's Book Company LLC (Mrs. Nelson's), Pomona, CA in an amount not to exceed \$48,000.

143-20-21

The Board approved the purchase of materials from Into the Wind Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$75,000 for the period of January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021. These materials provide supplies and support for the Wayne RESA/NASA AEROKATS and ROVER Education Network (AREN) grant (NASA Cooperative Agreement Award NNX16AB95A).

144-20-21

The Board approved the purchase from Atlassian Pty Ltd (Proprietary Limited), Chicago, Illinois for one year of software licenses and maintenance renewal in the amount of \$32,882.50. The renewal is for the period of March 31, 2021 through March 31, 2022.

145-20 -21

The Board approved the purchase of a one year software license from World Tech IT, Austin TX, maintenance, security subscription service and consulting for two F5 Application Security Managers in the amount of \$72,100 for the period of February 2021 through January 2022.

146-20-21

The Board approved recommend payment to the following educational entities, in the amounts indicated, for 61b State Aid funded activities related to Early Middle College and Dual Enrollment state approved Career and Technical Education programs for a total amount not to exceed \$116,761 for the period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021.

| ISD/District | Amount |
|----------------------------------|-----------|
| Advanced Technology Academy | \$36,929 |
| Trenton Public Schools | \$73,994 |
| Wayne RESA | \$5,838 |
| TOTAL ISD and District 61b Funds | \$116,761 |

147-20-21

The Board approved entering into a contract with Everybody Ready, Inc., Southgate, MI for provision of daily implementation for the Office of Great Start Early Childhood Block Grant in an amount not to exceed \$1,049,775 for the period October 1, 2020 through November 24, 2021.

148-20-21

The Board approved entering into an enhanced management agreement with Barton Malow, Southfield, MI for RFP and program management, of the Burger Baylor Gutter & Soffit Project in the amount of \$39,096.

149-20-21

The Board approved an amendment to Board Recommendation #45-20-21 for payment of 2020-21 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 Opportunity for a total amount not to exceed \$11,779,486 for the period July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021.

Note: Troy School District has requested an allocation reduction of \$10,002. Those funds have been added to the Wayne RESA budget. Final allocation amounts and fund reallocations will be determined in March 2021 during the final grant review and amendment.

| County | District | Previous Amount | Updated Amount |
|---------|------------------------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Macomb | Chippewa Valley Schools | \$181,507 | \$181,507 |
| Macomb | Lake Shore Public Schools (Macomb) | \$210,257 | \$210,257 |
| Macomb | L'Anse Creuse Public Schools | \$221,541 | \$221,541 |
| Macomb | Utica Community Schools | \$1,431,637 | \$1,431,637 |
| Macomb | Warren Consolidated Schools | \$310,949 | \$310,949 |
| Macomb | Warren Woods Public Schools | \$258,264 | \$258,264 |
| Oakland | Birmingham Public Schools | \$148,137 | \$148,137 |
| Oakland | Ferndale Public Schools | \$487,734 | \$487,734 |

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| Oakland | Pontiac City School District | \$56,397 | \$56,397 |
| Oakland | School District of the City of Royal Oak | \$391,336 | \$391,336 |
| Oakland | Novi Community School District | \$317,188 | \$317,188 |
| Oakland | Troy School District | \$661,605 | \$651,603 |
| Oakland | West Bloomfield School District | \$196,617 | \$196,617 |
| Oakland | Farmington Public School District | \$182,167 | \$182,167 |
| Oakland | Huron Valley Schools | \$139,456 | \$139,456 |
| Oakland | Rochester Community School District | \$340,881 | \$340,881 |
| Oakland | Walled Lake Consolidated Schools | \$218,725 | \$218,725 |
| Wayne | Detroit Public Community School District | \$1,251,580 | \$1,251,580 |
| Wayne | Dearborn City School District | \$2,117,790 | \$2,117,790 |
| Wayne | Hamtramck, School District of the City of | \$626,614 | \$626,614 |
| Wayne | Livonia Public Schools School District | \$328,270 | \$328,270 |
| Wayne | Plymouth-Canton Community Schools | \$270,562 | \$270,562 |
| Wayne | Romulus Community Schools | \$297,751 | \$297,751 |
| Wayne | Southgate Community School District | \$687,850 | \$687,850 |
| Wayne | Wayne RESA | \$444,671 | \$454,673 |
| Total | | \$11,779,486 | \$11,779,486 |

150-20-21

The Board to approved an amendment to Board Recommendation #69-20-21 to increase the amount of purchases from Apple Computer Inc. from the original requested amount of \$15,760 not to exceed \$60,000, to an amount not to exceed \$75,760 for the 2020-2021 school year.

151-20-21

The Board approved an amendment to Board Recommendation #56-20-21 entering into written agreements with the following local public school academies for utilization of IDEA Flowthrough funds for the period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021.

| PSA | Original Amount | New Amount |
|--|-----------------|------------|
| Pembroke Academy | \$32,366 | \$39,400 |
| Sigma Academy for Leadership and Early College | \$0 | \$6,333 |
| Washington-Parks Academy | \$262,449 | \$263,875 |
| Total | \$294,865 | \$309,608 |

152-20-21

The Board accepted an amendment to Board Recommendation #97-20-21 to increase the amount of the ISD Collaboration grant award from \$400,000 to \$435,000.

| Grant | Grantor | Amount | Term | Purpose |
|-------------------|----------------------------------|-----------|-------------------------------|---|
| ISD Collaboration | Michigan Department of Education | \$435,000 | 10/01/2020 - 09/30/2021 | Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency (Grantee) is granted from the Michigan Department of Education (Grantor) for reimbursement of costs associated with the Title I Statewide System of Support Program Evaluation grant with the purpose to increase student academic achievement through such strategies as improving teacher and principal quality and increasing the number of highly qualified teachers in the classroom. |

153-20-21

The Board accepted the following grants for the terms, amounts and purposes noted:

| Grant | Grantor | Amount | Term | Purpose |
|--|------------------------------------|-----------|-------------------------------|--|
| National Aeronautics and Space Administration Grants (NASA) (20-21) NASA Cooperative Agreement Number: NNX16AB95A | NASA Shared Services Center (NSSC) | \$437,719 | 01/01/2021 - 12/31/2021 | Extension of NASA funding for the AEROKATS and ROVER Education Network (AREN) Project, to continue provide high quality STEM learning experiences using NASA technologies, with a focus on both urban and rural underserved audiences. |
| Section 61b Funds (20-21) | State Aid | \$116,761 | 07/01/2020- 06/30/2021 | 61b funds support Career Technical Education (CTE) Early Middle College (EMC) and Dual-Enrollment programs in which students were reported as enrolled in state approved CTE programs. Wayne RESA is serving as the fiscal agent. |

K. Action Item(s)

1. 2021 MASB Board of Directors Election

Member Petrie supported by Member Funderburg, moved that the Wayne RESA Board of Education cast a ballot for candidate Sandra Dukhie to fill the Region 8, Group 1 seat up for election during the 2021 MASB Board of Directors election. Roll call vote: Beri-Yes, Blackmon-Yes, Funderburg-Yes, Jackson-Yes and Petrie-Yes, the motion carried 5-0.

2. 2020-2021 Wayne RESA Budget Amendment

Member Funderburg supported by Member Beri, moved that the Wayne RESA Board of Education approve the 2020-2021 Amended Appropriations Resolutions of the General, Cooperative, Enhancement Millage, Act 18, Special Education Operating, Medicaid, Capital Projects and Funded Projects funds, as presented. Roll call vote: Beri-Yes, Blackmon-Yes, Funderburg-Yes, Jackson-Yes and Petrie-Yes, the motion carried 5-0.

L. Informational Items(s)

1. Wayne RESA Board Election Announcement. Filing Deadline: May 10, 2021

M. Executive Session

Member Funderburg supported by Member Petrie, moved that the Wayne RESA Board of Education move into Executive session for the purpose of negotiations, as presented. Roll call vote: Beri-Yes, Blackmon-Yes, Funderburg-Yes, Jackson-Yes and Petrie-Yes, the motion carried 5-0. Time: 10:35 a.m.

N. Returned to Open Session

Member Beri supported by Member Funderburg, moved that the Wayne RESA Board of Education move back into open session. Roll call vote: Beri-Yes, Blackmon-Yes, Funderburg-Yes, Jackson-Yes and Petrie-Yes, the motion carried 5-0. Time: 10:35 a.m.

O. General Board Comments

Member Beri:

- Attended Plante Moran annual school finance Session

P. Adjournment

Member Petrie supported by Member Beri, moved to adjourn the meeting. Roll call vote: Beri-Yes, Blackmon-Yes, Funderburg-Yes, Jackson-Yes and Petrie-Yes, the motion carried 5-0. President Blackmon adjourned the meeting at 10:58 a.m.

Submitted by: _____



James S. Beri, Secretary