



Wayne Regional Educational Service Agency  
Board of Education

**Virtually Held Regular Meeting**

(Public Act 254)

**March 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 March 17, 2021 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, Michigan) and James Petrie (Northville, Michigan)

**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, 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**

- John Deshano – Desktop Technician/Network Apprentice

**F. President’s Remarks and Board Comments**

Member Petrie:

- Highlighted that the April Board Meeting may be our first board meeting back in person.

Member Blackmon:

- SEMCOG Executive Committee meeting elections coming up.
- Attended the DPSCD Board Meeting
- Detroit Public Television created statewide programming to support Michigan curriculum, so young students could receive the content from home during the Pandemic. One of these programs, “Math Might’s” is a fun program for students based on curriculum used by many Michigan schools. And we are very proud to report that alongside animated character favorites Abracus, Springley and Professor Barble, the program features Lincoln Park Elementary School teacher Alicia Gray. Alicia has appeared in 16 episodes and is scheduled for 12 more. We are proud of Ms. Gray!
- Livonia Public Schools has made an effort to have a “greener” transportation department – by purchasing 22 propane powered buses this fall. Propane is much more environmentally friendly – burning 60% less carbon monoxide – and is easier to maintain, saving the district added money. They were able to purchase these buses by getting grant funding of over \$800,000 from the Volkswagen State Mitigation Fund. This program was promoted and brought forward to our local districts by none other than our Deputy Superintendent Steve Ezikian.
- Recognized one of our local school board colleagues, Mr. Michael Meade from Dearborn. Mr. Meade recently retired from the Dearborn Board of Education, where he served since 2014. In addition he was the former Vice President and Acting President at Henry Ford College. We remember Mr. Meade as he has attended several of our Wayne RESA board meetings in past years.

He was always interested in our work and appreciated our support of Dearborn Schools.  
Congratulations Mike!!

**G. Presentation(s)**

**1. Trauma Informed/School Justice Partnership**

Dr. Daveda Colbert, Associate Superintendent Educational Services, gave introductions to both presentations and the individuals presenting.

Terri Czerwinski, School Health/Nurse Consultant and Linda Kell, Leadership Development Consultant presented the Trauma Informed portion of the presentation. Developing a Robust Trauma Framework included:

- Climate and Collaborative Meetings
- The Why Behind the Work / A video was shared
- Realize / Recognize / Respond / Resist Re-Traumatization
- History of WRESA Trauma Work / Trauma-Focused Initiatives
- Coordinating Work
- Whole School, Whole Community, Whole Child (WSCC)
- Michigan Integrated Continuous Improvement Process (MICIP)
- Brain Science, WSCC & Maslow
- 2021-2022 Becoming Trauma-Informed Professional Learning Brochure
- The Work is a Journey / Personal and Individualized

Velicia Humes, School Culture and Climate Consultant and Kayrl Reynoso, Behavior Support Consultant presented the School Justice Partnership portion of the presentation.

- SJP History
- Vision and Guiding Principles / Five Competencies Students Need
- Working Objectives / Justice Partnership Strategic and Tactical Objectives
- WRESA Website / School-Justice Partnership Tab
- Wayne County School-Justice Partnership Resource Guide (Available on WRESA Website)
- PBIS support for local schools

*President Blackmon requested a recess at 10:13 a.m. The meeting reconvened at 10:21 a.m.*

**H. Communications - None.**

**I. Superintendent's Report**

Michael Latvis, Executive Director of Legislative Affairs

- Reviewed the recently passed federal stimulus bill, American Rescue Plan, and how it may impact school districts.
- Highlighted the allowed Use of ESSER III Funds
- Michigan Legislature: reviewed the recently passed Supplemental budget / \$450 Equity Payment / What's Next

Dr. Daveda Colbert, Associate Superintendent Educational Services

- Educational Services Update sent to Board was reviewed.
- Highlighted that a major focus of our work is to support districts as they look for resources and best practices to help students recover from the impact on learning through the pandemic.

Steve Ezikian, Deputy Superintendent

- Ace Academy is being closed.

- Blanche Kelso Bruce being sued by a creditor unpaid rent. This should not impact us as the former authorizer of the school.
- Approached by MDHHS to help implement a rapid antigen testing for students and staff after spring break, for districts who may be interested. WRESA will host a drive through test site.

Superintendent, Dr. Randy Liepa:

- Supplemental Budget Bills from Lansing and Federal funding approved in Washington are significant issues that will impact the next few years for schools across the state. . The money to be allocated to districts is significant in many cases, and will help over the next couple years.
- As COVID cases increase in Michigan, schools again are focused on managing any cases that come in school. This fluctuation in the environment has occurred all school year. Schools are focused on managing safety first, and are doing their best to have students return to school where possible.

#### **J. Consent Agenda**

Member Beri 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 February 17, 2021 Regular Meeting
- Minutes from February 17, 2021 Executive Session
- Minutes from February 17, 2021 Study Session
- Minutes from March 3, 2021 Special Meeting
- Minutes from March 3, 2021 Study Session
- WRESA February Check Register
- Inkster February Check Register
- Outstanding Investments, Revenues & Expenditures

#### **154-20-21**

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

- Sheri Bartz, Secretary-Educational Services, effective March 1, 2021.
- John Deshano, Desktop Technician/Network Apprentice, effective March 8, 2021.

#### **155-20-21**

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

- Dawn Sims, Application Support Technician, Family/Medical Leave, March 1, 2021.

#### **156-20-21**

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 March 17, 2021 through June 30, 2023.

- Rachelle Dotson - Canton Charter Academy
- Krystina Wilson - Legacy Charter Academy
- James Michalik - Plymouth-Canton Community Schools

#### **157-20-21**

The Board approved payment of the Sect. 74 School Bus Driver Safety Education reimbursement to the following districts/public school academies in the amount of \$67,337.40. This amount reflects the 2019-2020 reimbursement to districts/public school academies for the training of school bus drivers and supervisors.

District/PSA	Amount	District/PSA	Amount
Academy for Business & Tech. Elem.	329.24	Livonia Public Schools	4,632.61
Academy for Business & Tech. HS	438.98	Melvindale-N. Allen Park Schools	3,299.03
Allen Park Public Schools	1,433.35	Milan Area Schools	332.56
American International Academy	658.48	Monroe ISD	332.56
Ann Arbor Public Schools	771.55	Multicultural Academy	109.75
Bloomfield Hills School District	109.75	Northville Public Schools	2,431.04
Bradford Academy	219.49	Plymouth Educational Center	109.75
Caniff Liberty	219.49	Plymouth-Canton Comm. Schools	9,903.73
Central Academy	109.75	Redford Union School District	1,546.42
Commonwealth Comm. Dev. Academy	329.24	Riverview Comm. School District	997.69
Crescent Academy	109.75	Romulus Community Schools	1,985.40
Crestwood School District	991.04	Roseville Community Schools	109.75
Dearborn City School District	1,988.73	Saline Area Schools	1,210.53
Detroit Achievement Academy	442.31	South Redford School District	1,213.86
Detroit Public Safety Academy	665.13	Southfield Public Schools	771.55
Detroit Service Learning Academy	881.29	Star International Academy	771.55
Dexter Community School District	774.87	Summit Academy North	884.62
Dundee Community Schools	109.75	Taylor School District	5,720.09
Eastern Washtenaw Multi. Academy	219.49	The Dearborn Academy	219.49
Flat Rock Community Schools	1,975.43	Trenton Public Schools	1,982.08
Garden City School District	661.80	Van Buren Public Schools	3,096.16
George Crockett Academy	109.75	Van Dyke Public Schools	665.13
Gibraltar School District	774.87	Wayne-Westland Comm. Schools	3,302.35
Grosse Ile Township Schools	994.36	Woodhaven-Brownstown Schools	2,524.15
Harper Woods School District	332.56	Woodward Academy	109.75
Huron School District	774.87	Wyandotte City School District	552.05
Lincoln Consolidated Schools	109.75	Ypsilanti Community Schools	1,988.73
Grand Total			67,337.40

**158-20-21**

The Board approved entering into a contract renewal with Discovery Education of Silver Spring, Maryland for Discovery Education video streaming building licenses and annual support in an amount not to exceed \$200,000 for the period of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022.

**159-20-21**

The Board approved entering into a contract renewal with Follett Software Company in Chicago, IL for Destiny Library Manager Software building licenses for Wayne County schools along with annual support in an amount not to exceed \$300,000 for the period of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022.

**160-20-21**

The Board approved entering into an agreement with the following districts participating in Michigan Statewide System of Support as identified Comprehensive Support and Improvement Schools (CSI). Various requests of services are approved by Michigan Department of Education (MDE), outlined within each district's Service Plan and funded through the Regional Assistance Grant (RAG) not to exceed the listed amount for the grant term of October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2021.

Districts	Purpose/ Description of Work	Amount
River Rouge School District	Requested support to fund two (2) Instructional Coach positions to support student improvement efforts:	\$180,000

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Literacy Coach / One (1)</li> <li>• Mathematics Coach / One (1)</li> </ul>	
Detroit Leadership Academy	<p>Requested support to fund three (3) district level positions to support improvement efforts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Instructional Coach / One (1)</li> <li>• Attendance Agent / One (1)</li> <li>• MTSS Leader - Coordinator / One (1)</li> </ul>	\$300,000
Joy Preparatory Academy	<p>Requested support to three (3) requested district level positions in support of improvement efforts as a Partnership District:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Academic Interventionist / Two (2)</li> <li>• Paraeducators/Paraprofessionals / One (1)</li> </ul>	\$220,000
Hamtramck School District	<p>Requested support to co-fund approved positions for Horizon High School to support improvement efforts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Instructional Coach / One (1)</li> <li>• Counselor / One (1)</li> </ul>	\$145,000
WAY Academy	<p>Requested support to co-fund two (2) district level positions in support of improvement efforts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Truancy/ Parent Engagement Officer / One (1)</li> <li>• ELL Paraprofessional / One (1)</li> </ul>	\$90,000
American International Academy	<p>Requested support to fund three (3) positions in effort to improve student achievement and implement district initiatives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Blended Learning Coach / One (1)</li> <li>• Parent Liaison / One (1)</li> <li>• Counselor / One (1)</li> </ul>	\$185,000
Taylor Public Schools	<p>Requested support to fund one (1) position in support of improvement efforts and SEL support.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Social Worker / One (1)</li> </ul>	\$80,000
Pathways Academy	<p>Requested support to fund one (1) district position in support of improvement efforts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Interventionist / One (1)</li> </ul>	\$60,000
Clara B. Ford	<p>Requested support fund COVID-19 compliance furniture for students in effort to create a positive safe learning environment for all students and to support Professional Learning activities for staff in alignment with support specifically designed for Strict Discipline Academy/Alternative Status, including sessions around Trauma Informed Instruction, SDA materials, and staff training.</p>	\$118,500
Detroit Public Schools Community District	<p>Requested support to fund Credit Recovery Programs and Student Intervention After-School Programs. This support is intended to provide opportunities to improve student performance by extending learning with the additional instructional time, one-on-one tutorial, and credit recovery opportunities for high school students. The requested support includes covering the costs of instructional staff engaging in the planning and implementation of the program.</p>	\$775,000

**161-20-21**

The Board approved an amendment to Board Recommendation #45-20-21 for payment of

2020-2021 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 of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021.

Note: Due to COVID-19 concerns, Walled Lake Consolidated Schools decided against providing Adult Education programming for the 2020-21 program year. The district's \$218,725 allocation, along with Wayne RESA anticipated unexpended funds, have been reallocated to districts that expressed interest in receiving additional funds utilizing the Regional funding formula or specific requested amounts.

County	District	Previous Amount	Updated Amount
Macomb	Chippewa Valley Schools	\$181,507	\$181,507
Macomb	Lake Shore Public Schools (Macomb)	\$210,257	\$314,852
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	\$318,449
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
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	\$350,701
Oakland	Troy School District	\$651,603	\$651,603
Oakland	West Bloomfield School District	\$196,617	\$226,617
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	\$0
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	\$502,662
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	\$323,398
Total		\$11,779,486	\$11,779,486

**162-20-21**

The board approved an amendment to Board Recommendation #191-19-20 to increase the contract amount for Detroit Public School Community District from \$560,000 to \$630,000 for engaging in the Early Literacy Coaching Educator on Loan Initiative for the period of July 1, 2020, through June 30, 2021.

District / PSA	Approved Amount	New Amended Amount
DPSCD	\$560,000	\$630,000

**163-20-21**

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
Detroit Achievement Academy	\$73,176	\$92,884
Escuela Avancemos Academy	\$48,553	\$63,330
Fostering Leadership Academy	\$0	\$33,776
Total	\$121,729	\$189,990

**164-20-21**

The Board approved an amendment to Board Recommendation #10-20-21 for subrecipients listed below operating a Great Start Readiness Program (GSRP) for the period of October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2021.

District/PSA/Agency	Approved Amount	New Amended Amount
River Rouge School District	-0-	\$391,500
Southgate Community School District	-0-	\$511,560
Van Buren Public Schools	\$483,140	\$596,820
Total	\$483,140	\$1,499,880

**165-20-21**

The Board approved an amendment to Board Recommendation #77-20-21 to add new and to modify existing Great Start Readiness Program (GSRP) subrecipient transportation funds for the period of October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2021.

District/PSA/Agency	Approved Amount	New Amended Amount
American International Academy (New)	\$0	\$10,000
Bambi Land Learning Center	\$94,000	\$94,300
George Washington Carver Academy	\$54,900	\$88,700
River Rouge School District (New)	\$0	\$40,000
Southgate Community School District (New)	\$0	\$40,000
Total	\$148,900	\$273,000

**K. Informational Items(s)**

- Wayne RESA Superintendent Search Timeline was reviewed / Location of these meetings is TBD.
- MASB has scheduled several stakeholder meeting dates for feedback / MASB will report findings to the board.

**L. General Board Comments**

Member Funderburg:

- Attending a Plante Moran Webinar regarding Succession Planning

**M. Adjournment**

Member Petrie supported by Member Jackson, 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 11:20 a.m.

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