

Highlights from the May 19, 2021, Regular Meeting of the Wayne RESA Board of Education.

Prior to the Regular Meeting a Budget Hearing was held to review the preliminary Wayne RESA 2021-2022 Budgets and offer constituent districts an opportunity to present questions and receive clarification regarding any area of the budgets. Tamara Dust, Wayne RESA Finance Manager, provided the budget overview. There were no questions presented from constituent districts.

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

Approved the following external applicant(s) for the position(s):

- Vonetta Clark-Tooles, Educational Improvement Consultant, effective May 3, 2021.
- Natasha Villarreal, School Outreach Nurse, effective May 17, 2021.
- Carol Paul, Educational Improvement Consultant, effective May 24, 2021.

Approved the following leave(s):

- Leanne Smith, Special Programs Administrative & Fiscal Consultant, Family/Medical Leave, effective April 14, 2021.
- Virginia Winters, School Culture & Climate Consultant, Family/Medical Leave, effective April 14, 2021.

Approved the following return from leave(s):

- Leanne Smith, Special Programs Administrative & Fiscal Consultant, Family/Medical Leave, effective April 19, 2021.
- Deana Jentzen, Part-time English Learner Program Facilitator, Unpaid Personal Leave, effective April 20, 2021.

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 July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2024.

Jamie Czernik	Trenton Public School District
Philip Czernik	Trenton Public School District
Jennifer Seal	Garden City Public Schools
Kara Clarke	Livonia Public School District
Eileen Brandt	Livonia Public School District

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Kristin Huff	Garden City Public Schools
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Approved a purchase from US Math Recovery Research Council (AddVantageMR1 and AddVantageMR2) for assessment and intervention kits in an amount not to exceed \$120,456 for the period May 1, 2021 through September 30, 2022.

Approved a purchase from Complete Book and Media Supply LLC for board books to be given to Early On eligible families along with guidance and materials to promote literacy in the family routines for an amount not to exceed \$200,000 for the period June 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022.

Approved payment to reimburse the following subrecipients for the Great Start Readiness Program (GSRP) Curriculum Grant, in the amounts indicated, for the period April 1, 2021 through September 30, 2021.

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GSRP SUBRECIPIENT	AMOUNT	GSRP SUBRECIPIENT	AMOUNT
A & W Day Care Center	\$1,105.00	Jude Family Childcare Learning Center	\$906.00
Above & Beyond Learning Child Care Center	\$2,230.00	Karnak Creative Child Care	\$385.00
Academy for Business and Technology	\$2,100.00	KinderCare Education LLC at Champions	\$120.00
Advanced Technology Academy	\$13,160.00	Kingdom Kare Learning Center	\$2,905.00
Alhadi Child Care Center	\$1,061.00	Kristy's Development Center	\$1,310.00
Alawie Educational Services	\$4,200.00	Lincoln Park Public Schools	\$3,480.00
Al-Wali Childcare Center	\$956.00	Livonia Public Schools	\$880.00
American International Academy	\$1,193.00	Metropolitan Children and Youth Inc.	\$730.00
American Montessori Academy	\$1,127.00	ndividualME Early Learning Academy	\$1,232.00
Arab-American Children Center	\$379.00	Nene's Little Angels Daycare LLC	\$12,262.00
Bambi Land Child Care	\$1,105.00	New Paradigm College Prep	\$9,150.00
Blessed Beginnings Learning Center	\$995.00	New Paradigm Loving	\$9,975.00
Blossom Learning Center	\$3,850.00	New St Paul Tabernacle Head Start Agency	\$787.97
Brainiacs Clubhouse CDC	\$20,586.00	New Greater Bethlehem Temple (We Care)	\$4,606.00
Bridge Academy East	\$543.00	Old Redford Academy	\$5,800.00
Bright Beginnings Montessori Inc.	\$660.00	Plymouth-Canton Community Schools	\$3,019.90
Chandler Park Academy ECEC	\$1,506.00	Quality Childcare and Learning Center	\$1,050.00
Child Star Development	\$1,127.00	R.A.C.E. Reaching All Children Equally	\$12,500.00
Children's Garden LLC	\$6,500.00	Ready 2 Learn Childcare	\$1,050.00
Children's Paradise Learning Center	\$1,651.00	Redford School District	\$1,105.00
Children'z Place II	\$4,150.00	River Heights Academy	\$1,200.00
Childtime Childcare, Inc.	\$3,150.00	River Rouge School District	\$4,373.00
Christios Childcare & Academy	\$1,990.00	Riverside Early Childhood Center	\$457.00
Circletime with Friends Learning Center	\$1,105.00	Riverview Community School District	\$500.00
Creative Learning Children's College	\$1,595.00	Romulus Community Schools	\$11,550.00
Crestwood School District	\$4,260.00	Someplace Else	\$6,850.00
Crossbridge Action Network	\$4,430.00	Southgate Community School District	\$12,000.00

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David Ellis Academy	\$907.00	St. Paul Child Development	\$2,022.00
David Ellis Academy West GSRP	\$1,124.00	Star International Academy	\$1,375.00
Dearborn City School District	\$15,500.00	Starfish Family Services	\$194,967.00
Dee's Little Angels C.C.C.	\$1,127.00	Summer Preschool Early Learning Center	\$311.00
Detroit Edison PSA	\$40,000.00	Taylor School District	\$6,000.00
Detroit Leadership Academy	\$174.99	The Dearborn Academy	\$10,103.00
Detroit Service Learning Academy	\$1,663.00	The Learning Tree Child Care Center North	\$656.00
EC - Development Centers	\$1,192.00	The Learning Tree Child Care Center West	\$691.00
Dreamy Children's Center	\$1,520.00	The Learning Tree Child Care Center South	\$656.00
Dreamy Children's Center 2	\$760.00	The Nest Child Care & Parent Institute	\$2,200.00
Ecorse Public School District	\$1,265.00	The Order of the Fishermen Ministry Educational Services	\$800.00
Garden City Schools	\$39,000.00	Trenton Public Schools	\$327.99
George Washington Carver Academy	\$3,732.00	Trillium Academy	\$2,488.00
Gibraltar School District	\$5,000.00	Universal Academy	\$275.00
Global Heights Academy	\$178.00	Universal Learning Academy	\$550.00
Greater Ebenezer Christian Child Care Center	\$8,905.00	Van Buren Public Schools	\$6,789.00
Growing Minds Learning Center, Inc.	\$16,642.00	Village of Shiny Stars	\$995.00
Hanley International GSRP	\$8,383.31	Wayne Westland Community School District	\$11,367.00
Harper Woods School District	\$5,950.00	Wayne RESA (Early Childhood)	\$3,596.53
Highland Park Schools	\$760.00	Wyandotte Public Schools	\$15,000.00
Education Consulting Solutions (It Takes A Village)	\$8,383.31	YMCA of Metropolitan Detroit - Boll Branch	\$2,215.00
		Total	\$622,449.00

Approved payment to reimburse Detroit Public School Community District (DPSCD) for activities completed in the Great Start Readiness Program (GSRP) Curriculum Grant, in the amount of \$558,060, for the period October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2021.

Approved payment of 2020-21 Section 107 grant funds to the following Intermediate School Districts, in the amounts indicated, for Prosperity Region 10 grant activities, as required, under Section 107 of the State Aid Act from the Workforce Development Agency for a total amount not to exceed \$41,203 for the period July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021:

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County	Intermediate School District	Amount
Oakland	Oakland Schools	\$27,959
Macomb	Macomb Intermediate School District	\$13,244
Total		\$41,203

Approved entering into a renewal contract with Lambert & Company for communication services in an amount not to exceed \$30,000 for the period July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022.

Approved entering into a renewal contract with Sonya Adams, Garden City, MI, for provision of processing referrals for Child Find services in Wayne County in the amount of \$56,000 for the period July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022.

Approved entering into a contract with the school districts and public school academies listed below, in the amounts indicated, for engaging in the Early Literacy Coaching Educator on Loan Initiative for the period July 1, 2021 through September 30, 2022.

District / PSA	Amount	District / PSA	Amount
Allen Park Public Schools	\$112,000	Northville Public Schools	\$112,000
Chandler Park Academy	\$112,000	Plymouth-Canton Public Schools	\$112,000
Crestwood School District	\$112,000	Redford Union Schools, District#1	\$112,000
Dearborn Heights School District #7	\$112,000	School District of the City of River Rouge	\$112,000
Dearborn City School District	\$224,000	Riverview Community School District	\$112,000
Detroit Public Schools Community School District	\$672,000	Romulus Community School	\$112,000
Detroit Service Learning Academy	\$112,000	South Redford School District	\$112,000
Ecorse Public Schools	\$112,000	Southgate Community School District	\$112,000
Flat Rock Community Schools	\$112,000	Summit Academy North	\$112,000
Garden City Public Schools	\$112,000	Taylor School District	\$112,000
Gibraltar School District	\$112,000	Trenton Public Schools	\$112,000
Grosse Ile Township Schools	\$112,000	University Preparatory Academy	\$112,000
Grosse Pointe Public Schools	\$112,000	Van Buren Public Schools	\$112,000
School District of the City of Hamtramck	\$112,000	Washington-Parks Academy	\$112,000
The School District of the City of Harper Woods	\$112,000	Wayne-Westland Public School District	\$224,000
Huron School District	\$112,000	Westwood Community School District	\$142,000
School District of the City of Lincoln Park	\$112,000	Woodhaven-Brownstown School District	\$112,000
Livonia Public Schools	\$112,000	School District of the City of Wyandotte	\$112,000
Melvindale-North Allen Park Schools	\$112,000	Total	\$4,958,000

Approved written agreements with each of the following agencies for implementation of Early On activities in the amount of \$1,519,000 for the period July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022.

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AGENCY/DISTRICT	AMOUNT
Chitter Chatter	\$1,040,000
Development Centers Inc.	\$400,000
Leaps and Bounds	\$79,000
Total:	\$1,519,000

Approved an amendment to Board Recommendation #108-20-21 to increase the contract amount by \$5,000 with Lambert & Company for communication services in an amount not to exceed \$35,000.

Approved an amendment to Board Recommendation #8-20-21 for reimbursement to the following ISD and districts, in the amounts indicated, for Region 29 grant activities identified as approved under the federal Carl D. Perkins grant funds from the Michigan Department of Education for a total amount not to exceed \$2,725,822 for the period July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021.

ISD/District	Previous Amount	Updated Amount
Allen Park Public Schools	\$66,795	\$66,795
Chandler Park Academy	\$43,094	\$43,094
Dearborn Heights School District #7	\$110,759	\$110,759
Dearborn Public Schools	\$249,951	\$249,951
Garden City Public Schools	\$58,123	\$56,499
Hamtramck School District	\$69,585	\$69,585
The School District of the City of Harper Woods	\$54,856	\$54,856
Huron School District – Downriver Career Technical Consortium	\$576,198	\$576,198
Lincoln Park School District	\$93,266	\$93,266
Livonia Public Schools	\$274,713	\$274,713
Melvindale Public Schools	\$99,493	\$99,493
Plymouth-Canton Community Schools	\$243,076	\$243,076
Romulus Community Schools	\$86,930	\$86,930
Taylor School District	\$138,956	\$138,956
Van Buren Public Schools	\$44,463	\$43,579
Wayne-Westland Community Schools	\$294,981	\$297,489
Wayne RESA	\$220,583	\$220,583
Total ISD and District Perkins Grant	\$2,725,822	\$2,725,822

Approved an amendment to Board Recommendation #51-20-21 to increase the current contract with Wayne Metro Community Action Agency in compliance with Federal procurement requirements and Board Policy, from \$115,985 to an amount not to exceed \$240,975 for the period October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2021.

Approved an amendment to Board Recommendation #229-19-20 to increase the contract amount with AT & T, Southfield, MI for cloud hosted voice services (HVS) from \$32,615 to \$49,115 for the period July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021.

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Approved an amendment to Board Recommendation #102-20-21 to increase the contract amount with Rauhorn Electric, Inc., Bruce Township, MI, from \$98,392 to \$106,947, for the replacement of parking lot light poles.

Approved an amendment to Board Recommendation #77-20-21 to increase transportation funds, as indicated below, for the following programs for the 2020-21 fiscal year.

Program	Approved Amount	New Amount
Livonia Public Schools	\$102,800	\$144,841
The Order of the Fisherman	\$0	\$1,086
Van Buren Public Schools	\$130,575	\$176,360
Total	\$233,375	\$322,287

Approved an amendment to Board Recommendation #49-20-21 to increase the reimbursement amounts for the LEA/PSAs listed below, in the amounts indicated for approved costs of capital expenditures in Wayne County Center Programs and District ASD Programs operating under the Wayne RESA Center Program Agreement during the 2020-2021 school year.

LEA/PSA	Original Amount	New Amount
Allen Park Public Schools	\$25,300	\$25,600
Detroit Public Schools Community District	\$1,500,000	\$1,598,200
Garden City Public Schools	\$332,700	\$358,700
Northville Public Schools	\$305,600	\$318,500
Southgate Community School District	\$190,000	\$195,200
Total	\$2,353,600	\$2,496,200

Approved an amendment to Board Recommendation #230-19-20, to increase the contract amount with Sonya Adams, Garden City, MI from \$30,000 to \$40,000 for provision of processing referrals for Child Find services in Wayne County, for the period July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021.

Accepted the following grant for the terms, amounts and purposes noted:

Grant	Grantor	Amount	Term	Purpose
ISD Collaboration	Michigan Department of Education	\$11,500	10/01/2020 - 09/30/2021	Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency (WRESA) (Grantee) is granted from the Michigan Department of Education (MDE) (Grantor) for reimbursement of costs associated with the Comprehensive Literacy State Development Project.

The Board also considered the following Action Items:

Approved the appointment of Walker Evans to serve on the Creative Montessori Academy Board for a two-year term beginning May 1, 2020 and ending May 31, 2022.

Approved the extension of the five-year common calendar to include the calendar for the July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026 school year.

Superintendent's Comments

Superintendent, Dr. Randy Liepa:

- The last Superintendent Meeting (WCSSA) of the school year is Friday, May 21st. Superintendents and district staff have had a heck of a year, are exhausted. However, most will have a busier than normal summer and things are changing daily with regard to the health and safety requirements in Michigan (which, of course, always impact our schools).
- Recognized Deputy Superintendent Steve Ezikian as he has done an outstanding job working with the Health Department, providing guidance throughout the entire Pandemic. As we head into the end of the year our districts are facing new guidelines. They are more than ready to close out and prepare for next year. There is hope on the horizon for returning to a more normal school year, but of course there's no way to know if we will get an uptick in cases. We just have to be nimble to provide equitable education for all regardless of the circumstances.
- Thanked Associate Superintendent Daveda Colbert for the 3rd grade reading recap. It's unfortunate that our legislature didn't address and pause this, but our districts are working to have a game plan for their 3rd grade students.
- Shared that there are a variety of special education issues going on in the state that we are trying to help navigate. Our special education population were the most impacted through the pandemic. Superintendent Liepa recognized Assistant Superintendent Karen Howey and her colleagues as they have had an enormous job trying to support local schools and advocate for special education students.
- Recognized and commended WRESA Board Member Lynda Jackson for her appointed to the American Red Cross Biomedical Committee; and for her willingness serve and provide her expertise to this committee.