



Wayne Regional Educational Service Agency
Board of Education 33500 Van Born Road · Wayne, Michigan 48184

Regular Meeting
Virtually Held
(Public Act 254)

April 21, 2021

MINUTES

- A. Call to Order**
The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency (held virtually) was called to order by President Blackmon on April 21, 2021 at 8:30 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. President’s Remarks and Board Comments**
Member Petrie:
 - Board Virtual Meeting Schedule
Member Blackmon:
 - SEMCOG Meeting Update
- F. Presentation(s)**
 - 1. 2021-2022 Preliminary Budget Presentation – Tamara Dust, Director of Finance and Compliance**
WRESA 2021-2022 Budget Presentation included:
 - Budget Timeline
 - Budget Assumptions
 - General Fund Overview
 - Co-op Fund Overview
 - Enhancement Millage Overview
 - Act 18 Fund Overview
 - Other Funds Overview
- G. Communications - None.**

H. Superintendent's Report

Michael Latvis, Executive Director of Legislative Affairs

- Senate Education Reform Package introduced has issues, and its future is uncertain
- Budget Update – supplemental budgets have been introduced and we expect annual budgets shortly

Dr. Daveda Colbert, Associate Superintendent Educational Services

- Educational Services Update was Reviewed
- A Year In Review Document (2020-21) has been prepared highlighting the work of Education Services over the past year and will be shared
- Wellness Wednesdays for WRESA Staff are now happening through the RESA social committee

Steve Ezikian, Deputy Superintendent

- Cyber Liability Insurance Explanation
- IT Agreements with Individual Districts are being planned that will spell out services as part of the computer consortium, and other added services that are separate
- WRESA Power System Upgrade continues to be tested, and has passed current tests
- Covid- 19 Update - Student Covid Testing happening in local districts was highlighted, along with possible future vaccinations. Also, Walmart has given a generous donation of hand sanitizer for local districts

Superintendent, Dr. Randy Liepa:

- WRESA Board received the MASB Distinguished Achievement Award – Only School Board recognized for this award. / Daniel Funderburg has received MASB Master Platinum Award
- Wayne County School Districts/Individual Board members receiving MASB awards were recognized
- School Landscape Update – School districts continue to manage school in the COVID environment and have been challenged by the recent increase in COVID cases across the county; districts are also involved in planning for the use of their federal ESSERS funds. These dollars are significant, and districts want to put them to the best use possible to support learning recovery and other needs.
- NSBA Magna Award, issued to a district that promote equity, was awarded to Detroit Public School Community District for their Drew Transition Center Horticulture program
- Special Recognition for retiring Board administrative assistant – Sharon Warren

I. Consent Agenda

Member Petrie supported by Member Funderburg, moved to approve the Consent Agenda, as presented. 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 March 17, 2021 Regular Meeting
- Minutes from March 24, 2021 Special Meeting
- WRESA March Check Register
- Outstanding Investments, Revenues & Expenditures

166-20-21

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

- Beverly Rodgers, Secretary - Information Technology Solutions, effective March 16, 2021.

167-20-21

The Board approved the following leave(s):

- Steven Michael, Connectivity/Network Consultant, Family/Medical Leave, effective April 7, 2021.

168-20-21

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 April 21, 2021 to June 30, 2023.

- Stephanie Leavitt / Allen Park School District

169-20-21

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 July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2024.

- Michelle Muse-Worthy / Southgate Community School District

170-20-21

The Board approved the purchase of 12,480 STEM Books from Follett School Solutions, Inc. (Follett), McHenry, IL in an amount not to exceed \$69,000.

171-20-21

The Board approved the purchase of 1,560 STEM Kits from Nutty Scientists of SE Michigan (Nutty Scientists), Canton, MI for an amount not to exceed \$30,000.

172-20-21

The Board approved payment of the Administrative Outreach Program Medicaid Claim reimbursement to the following local School Districts for services to Medicaid eligible students, in the amount of \$158,319.45.

DISTRICT/LEA	AMOUNT	DISTRICT/LEA	AMOUNT
Allen Park Public Schools	\$2,983.59	Melvindale-North Allen Park Schools	\$2,672.54
Crestwood School District	\$2,525.88	Northville Public Schools	\$9,533.31
Dearborn Heights School District #7	\$2,885.59	Plymouth-Canton Community Schools	\$9,509.87
Dearborn City School District	\$15,171.15	Redford Union Schools, District No. 1	\$5,772.70
Ecorse Public Schools	\$1,306.71	School District of the City of River Rouge	\$768.50
Flat Rock Community Schools	\$1,873.40	Riverview Community School District	\$973.85
Garden City Public Schools	\$6,363.69	Romulus Community Schools	\$1,243.10
Gibraltar School District	\$2,120.98	South Redford School District	\$2,803.37
Grosse Ile Township Schools	\$1,898.96	Southgate Community School District	\$4,345.62
Grosse Pointe Public Schools	\$7,276.86	Taylor School District	\$5,309.29
School District of the City of Hamtramck	\$2,551.19	Trenton Public Schools	\$3,286.95

School District of the City of Harper Woods	\$826.15	Van Buren Public Schools	\$3,576.69
Huron School District	\$2,230.40	Wayne-Westland Community School District	\$19,471.45
School District of the City of Lincoln Park	\$11,049.71	Westwood Community School District	\$2,014.74
Livonia Public Schools School District	\$10,715.74	Woodhaven-Brownstown School District	\$7,548.94
		School District of the City of Wyandotte	\$7,708.53
		TOTAL:	\$158,319.45

173-20-21

The Board approved payments to each of the following school districts for implementation of additional Early On-Michigan Mandatory Special Education services during the summer months in the amount of \$67,600 for the period of June 12, 2021 through September 30, 2021.

Agency/District	Amount
Woodhaven Brownstown School District	\$50,300
Plymouth Canton Community Schools	\$17,300
Total:	\$67,600

174-20-21

The Board approved a contract with Spitfire Strategies to provide support for the Michigan Department of Education under the terms of the MDE-WRESA ISD Collaboration Grant in the amount of \$98,000 for the period of April 21, 2021 through September 30, 2021.

175-20-21

The Board 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 of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021.

ISD/District	Original Amount	Amended Amount
Allen Park Public Schools	\$63,005	\$66,795
Chandler Park Academy	\$43,094	\$43,094
Dearborn Heights School District #7	\$104,509	\$110,759
Dearborn Public Schools	\$235,605	\$249,951
Garden City Public Schools	\$88,123	\$58,123
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	\$543,684	\$576,198
Lincoln Park School District	\$93,266	\$93,266
Livonia Public Schools	\$259,113	\$274,713

Melvindale Public Schools	\$93,719	\$99,493
Plymouth-Canton Community Schools	\$243,076	\$243,076
Romulus Community Schools	\$107,093	\$86,930
Taylor School District	\$138,956	\$138,956
Van Buren Public Schools	\$41,954	\$44,463
Wayne-Westland Community Schools	\$278,339	\$294,981
Wayne RESA	\$272,333	\$220,583
Total ISD and District Perkins Grant	\$2,730,310	\$2,725,822

176-20-21

The Board approved an amendment to Board Recommendation #105-20-21 for reimbursement of allowable added costs for individual Student Aides employed during the 2020-2021 school year for the following local school districts and public school academies, not to exceed the amounts listed below.

LEA/PSA	Original Amount	Amended Amount
Crestwood School District	\$0	\$508,700
Dearborn Public Schools	\$3,722,500	\$4,157,800
Huron School District	\$198,700	\$226,200
Melvindale-North Allen Park Schools	\$52,300	\$60,500
Plymouth-Canton Community Schools	\$2,437,300	\$2,487,500
Taylor School District	\$495,700	\$513,500
Van Buren Public Schools	\$0	\$298,300
Wayne-Westland Community School District	\$1,811,100	\$1,870,800
Woodhaven-Brownstown School District	\$867,500	\$923,200
Wyandotte, School District of the City of	\$0	\$422,000
American Montessori Academy	\$0	\$153,700
Cesar Chavez Academy	\$0	\$46,300
Detroit Leadership Academy	\$99,600	\$128,200
Summit Academy - North	\$0	\$140,600
The Dearborn Academy	\$141,200	\$164,200
Total:	\$9,825,900	\$12,101,500

177-20-21

The Board approved an amendment to Board Recommendation #158-20-21 to increase the contract amount with Discovery Education for video streaming building licenses and annual support from \$200,000 to an amount not to exceed \$250,000 for the period July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022.

178-20-21

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

Grant	Grantor	Amount	Term	Purpose
MiSTEM Advisory Council Grant: NGSX (Next Generation	Washtenaw ISD, Fiscal agent for the Statewide Grant	\$42,508	10/1/2020 - 9/30/2022	NGSX is designed as a professional learning system to support Teacher and Facilitator training around the Next Generation Science Standards. NGSX facilitates the learning

Science Exemplars) Program				pathways of becoming a Next-Gen Science Teacher, supporting the shifts in teaching and learning advanced in NGSS and the Framework for K-12 Science Education. There is also now a virtual pathway for remote learning.
MiSTEM Advisory Council Grant: Math Recovery	Northern Michigan University, Fiscal for the Statewide Grant	\$120,456	10/1/2020 - 9/30/2022	Math Recovery assessments and interventions are aligned to mathematics standards in grades K-4, are research-based, and designed to support teachers as they identify and support students in developing an understanding of addition, subtraction, place value, multiplication, and division. MiSTEM grant funds support the purchase of the assessment kits for teachers within the county and provide access to professional development in order to ensure the fidelity of their use in elementary classrooms and schools. Members of the Educational Service Math team lead this work, and provide the professional development.
MiSTEM Advisory Council Grant: Ten80	Washtenaw ISD, Fiscal agent for the Statewide Grant	\$73,837	10/1/2020 - 9/30/2022	Ten80 designed an UAV Challenge and Competition for Wayne County schools to participate in. Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs) are driving one of the most exciting areas of innovation today. Pilots, engineers and entrepreneurial leaders are teaming up to change the way we think of videography, disaster recovery, agriculture, conservation, marketing and so much more. After exploring basics of aeronautics and developing skills as pilots, students hack into a standard UAV brain, replace it with a custom programmable flight controller and configure it to fly different missions. MiSTEM grant funds support will allow Wayne County students to participate in a Wayne County Drone Competition.
MiSTEM Advisory Council Grant: Camp Invention	Grand Valley State University, Fiscal agent for the Statewide Grant	\$23,100	10/1/2020 - 9/30/2022	Camp Invention (CI) is an entrepreneur and invention-based P-3 Based Learning program for students and PD/resource for teachers. The program's top priority is to present essential STEM concepts and entrepreneurial content through

				creative, hands-on activities. K-6 students can participate in Camp Invention (multi-day summer experience), or Club Invention (after school) to solve a problem or design a project, iteratively testing and rebuilding throughout the experience. MiSTEM grant funds support will provide 100 Wayne County students scholarships for 2 summer camp opportunities.
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J. Action Item(s)

1. Superintendent 2020-2021 Evaluation

Member Petrie supported by Member Beri, moved that the Wayne RESA Board of Education approve the satisfactory (Highly Effective) evaluation of Superintendent Randy Liepa as presented. Roll call vote: Beri-Yes, Blackmon-Yes, Funderburg-Yes and Petrie-Yes, the motion carried 4-0.

2. Approval of AFSCME 1882 Wayne RESA Chapter Contract Extension

Member Petrie supported by Member Funderburg, moved that the Wayne RESA Board of Education approve the Agreement between Wayne RESA and Local 1882, Wayne RESA Chapter, affiliated with Michigan Council 25 of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME), AFL-CIO as presented, for the period July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022. Roll call vote: Beri-Yes, Blackmon-Yes, Funderburg-Yes Petrie-Yes, the motion carried 4-0.

3. Approval of Wayne County Salaried Staff Federation (WCSSF), Local 4479 Contract Extension

Member Petrie supported by Member Beri, moved that the Wayne RESA Board of approve the Agreement between Wayne RESA and Wayne County Salaried Staff Federation (WCSSF) Local 4479 affiliated with AFT Michigan and the American Federation of Teachers, AFL-CIO as presented, for the period July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022. Roll call vote: Beri-Yes, Blackmon-Yes, Funderburg-Yes and Petrie-Yes, the motion carried 4-0.

4. Approval of Administrative Non-Bargaining Contract Extensions

Member Beri supported by Member Funderburg, moved that the Wayne RESA Board of approve renewal of three-year contracts for administrative non-bargaining employees as presented, effective July 1, 2021. Roll call vote: Beri-Yes, Blackmon-Yes, Funderburg-Yes and Petrie-Yes, the motion carried 4-0.

President Blackmon requested a recess at 10:15a.m. The meeting reconvened at 10:25 a.m.

K. General Board Comments – None.

L. Selection of Candidates for 1st Round of Superintendent Interviews

MASB Superintendent Search Process representatives Jay Bennett and Greg Sieszputowski reviewed the following things to consider regarding the interview process:

- The Purpose of the Interview
- Beyond the First Interview
- Interview Preparation
- Cultural Noise
- Listening Responses

- Interview Fundamentals
- Logistics
- Reviewed First Round Interview Questions. (May 3 (three interviews) & May 6 (two interviews))

Board recommended to invite the following candidates for first round interview: 6, 29, 36, 45, and 72

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 11:21 a.m.



Submitted by: _____
James S. Beri, Secretary