



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

**Regular Meeting
January 12, 2022**

MINUTES

A. Call to Order

The Regular Meeting of the Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency Board of Education was called to order by President Funderburg on January 12, 2022 at 8:31 a.m.

B. Roll Call

Present: James Beri, Mary Blackmon, Danielle Funderburg, and James Petrie
Absent: Lynda Jackson

C. Pledge of Allegiance

D. Approval of Agenda

Member Beri, supported by Member Petrie, moved to approve the agenda as presented. On voice vote, the motion carried 4-0.

E. Public Participation – None.

F. Introduction of New Staff

Kelly Bohl, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources, introduced the following new staff and announced internal transfers/promotions. She provided brief background information on each:

- Garrid Blair, Technical Assistant, effective November 29, 2021
- Robert Lane, Server/Network Analyst, effective January 10, 2022

G. President's Remarks and Board Comments

Member Petrie:

- Wished a Happy New Year to all friends at RESA and is hopeful for an enjoyable 2022.
- Shared a news article with colleagues from the Detroit Free Press published on January 8, 2022 regarding an Oakland County school district and the issues they are facing each day in the midst of the pandemic.

Member Blackmon:

- Shared that she has attended several meetings throughout the state and city regarding redistricting and how it will affect everyone. She will continue to provide updates.

President Funderburg:

- **Shared highlights from Wayne County Schools:**
 - Grosse Pointe** - Congratulations to The Tower Newspaper staff at Grosse Pointe South High School. The 2020-21 staff was named a Crown Finalist last week by the Columbia Scholastic Press Association.
 - Livonia** - Congratulations Frost Middle School RoboFalcons White. Last week their alliance won the Michigan State First Tech Challenge (FTC) - Macomb Championship. With this win, the group from Frost Middle School will advance to the World FTC Championship in Houston, Texas in April.
 - Plymouth—Canton** – Congratulations were extended to Plymouth-Canton Educational Park Art Teacher Ann Espinoza, who won an "Inspiring Educators" award in a competition conducted in conjunction with the Scholastic Art Awards. Espinoza was nominated for the Southeastern Michigan Region award by students who expressed she helped them, pushed them, mentored them, and inspired them.
 - Van Buren** – Congratulations to Belleville High School Freshman Bryce Underwood who was named the Michigan Associated Press Division 1-2 Player of the Year.
 - Wayne-Westland** – Congratulations to graduating senior Kylie Smyth, who was recognized on the WDIV spotlight as part of News Anchor Rhonda Walker's Bragg Book. Kylie is a student at Westland John Glenn High School. When she graduates from high school this spring at the age of 15, Kylie would have completed 48 college credits through the dual enrollment program with Schoolcraft College. Kylie has been accepted to the University of Michigan Dearborn where she plans to double major in criminology/criminal justice and psychology in the fall.

H. Communications – None.

I. Special Presentations –

1. Wayne RESA School Board Recognition – Dr. Colbert shared her appreciation, on behalf of all RESA staff, for the outstanding job RESA Board of Education members do in their board roles. She recognized their years of service, commitment, experience, and passion on behalf of children across the state, and especially each and every Wayne County student, their families, the staff, and communities represented by the 33 school districts and 104 public school academies.
2. Update on Changing Bus Driver Requirements and Driver Shortage Mitigation – Mr. Ezikian introduced Kelli Schultz, RESA Transportation Consultant, who presented on required bus driver qualifications and the new minimum training requirements for entry-level commercial motor vehicle operators (referred to as Entry Level Driver Training/ELDT) that goes into effect on February 7, 2022. Ms. Schultz presentation also highlighted how RESA is supporting districts with complying with the new requirements which includes Train the Trainer classes, partnering with the Training Agency Association of Michigan (TAAM) to create a step-by-step process for registration on the Federal Training Provider Registry as required, and assisting with the creation of an online Theory Training curriculum.

J. Superintendent's Report

Executive Director of Legislative Affairs Mike Latvis

Mr. Latvis provided legislative updates including:

- With 2022 being an election year, M. Latvis and his colleagues are prioritizing and lifting two areas of interest/concerns for Wayne County districts with legislators: addressing teacher shortage and pupil accounting related to flexibility. They will also be expressing the importance of getting a school aid budget done by June 1st with the Governor's office.
- New K-12 quarantine and close contact guidance has been issued by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) and the Wayne County Health Department.
- The federal government will be sending more COVID test (antigen and PCR) to schools.

Associate Superintendent – Educational Services – Beth Gonzalez

B. Gonzalez provided updates including:

- A recent bill was signed by the Governor that temporarily allows staff members such as secretaries, paraprofessionals, and others to work as substitute teachers until the end of the current school year to address the substitute teacher shortage. RESA will solicit feedback from Wayne County Superintendents on how this flexibility is affecting their districts during the January Wayne County Superintendent's meeting.
- The Great Start Readiness Program (GSRP) has not been approved for virtual learning, but districts have been able to respond appropriately, in a way that maintains the continuity of learning amidst school closures.
- Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. (MLK) and Black History Month Resources – The RESA Social Studies team has curated resources and materials related to MLK day and Black History month that have been posted to the RESA website and will be shared with superintendents and curriculum directors.

Assistant Superintendent – Human Resources - Kelly Bohl

K. Bohl provided updates including:

- RESA continues to update its COVID Workplace Plan in accordance with the changes made to quarantine and close contact guidelines issued by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) and the Wayne County Health Department.
- COVID-19 Emergency Temporary Standard Policy – Detail was provided regarding the action item on the January board agenda to waive the second reading and adopt new policy that will take effect only if the Supreme Court ruling is upheld.
 - In preparation for the Emergency Temporary Standard, RESA has continued to collect and identify vaccination status of all RESA staff.
 - Per legal counsel, RESA board member are exempt from providing vaccination status due to their non-traditional classification.

Deputy Superintendent Steve Ezikian

Mr. Ezikian provided updates including:

- Clarification on Board Rec #150-21-22 presented for January approval – NuTechs LLC, Bloomfield, MI is an information technology (IT) staffing service being used to assist RESA with recruiting IT staff. RESA has several high-level IT positions vacancies and has not been successful in filling or finding qualified candidates.
- February Board Recommendations will include distribution of ACT 18 funds and transportation disbursements.

Superintendent Dr. Daveda Colbert:

Dr. Colbert provided the following updates:

- Wayne County School Board Recognition Resolutions were emailed and mailed to Wayne County Boards earlier this month. Dr. Colbert thanked the elected school board members of the 33 districts in Wayne County, as well as the appointed school board members of the 104 public school academies, for their service and commitment to the children of Wayne County. Dr. Colbert also thanked the educators and support staff of these districts, adding that we must acknowledge the work being done and recognize those who continue their service in public education.
- As COVID numbers continue to increase in Wayne County, RESA and our constituent districts must remain vigilant and stay the course as to what is best in terms of health and safety.
- Transition from In-Person to Remote Learning – Nine districts have paused in-person learning either immediately following the winter break and/or after a few days or even a week of trying to maintain in-person learning once we returned: Detroit, Romulus, River Rouge, Ecorse, Melvindale-Northern Allen Park, Hamtramck, Wayne-Westland, South Redford, and Dearborn Heights #7. Crestwood's middle and high schools have also transitioned to remote learning.
- Two resolutions were passed during the Michigan Department of Education State Board meeting this week: one regarding teacher retention and recruitment and the other regarding the teaching of history. A third resolution failed regarding the layered public health approach.
- Romulus Community Schools Board of Education voted to hire Dr. Donald Weatherspoon as Interim Superintendent for the remainder of the 2021-2022 school year,
- Melvindale-Northern Allen Park's Interim Superintendent, Dr. Mary Ann Cyr, began on January 3, 2022.
- Dr. Colbert, Executive Director of Legislative Affairs Michael Latvis and Board Member James Petrie will not be attending the National School Board Association's Advocacy Institute in person. Registrations have been converted from in-person to virtual.
- Dr. Colbert will be attending the Mid-Winter MASA Conference, which includes the MAISA meetings in Grand Rapids, January 19 – 21, 2022.

- Unaudited 2021 Fall Count for Wayne County reflects a total of 261,188 students enrolled in LEAs and PSAs. The Official Count Day for Spring is Wednesday, February 9, 2022.

K. Consent Agenda

Member Petrie supported by Member Blackmon, moved to approve the Consent Agenda, as presented.

Items include approval of:

1. Superintendent's Recommendations
2. Minutes from December 15, 2021, Regular Board Meeting
3. December WRESA Check Register
4. December Inkster Check Register
5. Outstanding Investments, Revenues & Expenditures
6. Pre and Post Travel – January 2022

On voice vote, the motion carried 4-0.

143-21-22

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

- Leila Hachem, Secretary, effective January 18, 2022
- Celeste Johnson, Special Education Consultant, effective January 13, 2022
- Catherine Perry, Technical Assistant, effective January 20, 2022
- Robert Lane, Server/Network Analyst, effective January 10, 2022

144-21-22

The Board approved the following leave(s):

- Sylvia Warfield, Part-time English Learner Program Facilitator, unpaid personal leave, effective November 9, 2021

145-21-22

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

- Sylvia Warfield, Part-time English Learner Program Facilitator, unpaid personal leave, effective November 30, 2021

146-21-22

The Board approved the reappointment of the following representative(s) to serve on the Creative Montessori Academy Board:

Donald Treadwell Jr.	Two-year term beginning January 1, 2021 and ending December 31, 2024
Damita Warren	Two-year term beginning January 1, 2021 and ending December 31, 2024

147-21-22

The Board authorized administration to approve the purchase of materials from Into the Wind Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$75,000 for the period January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022.

148-21-22

The Board approved the following actual and necessary expenses incurred by Wayne RESA Board members in discharging their official duties and in performing functions as authorized by the Board December 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021:

Mary Blackmon: \$981.93 Danielle Funderburg: \$36.96
 Lynda Jackson: \$34.61 James Petrie: \$241.88

149-21-22

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 \$230,513.23 for the quarter ending March 31, 2021.

DISTRICT/LEA	AMOUNT	DISTRICT/LEA	AMOUNT
Allen Park Public Schools	\$4,811.76	Melvindale-North Allen Park Schools	\$3,913.82
Crestwood School District	\$5,304.19	Northville Public Schools	\$13,902.07
Dearborn Heights School District #7	\$3,573.88	Plymouth-Canton Community Schools	\$14,737.51
Dearborn City School District	\$21,774.93	Redford Union Schools, District No. 1	\$8,194.75
Ecorse Public Schools	\$2,087.39	School District of the City of River Rouge	\$1,425.36
Flat Rock Community Schools	\$2,364.22	Riverview Community School District	\$1,674.96
Garden City Public Schools	\$10,937.05	Romulus Community Schools	\$2,598.23
Gibraltar School District	\$3,058.20	South Redford School District	\$3,833.90
Grosse Ile Township Schools	\$2,509.21	Southgate Community School District	\$6,076.98
Grosse Pointe Public Schools	\$10,029.71	Taylor School District	\$8,170.78
School District of the City of Hamtramck	\$3,642.70	Trenton Public Schools	\$5,449.55
School District of the City of Harper Woods	\$1,699.59	Van Buren Public Schools	\$5,599.77
Huron School District	\$2,892.19	Wayne-Westland Community School District	\$25,308.34
School District of the City of Lincoln Park	\$16,660.17	Westwood Community School District	\$2,625.21
Livonia Public Schools School District	\$13,238.93	Woodhaven-Brownstown School District	\$10,624.63
		School District of the City of Wyandotte	\$11,793.25
		TOTAL:	\$230,513.23

150-21-22

The Board authorized administration to enter into an agreement with NuTechs LLC, Bloomfield, MI for Information Technology Staffing Services in an amount not to exceed \$80,000.

151-21-22

The Board authorized administration to enter into an agreement with the following districts participating in Michigan Statewide System of Support as identified Comprehensive Support and Improvement Schools (CSI) not to exceed the listed amount for the grant term October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2022.

<i>Districts</i>	<i>Amount (not to exceed)</i>
River Rouge School District	\$180,000
Detroit Leadership Academy	\$108,730
Joy Preparatory Academy	\$220,000
Plymouth- Canton Community Schools	\$100,500
Pathways Academy	\$80,000
Hamtramck School District	\$145,000
WAY Academy	\$160,000
American International Academy	\$85,000
Taylor Public Schools	\$80,000
Pathways Academy	\$60,000
Clara B. Ford	\$118,500
Detroit Public Schools Community District	\$775,000

152-21-22

The Board authorized administration to enter into a renewal contract 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 \$325,000 for the period July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023.

153-21-22

The Board authorized administration to enter into a renewal contract 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 July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023.

154-21-22

The Board authorized administration to enter into a contract with Complete Books and Media Supply, LLC for the purchase of instructional and training materials in compliance with federal procurement requirements and board policy in an amount not to exceed \$150,000 for the period July 1, 2021 through September 30, 2022.

155-21-22

The Board approved an amendment to Board Recommendation 91-21-22 for payment of 2021-22 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 for a total amount not to exceed \$10,869,902 for the period July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022.

County	District	Previous Amount	Updated Amount
Macomb	Chippewa Valley Schools	\$143,216	\$148,876
Macomb	Lake Shore Public Schools	\$163,728	\$170,199

Macomb	L'Anse Creuse Public Schools	\$215,240	\$223,747
Macomb	Utica Community Schools	\$1,278,903	\$1,329,447
Macomb	Warren Consolidated Schools	\$265,058	\$275,533
Macomb	Warren Woods Public Schools	\$243,958	\$253,600
Oakland	Birmingham Public Schools	\$140,627	\$146,185
Oakland	Ferndale Public Schools	\$513,887	\$534,197
Oakland	Pontiac City School District	\$56,819	\$59,065
Oakland	School District of the City of Royal Oak	\$350,255	\$364,098
Oakland	Novi Community School District	\$336,670	\$349,976
Oakland	Troy School District	\$698,607	\$726,217
Oakland	West Bloomfield School District	\$172,082	\$178,883
Oakland	Farmington Public School District	\$171,537	\$178,316
Oakland	Huron Valley Schools	\$139,934	\$145,464
Oakland	Rochester Community School District	\$362,663	\$376,996
Oakland	Walled Lake Consolidated Schools	\$162,167	\$168,576
Wayne	Detroit Public Schools Community School District	\$891,369	\$926,597
Wayne	Dearborn Public Schools	\$1,833,644	\$1,906,112
Wayne	Hamtramck, School District of the City of	\$571,903	\$594,505
Wayne	Livonia Public Schools School District	\$267,549	\$278,123
Wayne	Plymouth-Canton Community Schools	\$291,179	\$302,687
Wayne	Romulus Community Schools	\$296,975	\$308,712
Wayne	Southgate Community School District	\$618,599	\$643,047
Wayne	Wayne RESA	\$280,744	\$280,744
Total		\$10,467,313	\$10,869,902

156-21-22

The Board authorized administration to amend the agreement, previously authorized in Board recommendation #85-21-22, with Tobii Dynovox to increase the purchase of Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC) Devices from \$100,000 to an amount not to exceed \$150,000 for the period October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2022.

157-21-22

The Board authorized administration to amend an agreement previously approved in Board Recommendation #136-21-22 for implementation of Early On activities for the period October 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022.

District/LEA	Amount	Amended Amount
Plymouth Canton Community Schools	\$21,500	\$32,000

L. Action Items

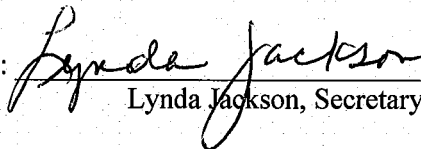
- Mari Treece – Administrator Grade Level 9 – Executive Director
Member Blackmon, supported by Member Beri, moved that the Wayne RESA Board approve the appointment of Mari Treece to the position of Executive Director of Educational Services, effective January 1, 2022. On voice vote the motion carried 4-0.
- First Reading Board Rule Update – Rule 3600R: Reimbursement of Expenses
Member Petrie, supported by Member Blackmon. moved that the Wayne RESA Board of Education accept the update to Board Rule 3600-R that accompanies Board Policy 3600 – Reimbursement of Expenses, for First Reading, as presented. On voice vote the motion carried 4-0.
- First Reading and Acceptance of Board Policy – New Policy 9960: COVID-19 Emergency Temporary Standard (2 motions)
 1. Member Beri, supported by Member Blackmon, moved that the Wayne RESA Board of Education amend Board Policy 1550 for the purpose of accepting Board Policy 9960 as presented with only a First Reading. On voice vote the motion carried 4-0.
 2. Member Blackmon, supported by Member Beri, moved that the Wayne RESA Board of Education accept Board Policy 9960 as presented. On roll call vote the motion carried 3-1:
 - James Beri – Yes
 - Mary Blackmon – Yes
 - Danielle Funderburg – No
 - James Petrie – Yes

M. General Board Comments

N. Adjournment

Member Beri, supported by Member Blackmon, moved to adjourn the meeting. On voice vote the motion carried 4-0. President Funderburg adjourned the meeting at 11:11 a.m.

Submitted by:


Lynda Jackson, Secretary