



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

**Regular Meeting
April 20, 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 April 20, 2022 at 8:30 a.m.

B. Roll Call

Present: James Beri, Mary Blackmon, Danielle Funderburg, Lynda Jackson (at 9:13 a.m.), and James Petrie

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 internal applicants. She provided brief background information on each:

- LeRoy Taylor, Budget & Fiscal Analyst, effective March 21, 2022
- Andrew McMechan, Executive Director of Finance and Compliance, effective March 21, 2022
- Heather Kiselewski, Secretary, effective April 4, 2022
- John DeShano, Server/Network Analyst, effective April 14, 2022

G. President's Remarks and Board Comments

Board members who attended the National School Board Association Conference in April 2-4, 2022 shared highlights from the conference:

Member Petrie:

- Noted that the association has had some issues but the new executive director, Dr. John Heim is trying to straighten things out and has hired a law firm to investigate mistakes made and an executive report will be issued to members soon.
- The sessions and speakers during the NSBA Conference were excellent including the finance presentation done by Dearborn Superintendent Dr. Maleyko and his team.

- Cook Center for Human Connection shared their *My Life is Worth Living* animated series about teen mental health. *My Life is Worth Living* tells stories of teen characters who face difficult issues i.e., bullying, depression, etc. Psychologists provide guidance on how the situation could be handled and the series shows the evolution in the key decision that life is worth living.
- Shared the interesting story of Liz Murray, co-founder of the Arthur Project, who spoke during the last day of the conference. Her well-publicized story which highlights her journey from homeless high school student to Harvard graduate was made into a Lifetime Television film, *Breaking Night: My Journey from Homeless to Harvard*.
- Member Petrie will share reading and literacy information he received during the conference with Dr. Colbert.

Member Beri:

- Shared that he was impressed with the use of technology during the conference, including the use of a QR Code that provided access to the conference materials. Member Beri lifted that technology is the future of education.
- Kudos to Dearborn Schools on their finance presentation which showed how transparency with their community assisted in getting a recent millage passed.
- Attended a session about how Covid has changed school law forever, especially in regard to virtual learning.
- Thanked RESA for the opportunity to attend and network with other school board members and receive valuable information.

Member Blackmon:

- Praised the excellent student performances throughout the conference. Students compete and are chosen to be part of the conference performances and Member Blackmon lifted the importance of the Arts and the opportunities it provides to students.
- Attended the National Caucus Luncheon during the NSBA Conference and said the speaker was very energetic and the message was outstanding and well received.
- Attended a session that centered around the book and tool for teachers, *When You Wonder, You're Learning*, which explores the science behind "Mister Rogers' Neighborhood."
- Expressed her appreciation to be able to be with colleagues and the opportunities to meet in a more relaxed environment.

President Funderburg:

- Shared highlights from Wayne County Schools:
Crestwood – Congratulations to Reina Mezher, who has been accepted into Harvard University, and the University of Michigan Ann Arbor with a full ride. Reina is a Crestwood high-school student with a 4.7 GPA and is currently the captain of the Robotics team, while also taking part in Drama and serving as a member of the National Honor Society.
Dearborn – Congratulations to Dearborn Center for Math, Science, and Technology student Glen Warren who earned Grand Prize at the Science and Engineering Fair of Metro Detroit and a spot to the International Science Fair in Atlanta. Glen also placed second at the Michigan State Science Fair.

Northville - Congratulations to several Northville Public Schools middle school students that were nominated and selected to participate in the Detroit Symphony Orchestra Middle School Honors Day on March 21st.

Wayne-Westland - Congratulations to William D. Ford media production student Morgan Granger, a senior who won a National Scholastic Art & Writing Silver Medal for her piece called Dream World 6. In June, her work will be published in the Alliance for Young Artists & Writers online galleries and her name will be listed in the organization's yearbook which features work by national medalists.

Allen Park – Congratulations to Allen Park Schools' Automotive Program as they were awarded \$29,000 by the Margaret Dunning foundation to further support the Allen Park High School automotive program. Allen Park School District has run an automotive program for over 40 years and continues to have full enrollment each school year.

Woodhaven-Brownstown – Congratulations to fourth grade Wegienka Elementary School student, Lorian Randall, for winning the Woodhaven-Brownstown School District's Future Chefs competition. Sodexo Foods, which services the district, sponsors the annual challenge that focuses on healthy eating, and gets students thinking about making healthy food choices while also encouraging them to be active and creative in the kitchen.

River Rouge – Congratulations to the River Rouge School District for receiving an \$835,500 donation from DTE to add an air filtration system to Ann Visger Elementary School. The system is expected to be in place by the start of the 2022- 2023 school year.

Lincoln Park – Congratulations to the Lincoln Park School District where students with autism are running a podcast where they share inspiring stories about people living with the developmental disorder. Mixer Institute students produce the show, offering an emphasis on the strengths, interests, and resilience of autistic students in the community.

Detroit - Congratulations to Chansey Willis, Jr. of Detroit Public Schools Community District (DPSCD) Martin Luther King High School for being awarded the 42nd Hal Schram Michigan Mr. Basketball award by the Detroit Free Press and the Basketball Coaches Association of Michigan.

H. Communications – None.

I. Special Presentations –

1. Tri-County Culturally Responsive Mathematics – Cherron Ramsey and her colleagues Yarisha Johnson (Oakland Schools) and Dr. Jennifer Banks (Washtenaw ISD) shared the goals of the tri-county effort and collaboration to support schools and districts. The team announced the Meaningful Mathematics and STEM Showcase scheduled for May 23, 2022, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. at Eastern Michigan University.
2. Preliminary Budget Presentation – Andrew McMechan along with Steve Ezikian presented Wayne RESA's 2022-23 preliminary budget which included the budget timeline and assumptions, and overviews of the General Fund, Co-op Fund, Enhancement Millage, and the Act 18 Fund.

J. Superintendent's Report

Executive Director of Legislative Affairs Mike Latvis

Mr. Latvis provided legislative updates including:

- K-12 Budgets – The House budget is expected by April 21 and the Senate budget is expected the week of April 25.
- The School Safety Task Force is expected to make some recommendations for universal language for lockdowns and funding for schools to do security assessments.
- School Nutrition Waiver is set to end this school year (2021-22) and Congresswoman Haley Stevens has sent a letter to U.S. House and Senate leadership calling for an extension through the 2022-23 school year.

Associate Superintendent – Educational Services – Beth Gonzalez

Ms. Gonzalez shared:

- The Wayne County Literacy Learning Network is working on their approach to the State’s decision to move forward with regular accountability as required by the U.S. Department of Education including index and school grades.
- Wayne RESA’s catalog of professional learning should be presented next month.

Assistant Superintendent – Human Resources – Kelly Bohl

Ms. Bohl shared:

- Based on the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Tracker, Wayne County remains listed as green/low, which is a good sign, but RESA will continue its mitigation including the daily screening for employees and visitors.
- Effective July 1, 2022, RESA is planning to reset to the default of in-person work, 5 days per week. RESA will also be moving forward with the Remote Work Pilot which includes things learned working through the pandemic and remotely.

Deputy Superintendent Steve Ezikian

Mr. Ezikian provided the following update:

- There was an allocation of state dollars to pay down the emergency loan for Inkster Public Schools, and it was assumed that the 18 mills that was supporting this payment would be levied by the 4 districts that took up the property. As conversations continue with the State, the Treasury department has said after review of the law that dissolved Inkster Public Schools, there is an opportunity for that 18 mills to continue to be levied by Inkster and can now start paying down the school loan fund (approximately \$33 million). If this occurs, S. Ezikian believes there is no cause of concern; property owners will continue to pay 18 mills as they would as if it were going to schools and receiving districts will continue to get the full foundation grants.

Superintendent Dr. Daveda Colbert:

Dr. Colbert provided the following updates:

- Acknowledgement of the three educators selected as Wayne County School Superintendents for the 2022-23 school year, following the retirement of the current superintendents. Dr. Colbert has reached out to all of them and provided a welcome statement and the 2022-23 Wayne County School Superintendents Association Meeting Schedule.

Congratulations to:

- Jason Bobrovetski, South Redford School District

- Ryan Vranesich, Melvindale-North Allen Park Public Schools
- Dr. R.J. Webber, Northville Public Schools

Dr. Colbert added that Riverview Community School District has conducted interviews for their two finalists, and Romulus and Hamtramck are moving forward with interim superintendents at this time.

- Congratulations to Northville Superintendent Mary Kay Gallagher on being named Northville Citizen of the Year!
- Congratulations to Carl Brownlee, social studies teacher at Fisher Magnet Upper Academy in the Detroit Public Schools Community District for being named Region 10 Teacher of the Year by the Michigan Department of Education!
- Dr. Colbert had an introductory meeting with Westland Mayor Bill Wild and he expressed his support for Wayne-Westland Community Schools and Wayne RESA.
- An Unaudited FTE Counts chart was provided by Kurt Rheaume, Senior Executive Director of Information Technology Solutions, and issued to the Board for a snapshot of the supplemental count numbers. Dr. Colbert lifted that there is an uptick in pre-k and kindergarten numbers, which had the largest decline due to the pandemic.
- Tea/Talk-Coffee/Conversations continue with RESA staff. Dr. Colbert believes that these meetings are a great way to lift great things happening in the organization and for staff to share innovative ideas.
- During the month of April, RESA acknowledges and celebrates Autism Acceptance Month. As a caring organization, it is imperative that we continue to do our part to help improve the quality of life of those with autism.
- The month of April also acknowledges and celebrates Arab American Heritage Month. As an organization that is intentional about fostering belonging, this encourages us to increase our awareness about concerns and priorities within the Arab American community. Educational Services Social Studies Consultant David Hales shared resources and information with the organization regarding the Arab American National Museum located in Dearborn, Michigan. The museum is the only institute in the United States dedicated to sharing the history, culture, and contributions of the Arab American community with the world.

K. Consent Agenda

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

Items include approval of:

1. Superintendent's Recommendations
2. Minutes from March 16, 2022, Regular Board Meeting
3. March WRESA Check Register
4. March Inkster Check Register
5. Outstanding Investments, Revenues & Expenditures
6. Pre and Post Travel – April 2022

On voice vote, the motion carried 5-0.

196-21-22

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

- John DeShano, Server/Network Analyst, effective April 14, 2022

197-21-22

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

- Heather Kiselewski, Secretary, effective April 4, 2022
- Linda Thomas, Part-time Early Childhood Consultant, effective April 11, 2022
- Sophia Lafayette-Lause, Executive Director of Early Childhood, effective May 16, 2022

198-21-22

The Board approved the following leave(s):

- Carissa Orr, Early Childhood Consultant, Family/Medical Leave, effective March 4, 2022

199-21-22

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

- Sanna Saddy, Part-time English Learner Facilitator, unpaid personal leave effective March 15, 2022
- Tirria Kendred, Career Technical/Adult Education Consultant, Family/Medical Leave, effective April 4, 2022

200-21-22

The Board approved the following layoff due to changes in programming needs:

- Patricia Alvarado, Part-time English Learner Facilitator, Unpaid Personal Leave concludes as a result of Layoff, effective April 21, 2022

201-21-22

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 20, 2022 through June 30, 2024.

Rochelle Terry-Julks	Westfield Charter Academy
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202-21-22

The Board approved the purchase of Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC) devices from PRC-Salttillo (PRCS) for the Wayne Assistive Technology Team (WATT) Lending Library in an amount not to exceed \$65,500 for the period April 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022.

203-21-22

The Board approved a purchase from Nutty Scientists of SE Michigan (Nutty Scientists), Canton, MI for 3,000 Third Grade STEM Kits in an amount not to exceed \$56,000.00.

204-21-22

The Board approved a purchase from E7 Solutions, Troy, MI 48046 for one year of software licenses and maintenance in the amount of \$49,243. The renewal is for the period of April 28, 2022 through April 27, 2023.

205-21-22

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 March 1, 2022 through March 31, 2022:

Mary Blackmon: \$162.12 Lynda Jackson: \$26.68 James Petrie: \$66.89

206-21-22

The Board approved payment of Section 61b Early Middle College and Dual Enrollment state approved Career and Technical Education programs to the following Districts and Charter Schools in an amount not to exceed \$238,782.66 for the period of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022:

ISD/District	Amount
Advanced Technology Academy	\$52,626.90
Trenton Public Schools	\$69,876.60
Gibraltar School District	\$5,367.09
Riverview Community School District	\$39,714.11
Southgate Community School District	\$71,197.96
TOTAL District 61b Funds	\$238,782.66

207-21-22

The Board authorized administration to enter into a contract with RNA Facilities Management (RNA), Ann Arbor, MI, for Ground and Property Maintenance Services at WRESA's Education Center and Burger Baylor facilities, in the amount not to exceed \$145,000 for the period July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023.

208-21-22

The Board authorized administration to amend the contract with Newton Crane Roofing, Inc., for roof replacement, originally authorized in Board Recommendation #135-21-22 to increase amount of the contract from \$812,700 to \$831,075.

209-21-22

The Board approved an amendment to Board Recommendation #30-21-22 to extend the period for payment to Michigan Department of Health and Human Services from July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022 to the period of July 1, 2021 through September 30, 2022 for the School-Services Program Medicaid Administrative Outreach Program (AOP) and to increase the payment amount from \$96,117.56

not to exceed \$98,772.92.

210-21-22

The Board approved an amendment to Board Recommendation #133-21-22 for reimbursement of allowable added costs for individual Student Paraprofessionals employed during the 2021-2022 school year for the following local School Districts and Public School Academies, not to exceed the amounts listed below, for the period July 2021 through June 2022.

LEA/PSA	ORIGINAL AMOUNT	AMENDED AMOUNT
Crestwood School District	\$0	\$482,900
Melvindale-North Allen Park Schools	\$173,500	\$174,000
Redford Union Schools, District No. 1	\$81,800	\$95,400
School District of the City of River Rouge	\$0	\$357,300
Academy for Business and Technology	\$33,300	\$41,000
The James and Grace Lee Boggs School	\$72,000	\$75,200
Total:	\$360,600	\$1,225,800

211-21-22

The Board approved an amendment to Board Recommendation #23-21-22 for the purchase of instructional and training materials from Complete Books and Media Supply, LLC to increase the purchase amount from a total amount not to exceed \$150,000 to a total not to exceed of \$260,000 for the period July 1, 2021 through September 30, 2022.

212-21-22

The Board authorized administration to amend the contracts previously authorized in Board Recommendation #177-21-22 to amend the following subrecipient Transportation Grant amounts in the Great Start Readiness Program (GSRP), for the period of October 1, 2021, through September 30, 2022.

Subrecipients	Approved Amount	Amended Amount
Above & Beyond Learning Center LLC	\$62,676	\$54,900
Academy for Business & Technology	\$75,000	\$75,000
American International Academy	\$15,000	\$15,000
Angel Land Child Care & Parent Ins	\$18,000	\$18,000
Antioch Christian Learning Center	\$40,000	\$25,000
Arab American Children Center	\$73,200	\$73,200

ASA Higher Learning Preparatory	\$28,240	\$28,240
Bambi Land Child Care	\$94,300	\$70,000
Blessed Beginnings Learning Center	\$0	\$65,000
Brainiacs Clubhouse Child Development Center	\$48,640	\$48,640
Bright Star Learning Center DBA A & W Day Care Center	\$61,000	\$61,000
Busy Minds Child Care Center, Inc.	\$30,000	\$30,000
Child Star Development Center	\$40,000	\$40,000
Childrens Paradise Learning Center, Inc.	\$115,200	\$115,200
Children'z Place 2 LLC	\$25,000	\$25,000
Christios Child Care & Academy	\$50,000	\$50,000
Creative Kidz Learning Center	\$0	\$10,000
Creative Learning Childrens College, LLC	\$40,800	\$40,800
Cribs2College Academy	\$62,700	\$62,700
Detroit Public Schools Community District	\$228,750	\$228,750
Detroit Service Learning Academy	\$22,520	\$22,520
Dreamy Day Care	\$60,000	\$60,000
Dreamy Daycare 2, LLC	\$42,500	\$42,500
Early Learning Prep	\$67,200	\$67,200
Ecorse Public Schools	\$76,000	\$76,000
Garden City Public Schools	\$120,000	\$120,000
George Washington Carver Academy	\$88,700	\$65,000
Greater Ebenezer MISS BAPT Church	\$29,900	\$29,900
Growing Minds Learning Center	\$101,384	\$161,384
Hamtramck, School District of the City of	\$37,971	\$37,971
Hanley International Academy	\$15,000	\$15,000
Highland Park City Schools	\$40,000	\$40,000

Jade Child Development Center	\$27,040	\$27,040
Jude Community Development Corporation	\$10,000	\$10,000
Kid Connection Early Learning Center	\$15,000	\$15,000
Kristys Early Childhood	\$81,250	\$81,250
Little Scholars	\$40,000	\$100,195
Livonia Public Schools School District	\$102,800	\$102,800
Martin Luther King Jr. Day Care	\$0	\$20,000
Nene's Little Angel's Childcare Center	\$20,000	\$20,000
New Greater Bethlehem Temple COMM	\$32,585	\$32,585
Oakman Child Care	\$54,087	\$54,087
Quality Child Care & Learning Center	\$40,000	\$40,000
Ready 2 Learn Childcare Center, LLC	\$35,000	\$35,000
Redford Union Schools, District No. 1	\$66,000	\$66,000
River Heights Academy	\$0	\$5,000
Romulus Community Schools	\$60,000	\$60,000
Someplace Else Learning Factory LLC	\$65,000	\$65,000
Sunrise Education Center	\$0	\$27,420
The Order of the Fishermen Ministry Head Start Program, Inc.	\$0	\$11,100
Trillium Academy	\$0	\$2,250
Van Buren Public Schools	\$130,575	\$130,575
Village of Shiny Stars Child Care	\$32,800	\$30,000
Total	\$2,621,818	\$2,809,207

L. Action Items

- Teacher Appreciation Week Proclamation (May 1 – May 7, 2022)
 Member Jackson, supported by Member Blackmon, moved that the Board approve the attached proclamation recognizing the commitment, effort, and leadership of all teachers/educators as a public sign of our gratitude and support for all that they do to educate our nation's children, and more specifically to highlight the work of the teachers/educators

in Wayne County that continue to improve student outcomes for all our students. On voice vote the motion carried 5-0.

- Wayne RESA Proposed Board Meeting Schedule -- 2022-2023
Member Petrie, supported by Member Beri, moved that the Wayne RESA Board approve the 2022-2023 Board Schedule, as presented. On voice vote the motion carried 5-0.

M. Closed Session

Member Petrie supported by Member Blackmon, moved that the Wayne RESA Board of Education move into Closed Session for the purpose of negotiations.

Roll call vote: Blackmon-Yes, Funderburg-Yes, Jackson-Yes, Beri-Yes and Petrie-Yes, the motion carried 5-0. Time: 11:30 a.m.

Member Petrie supported by Member Blackmon, moved that the Wayne RESA Board of Education move back into Open Session with no action taken during the Closed Session.

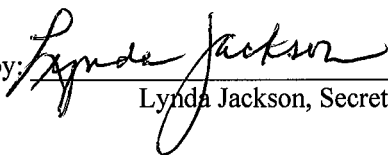
Roll call vote: Blackmon-Yes, Funderburg-Yes, Jackson-Yes, Beri-Yes and Petrie-Yes, the motion carried 5-0. Time: 11:48 a.m.

N. General Board Comments

O. Adjournment

Member Beri, supported by Member Petrie, moved to adjourn the meeting. On voice vote the motion carried 5-0. President Funderburg adjourned the meeting at 11:50 a.m.

Submitted by:



Lynda Jackson, Secretary

