



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

**Regular Meeting
May 18, 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 May 18, 2022 at 8:40 a.m.

B. Roll Call

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

C. Pledge of Allegiance

D. Approval of Agenda

Member Petrie, supported by Member Blackmon, 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 provided brief background information on each:

- Kelsi Klein, Secretary, effective May 9, 2022
- Sophia Lafayette-Lause, Executive Director of Early Childhood, effective May 16, 2022

G. President's Remarks and Board Comments

Member Petrie shared:

- Wayne RESA board members attended the 75th Annual Metro Bureau Dinner at the Detroit Athletic Club. Keynote speaker Greg Kampe, Oakland University Head Men's Basketball Coach, delivered a profound speech about leadership.
- Dearborn Fordson High School celebrated 100 years on Saturday, May 14. Member Petrie who taught at Fordson for 36 years attended the event, made note of famous Fordson alumni: Robert "Bob" Saleh, head coach for the New York Jets of the National Football League (NFL) and Joe Carl, author of the University of Michigan fight song "Let's Go Blue!". It was also lifted that William Brehm, a 1947 Fordson graduate, has sponsored 102 Fordson graduates who attended University of Michigan-Ann Arbor, including 30 doctors. Member Petrie also shared that Fordson was the first high school in the United States that cost more than \$1 million thanks to the generosity of the Ford family.

Member Jackson shared:

- Red Cross Committee Meeting Update – There is a call to school districts to hold blood drives for sickle cell anemia and scholarship opportunities are available to students who participate. Currently there are eight Wayne County School Districts that host blood drives. Member Jackson also shared that there is a critical need for donors at this time, especially of African-American and Mediterranean decent. She thanked those who have given blood to the Red Cross and encouraged those who have not donated blood to do so.
- Member Jackson also expressed the importance of the Covid-19 vaccine and booster.

Member Blackmon shared:

- The Metropolitan Affairs Coalition (MAC) Board of Directors meeting was held May 17 at the Union Carpenters and Millwrights Skilled Trade Center in Detroit. Member Blackmon attended the meeting and shared information on the paid training and job opportunities upon completion of programs. Secretary Jocelyn Benson also spoke during the MAC meeting about improvements that have been made at the Secretary of State offices to make it easier for people to do business, noting the reduction of wait time for transactions.
- The NAACP Freedom Fund Dinner was held May 1 at Huntington Place and was very well attended. Member Blackmon shared that Honorable Judge Cynthia Diane Stephens, who recently retired from the Michigan Court of Appeals, was honored with the Ida B. Wells Freedom and Justice Award. Judge Stephens will also be honored at the legacy dinner with the Eleanor Roosevelt Award. Member Blackmon lifted that Judge Stephens is receiving accolades for the many things she has done for education and her community.

President Funderburg shared highlights from Wayne County Schools:

- **Crestwood** – Congratulations to the Crestwood High School Robotics team for being the only team selected out of 450+ teams that competed for the Engineering Inspiration Award as the best to represent the state of Michigan at the World Championships in Houston. Crestwood traveled to Houston on April 19 to participate in the once in a lifetime opportunity.
- **Dearborn** - Congratulations to Angela Matta who was recently awarded the Amazon Future Engineer Scholarship. Matta is a senior at Edsel Ford High School and the Dearborn Center for Math, Science and Technology. She is one of 250 students to receive the \$40,000 scholarship to pursue a degree in computer science or similar field.
- **Hamtramck** – During Teacher Appreciation Week, WXYZ-TV, Channel 7 showcased Kosciuszko Middle School Teacher Mrs. Housey-Johnson and her student, Erna during their Educators Making a Difference segment. Ms. Housey-Johnson has gone above and beyond to support her students and help them succeed. Kudos to Ms. Housey-Johnson and all of our Wayne County educators!
- **Northville** - Northville was represented by 42 students (grades 5-12) at the National Academic Games Tournament in Knoxville, Tennessee. Northville brought home numerous trophies, both team and individual. The teams won eight national titles and overall rankings in multiple divisions as well as ten top three rankings. Way to go Northville!

Also, congratulations to the Northville Meads Mill Middle School Science Olympiad team who placed first at the Michigan State Science Olympiad Tournament on April 30 at Michigan State University. They won the National bid to qualify for the National Science Olympiad Tournament virtually hosted by California Institute of Technology. They earned top 8 medals in 20 events and are State Champions in 4 events.

- **Wayne-Westland** – Congratulations to School Resource Officer Jordan Arndt for being named the 2021 Wayne Police Department Officer of the Year for his hard work, positive attitude, and role at Wayne Memorial High School.
- **Riverview** – Riverview High School student Ethan Gardulski competed in season 14 of “American Ninja Warrior” in March and used the opportunity to help eliminate the stigma associated with medicated mental health challenges. Ethan, who is 15, is the second contestant under the age of 19 who has been invited to compete on the show. Ethan is currently dual enrolled with online classes through Riverview High School and classes in the early college program at Wayne County Community College Downriver.
- **Wyandotte** - Sixty students as part of the Wyandotte Roosevelt’s Music Department, under the direction of Mark D’Angelo and String Orchestra Director William Schumann participated in a performance tour. They traveled to Montreal, Quebec City (where the students participated in an outdoor community performance on the Dufferin Terrace), and Jamestown, New York. The Wyandotte instrumental music program is celebrating its 95th anniversary this year.

H. Communications

President Funderburg shared information regarding a resolution received from the Wayne County Commission that was adopted on April 12, 2022. The resolution establishes the Wayne County Commission Youth Council (WCCYC) for the purpose of promoting youth representation and community involvement in Wayne County to advocate for gun violence prevention, gun safety education and the implementation of mental health resources in Wayne County schools.

I. Special Presentations –

1. Great Start Readiness Program (GSRP) Growth: Providing High Quality Programs, Increased & Aligned Funding, and Promoting Child Development – Lena Montgomery, Geri Sifton, Julia Stanley, Kaitlyn Carpen, and Dr. Sophia Lafayette-Lause shared photos of GSRP students and classrooms and provided information and data regarding the enrollment growth in Wayne County GSRP programs from school year 2018-19 to school year 2021-22.
Lena also thanked Early Childhood Consultants: Tykese Douglas, Bonnie Duthie, Laura Franey, Christina Holt, Helen Oliver-Brooks, Cynthia Pitts, D’Anna Courtney-Rives and Pamela Spencer and introduced Michigan Department of Education GSRP Program Consultant Dawn Kalkman who attended the meeting in support of Wayne RESA’s Early Childhood Team.
2. Responsive Consortium Tech Solutions – Kurt Rheume, Marilyn Adolph and Chad Rider highlighted and provided updates on special initiatives the technology department has implemented and/or worked on over the past year including Disaster Recovery, MISTAR-Q support and updates, SMART Web Conversions (current and future) and Driver Training Certification Reporting.

J. Superintendent's Report

Executive Director of Legislative Affairs Mike Latvis

Mr. Latvis provided legislative updates including:

- K-12 Budgets – Both the Senate and the House have recommended foundation allowance increases and maintained GSRP funding.
The Consensus Revenue Estimating Conference (CREC) being held Friday, May 20 will determine targets for finalizing the upcoming year budget. The projection is that there will be more money in the general and school aid funds.
- Tax Cuts – The tax cut conversation is ongoing. The Senate is focused on getting rid of the sales tax on gas, but this tax cut will leave a hole in the school aid fund and there has been no information given on how the funding will be supplemented.
- Great Start Readiness Program (GSRP) –Michigan House Appropriations Chair, Thomas Albert was looking for data to substantiate the increased funding for the Great Start Readiness Program (GSRP) expansion. RESA was able to provide data from Lena Montgomery and the Early Childhood Team to show the impact in Wayne County. In particular, data was shared that showed the increase in the number of allocated slots over the past 4 years and how there has been an increase of 3000 over the past 3 years. This data was also shared with the Governor's Office who was able to work with the Michigan Department of Education to get more statewide numbers to demonstrate the increase.
- Let MI Kids Learn Petition – There is a group of organizations including Michigan Education Association (MEA), Michigan Association of School Administrators (MASA), and K-12 Alliance working together in opposition of this initiative. It is believed that if the required number of signatures are obtained that the group plans to present its initiative to the state legislature for passage, rather than a public vote. The Governor cannot veto petition initiatives passed by the legislature.

Associate Superintendent – Educational Services – Beth Gonzalez

Ms. Gonzalez shared:

- WRESA Professional Learning Course Catalog – A copy of the published 2022-23 catalog was provided to the Board. Beth noted that this was a collaborative effort from all teams across the RESA organization. The catalog has been provided to Wayne County districts and public school academies in a digital format. There are 212 unique learning opportunities, 48% online and 52% in-person.
 - President Funderburg asked how often the catalog will be updated. Beth shared that the true catalog is found in Learning Stream where participants register for courses which is updated constantly, but the version on the catalog presented to the Board is currently published annually and updates will be promoted and added to the monthly updates provided to superintendents and curriculum directors.
- In December, the MiSTEM and Literacy Teams presented on the Third Grade Lit Lab Pop-Up work from Summer 2021. The team has been busy planning for the upcoming summer and based on last year's success, the program has increased from servicing approximately 1,500 incoming third graders at 12 districts and

PSAs to servicing about 2,900 rising 3rd graders at 19 districts and PSAs this year. In collaboration with the Early Childhood Team, a rising Kindergarten program has also been developed to support the transition from Pre-K to Kindergarten and plans to serve 1,300 rising kindergarteners at 6 sites including 2 of the largest Wayne County districts: Dearborn Public Schools and Detroit Public Schools Community District.

- In December, RESA activated a comprehensive threat assessment guide for districts to assess their current safety plans. RESA made a commitment to continue to build on that guide to provide professional learning and support for implementation. A seven member team was developed with representatives from the safe and healthy schools team, counselor consultants, and members of the educational improvement team who have been engaging in professional learning opportunities to support the needs of Wayne County schools.

Assistant Superintendent – Human Resources – Kelly Bohl

Ms. Bohl shared:

- Based on the rise in Covid cases in Wayne County, and the change in Wayne County's Community Level to High, effective May 13, 2022 RESA reinstated the mask mandate across all 3 campuses and will continue to monitor the metrics and follow guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).
- Employee Wellness Initiative – A 30 day challenge in partnership with CATCHLIFE30 was implemented within the RESA organization. CATCHLIFE30 is a program designed to help employees jumpstart healthy habits over 30 days. Over 128 employees signed up and the challenge begins Monday, May 23.
- Bargaining Update – Leadership continues to meet with the Wayne County Salaried Staff Federation Local 4479 and Local 1882, Wayne RESA Chapter, affiliated with Michigan Council 25 of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees bargaining representatives. Ideally, tentative agreements will be reached mid-June. It was also noted that the tentative agreement for the Wayne County English Language Learner Program Facilitators (ELLF) group is an action item on the current meeting agenda.

Deputy Superintendent Steve Ezikian

Mr. Ezikian provided the following updates:

- Remote Work Pilot – Beginning July 1, RESA will begin the 6-month Remote Work Pilot. The pilot will provide data to assess and review how RESA operates as an organization. Moving forward.
- Covenant House Update – Covenant House is working with their board to move forward to continue providing the alternative program they took on after the closure of Ace Academy. They are also working with their lobbyist regarding funding concerns as it pertains to the population of students they serve.
- Detroit Public Schools Community District (DPSCD) Special Population Charter School – Steve provided an update on the alternative charter school that DPSCD is looking to open in a temporary location in Dearborn. This requires the assistance of Wayne RESA to authorize the academy while it operates outside of Detroit. A contract should be presented to the Board in June to assist with this effort.

- A study is being done to show the value of the services that districts receive from Wayne RESA. This will provide districts with information to compare and show the value of the consortium. The comprehensive document is expected to be complete by mid-summer.

Superintendent Dr. Daveda Colbert:

Dr. Colbert provided the following updates:

- The month of May was full of acknowledgements beginning with the Wayne RESA Board of Education Proclamation recognizing National Teacher Appreciation Week. Dr. Colbert expressed the need for strategies to be developed and maintained to continue celebrating and acknowledging teachers, educators, and school staff. The month of May also included the acknowledgement of Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) Heritage Month and National Mental Health Awareness Month. Dr. Colbert continues to encourage staff to be mindful about their personal health and wellness. She is intentional about RESA being focused on staff needs and making sure staff feels supported, so they can provide support to constituent districts.
- Kudos to the Wayne County elementary schools that participated in the American Heart Association (AHA) Kids Heart Challenge. This year there were many successes within Wayne County including:
 - 3,784 students from 80 schools in Wayne County participating in our heart healthy challenge
 - \$341,281 raised (to date) in Wayne County for the American Heart Association
 - 343 students in Wayne County took the hands only CPR and warning signs of a stroke training challenge
- Three Michigan students were selected as part of the 2022 United States Presential Scholar class with one of the three selected being Plymouth-Canton High School senior, Claire Swadling. There were more than 5,000 qualified candidates with 161 high school seniors being part of the 2022 class nationwide. Congratulations Claire Swadling.
- Congratulations to Wayne RESA Deputy Superintendent Steve Ezikian on receiving the Michigan School Business Officials (MSBO) Distinguished Service Award during the MSBO Annual Conference. Dr. Colbert expressed how honored she is to be on the RESA team with Steve, adding that he is most deserving of this honor. Dr. Colbert said that Steve's acceptance speech spoke to the influences and training that contributed to his career. He thanked his phenomenal wife and gave kudos to the Wayne RESA team.
- Congratulations to the RESA Board of Education for receiving the 2021 Distinguished Achievement Board Award by the Michigan Association of School Boards and being recognized during the virtual awards ceremony held April 27, 2022.
- The Wayne County Parent Advisory Committee (WCPAC) will be hosting a virtual special recognition celebration on Thursday, May 19 to celebrate those who have had a positive impact on students with disabilities throughout Wayne County. We are thankful for the commitment and service of the WCPAC.
- Wayne RESA's Annual Years of Service and Retirement Celebration will be held virtually on Wednesday, May 18 at 2:00 p.m. Board President Funderburg will bring greetings on behalf of the RESA Board of Education. We are honored to celebrate the milestone years and retirement of our Wayne RESA team members.

- State assessments are closing out this week except for students with the most cognitive disabilities taking the Mi-Access alternative assessment, whose testing cycle ends next week. Students are starting to receive test scores. Information is being shared with districts about the accountability changes this school year.
- This past weekend was filled with excitement for the RESA Early Childhood Team. Their phenomenal work included a ribbon cutting event Saturday, May 14 at Detroit's Honeybee Market which is Michigan's first Talking is Teaching market. Early Childhood Consultants and support staff were on hand at the event to promote the Great Start Readiness Program (GSRP).
On Monday, May 16, Vice Chair of the Clinton Foundation, Chelsea Clinton visited Michigan to learn more about the Talking is Teaching sites throughout Wayne County. Chelsea Clinton toured Starfish Family Services (Inkster), Honeybee Market (Detroit), Alternatives for Girls (Detroit), and Brilliant Detroit Headquarters (Detroit). She was welcomed at locations by Congresswoman Rashida Tlaib, Detroit City Council President Mary Sheffield, and staffers from Detroit City Council Member Santiago-Romero's office. Throughout the weekend and into Monday many organizations spoke highly of Wayne RESA and their great work and Associate Superintendent Beth Gonzalez's tweet highlighting the weekend events was retweeted by Chelsea Clinton offering her appreciation for such a terrific day.

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 April 20, 2022, Regular Board Meeting
3. Minutes from April 20, 2022, Closed Session
4. April WRESA Check Register
5. April Inkster Check Register
6. Outstanding Investments, Revenues & Expenditures
7. Pre and Post Travel – May 2022

On voice vote, the motion carried 4-0.

213-21-22

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

- Rebecca Meadors, Business Services – Business Analyst, effective April 25, 2022

214-21-22

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

- Kelsi Klein, Secretary, effective May 9, 2022
- Rida Khatib, Programmer, effective May 23, 2022

215-21-22

The Board approved the following leave(s):

- Rima Shelby, Part-time English Learner Facilitator, unpaid personal leave effective March 22, 2022
- Michelle McIntyre, Secretary, Personal Leave of Absence, effective May 10, 2022
- Steven Michael, Connectivity/Network Consultant, Leave of Absence effective May 19, 2022

216-21-22

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

- Rima Shelby, Part-time English Learner Facilitator, unpaid personal leave effective April 25, 2022

217-21-22

The Board approved the following reclassification(s):

- Anandababu Vijayan, Lead Programmer (Schedule F) to Application Architect (Schedule H) effective March 22, 2022

218-21-22

The Board approved the purchase of Meraki Wireless equipment from Inacomp TSG, Southfield, MI for an amount not to exceed \$55,000.

219-21-22

The Board approved the purchase of Cisco network equipment from Inacomp TSG, Southfield, MI for an amount not to exceed \$62,304.

220-21-22

The Board approved the purchase of Cisco SMARTnet maintenance from Inacomp Technical Services Group (Inacomp), Southfield MI, in the amount not to exceed \$47,675 for the period July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023.

221-21-22

The Board approved the purchase of network equipment from Trace3, Grand Rapids, MI for an amount not to exceed \$217,317.91.

222-21-22

The Board approved the purchase of instructional and training materials from Complete Books and Media Supply, LLC not to exceed \$190,000 for the period May 9, 2022 through September 30, 2022.

223-21-22

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 April 1, 2022 through April 30, 2022:

Mary Blackmon:	\$39.78	Lynda Jackson:	\$49.14
Danielle Funderburg:	\$ 9.83	James Petrie	\$90.29

224-21-22

The board approved payment to the following school districts and the Act 18 Fund in the amount of \$14,555,887.75 for initial settlement for Medicaid claims filed for services provided to special education students for the period July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021.

DISTRICT/LEA	AMOUNT	DISTRICT/LEA	AMOUNT
Allen Park Public Schools	\$144,785.57	Northville Public Schools	\$179,710.49

Crestwood School District	\$353,923.25	Plymouth-Canton Community Schools	\$801,746.52
Dearborn City School District	\$1,161,613.41	Redford Union Schools, District No. 1	\$116,246.70
Dearborn Heights School District #7	\$127,288.53	School District of the City of River Rouge	\$95,636.32
Ecorse Public Schools	\$88,520.52	Riverview Community School District	\$114,485.41
Flat Rock Community Schools	\$154,383.63	Romulus Community Schools	\$229,879.58
Garden City Public Schools	\$167,947.70	South Redford School District	\$210,202.79
Gibraltar School District	\$265,391.84	Southgate Community School District	\$290,128.20
Grosse Ile Township Schools	\$79,344.07	Taylor School District	\$630,580.91
Grosse Pointe Public Schools	\$315,060.41	Trenton Public Schools	\$143,615.43
School District of the City of Hamtramck	\$248,822.85	Van Buren Public Schools	\$506,100.86
The School District of the City of Harper Woods	\$78,721.86	Wayne-Westland Community School District	\$902,400.60
Huron School District	\$156,060.64	Westwood Community School District	\$176,882.46
School District of the City of Lincoln Park	\$422,496.40	Woodhaven-Brownstown School District	\$456,072.67
Livonia Public Schools School District	\$467,881.43	School District of the City of Wyandotte	\$188,934.74
Melvindale-North Allen Park Schools	\$152,965.64	TOTAL:	\$9,427,831.43

LEA Direct Payment \$ 9,427,831.43
 ACT 18 RESA \$ 5,128,056.32
 Total \$14,555,887.75

225-21-22

The Board approved payments to each of the following school districts for implementation of additional Early On services in the amount of \$164,550.00 for the period June 15, 2022 through September 2, 2022.

DISTRICT	AMOUNT
Grosse Pointe Public Schools	\$2,500
Detroit Public Schools Community District	\$26,000
Wayne-Westland Community School District	\$15,000
Livonia Public Schools School District – Early On only	\$15,450
Woodhaven-Brownstown School District	\$44,500
Plymouth-Canton Community Schools	\$61,100

Total:	\$164,550
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226-21-22

The Board authorized administration to enter into written agreements with the following districts for implementation of Early Intervention activities in the amounts listed below, for the period July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023.

AGENCY/DISTRICT	AMOUNT
Detroit Public Schools Community District	\$158,012
Wayne-Westland Community School District	\$41,044
Grosse Pointe Public Schools	\$14,614
Plymouth-Canton Community Schools	\$34,163
Woodhaven-Brownstown School District	\$36,500
Total:	\$284,333

227-21-22

The Board authorized administration to enter into written agreements with each of the following agencies for implementation of Early On activities in the amount of \$1,458,000.00 for the period July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023.

AGENCY/DISTRICT	Amount
Chitter Chatter P. C.	\$980,000
Development Centers Inc.	\$395,000
Leaps and Bounds Family Services	\$83,000
Total:	\$1,458,000

228-21-22

The Board authorized administration to enter into written agreements with each of the following districts for implementation of Early On activities in the amount of \$1,072,000.00 for the period July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023.

AGENCY/DISTRICT	Amount
Detroit Public Schools Community District	\$264,000.00
Wayne-Westland Community School District	\$117,000.00
Grosse Pointe Public Schools	\$300,000.00
Livonia Public Schools School District	\$227,000.00
Plymouth-Canton Community Schools	\$164,000.00
Total:	\$1,072,000.00

229-21-22

The Board authorized administration to enter into a renewal contract with Sonya Adams, Garden City, MI, for provision of processing referrals for Child Find services in Wayne County in an amount not to exceed \$56,000.00 for the period July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023.

230-21-22

The Board authorized administration to amend the contract with E7 Solutions, for one year of software licenses and maintenance, originally authorized in Board Recommendation #204-21-22 to increase

amount of contract from \$49,243 to \$58,186. The renewal is for the period of April 28, 2022 through April 27, 2023.

231-21-22

The Board authorized administration to amend the contracts previously authorized in Board Recommendation 212-21-22 to adjust the total subrecipient Transportation Grant amounts in the Great Start Readiness Program (GSRP), from \$2,809,207 to \$2,838,107. This reflects an increase in funding for one of the entities included in the original recommendation, The Order of the Fishermen Ministry Head Start Program, Inc, which will increase from \$11,100 to \$40,000 for the period of October 1, 2021, through September 30, 2022

232-21-22

The Board authorized administration to amend the agreement, previously authorized in Board Recommendation #156-21-22, with Tobii Dynavox to increase the purchase of Augmentative and Alternative Communications (AAC) Devices from \$150,000 to an amount not to exceed \$200,000 for the period October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2022.

L. Action Items

- Wayne County English Language Learner Program Facilitators (ELLF) Agreement Member Jackson, supported by Member Blackmon, moved move that the Wayne RESA Board of Education approve the Agreement between Wayne RESA and Wayne County English Language Learner Program Facilitators (ELLF) affiliated with AFT Michigan, as presented, for the period May 18, 2022 through June 30, 2023. On voice vote the motion carried 4-0.

M. Informational Item

- School District of the City of Inkster Emergency Loan and School Bond Loan Fund Update Tamara Dust, Executive Director of Finance and Compliance provided the following updates:
 - September 2021 – An amendment was approved for Inkster Public Schools and the State approved \$25.5 million to satisfy some of the district’s debt.
 - October 2021 – \$18.5 million was allocated to payoff some of the accrued interest in the School Bond Loan Fund.
 - May 2, 2022 – \$5.1 million of the funds received paid off the School District of the City of Inkster Emergency Loan and the balance of the accrued interest on the School Bond Loan Fund of \$1.4 million was also paid off. In addition, all of the tax collections received for the year from the debt fund from Inkster Schools, \$1.9 million, was applied directly to the outstanding principal balance which was at \$15.3 million.
 - The balance of the long-term debt for Inkster Public Schools has decreased from \$35.2 million to just over \$13.6 million. There is approximately \$400,000 left from that allocation and the State has indicated that they will allow for it to carry over into the 2022-23 school year for any interest that accrues.
 - Tamara, Drew, and Steve were able to work with the Michigan Treasury to allow RESA to continue to levy the operating millage in the area of the Inkster Public Schools and use that millage to help pay the debt off sooner. The state approved \$25.5 million took the length of the debt from 71 years to 15 years and being able to

levy the operating millage for the remaining life of the debt takes the debt from 15 years to 8 years.

N. General Board Comments

- Member Blackmon thanked RESA on behalf of the NAACP and shared her appreciation for Wayne RESA's involvement in the NAACP Detroit Branch. A special thank you and kudos to Kate de Fuccio for the work she provides for the event which is always well received.
- President Funderburg asked if testimonials could be captured from retiring staff in written and/or video format to share on the RESA website and/or other literature to promote the great work and talented team of people within the organization.
- President Funderburg also asked if the Talking is Teaching program can shared with other communities in Wayne County. She will discuss further with Dr. Colbert.

O. Adjournment

Member Petrie, supported by Member Jackson, moved to adjourn the meeting. On voice vote the motion carried 4-0. President Funderburg adjourned the meeting at 11:35 a.m.

Submitted by: *Danielle Funderburg*
Danielle Funderburg, Board President