



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

**Regular Meeting  
July 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 Beri on July 20, 2022 at 8:46 a.m.

**B. Roll Call**

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

**C. Pledge of Allegiance**

**D. Approval of Agenda**

Member Jackson, supported by Member Blackmon, moved to approve the agenda as presented. On voice vote, the motion carried 5-0.

**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:

- Tjuana Williams, Budget & Fiscal Analyst, effective July 11, 2022
- Dr. Sharrece Farris, Manager of State and Federal Programs, Charter Authorization and Special Populations, effective July 11, 2022
- Opal Gunter, Field Service Technician – Business Services, effective July 11, 2022
- Brandon Alexander, Senior Server/Network Analyst, effective June 20, 2022
- Robert Burke, Manager of Facilities and Operations, effective July 19, 2022

**G. President's Remarks and Board Comments**

Member Blackmon shared:

- The Shining Light Regional Cooperation Awards ceremony honoring individuals who are having regional impact and making important contributions to cooperation, progress, and understanding in metropolitan Detroit will be held October 6, 2022, 8:00 a.m. at The Mint – Michigan First Conference Center in Lathrup Village.
- WDIV highlighted 2022 Cass Tech graduate Tasha Lewis. Ms. Lewis is a national baccalaureate who is in the top 10% of all Detroit Public School Community District's 2022 graduates. She works two part-time jobs, runs her own business, and will enter Michigan State University as a junior.

Member Jackson shared:

- Her twin granddaughters graduated with honors and scholarships to Eastern Michigan University. The oldest has written 2 published books regarding bullying in school.
- The American Red Cross will be hosting blood drives for sickle cell anemia, Ms. Jackson encourages everyone to give blood. Locations are available on the American Red Cross website.
- There is an expected rise in Covid cases in September/October due to the new variant.

Member Petrie shared:

- During the community retirement celebration for Mary Kay Gallagher, she gave thanks to Wayne RESA for the continuous support throughout her time as Northville Superintendent.

President Beri shared highlights from Wayne County Schools:

- **Grosse Pointe:** Congratulations to Grosse Pointe North Baseball coach, Kevin Shubnell for being named Division 1 Coach of the Year.
- **Hamtramck** – Congratulations to Hamtramck’s District Nurse, Melanie Pieknik, who recently wrote about the importance of mental health awareness in the Hamtramck Review.
- **Livonia** – Congratulations to Livonia students in the Computer Repair/Computer Security class for being named Scholars by the National Cyber Scholarship Foundation (NCSF) for their performance in a challenging online cybersecurity training program. They scored in the top 3% out of 45,000 competitors. In recognition of their achievement, they earned an invitation to participate in the Cyber Foundations Academy.
- **Northville** – Congratulations to Northville Public Schools for ranking #1 in the list of best school districts in Michigan. Stacker compiled a list of the best school districts in Michigan using the rankings from Niche. Niche ranks school districts based on a variety of criteria including academics, teacher salaries, expenses per students, and access to extracurricular activities. Northville has 10 schools representing 7,347 students with a graduation rate of 97%.

MLive crowned Northville Public Schools as Michigan’s Ultimate State Champion for the 2021-22 school year. Northville prevailed by 1 point ahead of East Grand Rapids.

- **Wayne-Westland** – Congratulations to William D. Ford Career-Technical Center Emergency Medical Technicians (EMT) students Jon Harris and Andrea Hayes showcased their talent in the EMT demonstration at the SkillsUSA Championship in Atlanta placing ninth in the nation.
- **Woodhaven-Brownstown** – Congratulations to Ms. Alana O’Connor, fourth-grade teacher at Yake Elementary School. Ms. O’Connor formed a partnership with Daybreak Salon to bring free haircuts to her students every six weeks.

President Beri also announced Woodhaven had 24 students graduate with Associates degrees through the district's dual enrollment program.

## **H. Communications**

Member Blackmon shared that she received the Spring 2022 Wayne County Community College District (WCCCD) Legislative Update. A copy of the update will be forwarded to the board.

## **I. Superintendent's Report**

### **Executive Director of Legislative Affairs Mike Latvis**

Mr. Latvis provided updates regarding the approved K-12 budget including:

- Per pupil foundation allowance increase of \$450 (5.2%) to \$9,150 per pupil
- \$246 million increase for special education
- \$223 million increase for at-risk students
- Full day Great Start Readiness Program allocation increased to \$9,150 per pupil (same amount as foundation allowance)
- Teacher Recruitment
  - \$305 million for MI Future Educator Fellowships
    - Pays tuition costs up to \$10,000 per year for eligible students
  - \$50 million for MI Future Educator Student Teacher Stipends
    - Pays \$9,600 per semester for work as a student teacher
  - \$175 million for district and ISD's Grow Your Own programs.
  - \$15 million for Troops to Teacher program
  - \$10 million dollars for CTE teacher recruitment
- Mental Health
  - \$50 million for the implementation of the TRAILS program (Transforming Research into Action to Improve the Lives of Students)
  - \$25 million increase in mental health grants to ISDs
  - \$150 per pupil funds for discretionary mental health needs
- School Safety
  - \$107 per pupil funding for school safety
  - \$25 million for school resource officers (50% matching grant)
- \$25 million for before and after school programs
- \$1 billion towards principal of Michigan Public School Employees' Retirement System (MPERS) and creation of a MPERS reserve fund of \$425 million
- 5.2% increase for ISDs (same as foundation allowance)
- \$475 million set aside for infrastructure and consolidation
- \$3.3 billion left on the school aid balance sheet

Member Funderburg asked if RESA will be offering guidance/training to districts' financial departments in regard to this additional funding. Mr. Ezikian said school budgeting is an ongoing discussion with school business officials and superintendents.

Mr. Latvis added that Wayne RESA and Wayne County Districts should begin sharing the successes of the additional funding received over the past 3 years.

**Associate Superintendent – Educational Services – Beth Gonzalez**

Ms. Gonzalez shared the following updates:

- With increased funding for school safety, RESA will continue the work with the Common Threat and Assessment Guide, providing structures and support for improving school safety plans. RESA team members have attended trainings and co-developed professional learning workshops for local districts.
- After receiving requests for a professional learning experience for school principals focusing in the area of instruction, RESA team members developed the Leadership Development Institute which begins August 8 and 9 and several options throughout the year for in person learning alongside district leaders.
- House Bill 5190 requiring financial literacy as a graduation requirement will begin with students entering high school in the Fall 2023. RESA is engaged and working with council on economic education. The immediate next step is the organization and planning of the course. RESA is also part of the conversations about who will be eligible to teach the course, advocating for as much flexibility as possible.
- RESA is one of 6 ISDs that are recipients of a grant that the Michigan Department of Education submitted to the US Department of Education to support Afghanistan and Ukraine refugees. The funding will allow RESA to continue supporting English Learners in the region. More detail regarding the grant will be shared with the board at an upcoming meeting.
- Expansion of the Great Start Readiness Program (GSRP) – RESA is expecting the addition of 76 GSRP classrooms in Wayne County. The Early Childhood team is working with providers to make sure classrooms are compliant.

Member Blackmon asked how parents, who may be on the edge of eligibility, are notified of the GSRP program. Dr. Colbert provided detail of the robust marketing strategy (billboards, car magnets, direct mailings, door-to-door, etc.) and she also shared that every household, regardless of income, is encouraged to apply.

Member Blackmon also asked if RESA is still working with Talking is Teaching and Dr. Colbert confirmed that RESA continues to work with Talking is Teaching and is a grantee through the Clinton Foundation.

**Assistant Superintendent – Human Resources – Kelly Bohl**

Ms. Bohl shared the following updates:

- The Covid community level for Wayne County remains low risk. If the level goes back to high, RESA will shift to recommended mitigation i.e., mandatory masking in common areas.
  - The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has developed a Quarantine and Isolation Calculator tool that RESA is using as a guide for employees who test positive or are exposed to Covid through close contact.
- The 6 month Remote Work Pilot began in July and feedback has been positive. The Remote Work Task Force, comprised of union and administrative leaders, will receive feedback from surveys and make recommendations.

**Deputy Superintendent Steve Ezikian**

Mr. Ezikian shared the following updates:

- Section 81 of the school aid budget speaks to equitable communication with Districts and PSAs. RESA is currently reviewing its practices.
- Section 31n(6) – There is a statewide increase in the budget for mental health supports for general education students. This equates to an additional \$1 million in grants for Wayne County to provide services to districts.
  - Mr. Ezikian also provided information on Section 31n(12) which provides resources, education, and best practices for practitioners.
- Covenant House has notified RESA that they will continue leading the educational efforts for the students who would have been affected by the close of Ace Academy a year ago. Kudos to the Covenant House administration, board of directors, and Executive Director Terrence George for stepping up and continuing to provide services to the special population of students.
- RESA is continuing its disaster recovery work with a successful test the weekend of July 16 and 17. The organization is looking into cloud based disaster recovery as a viable option moving forward.
- Kudos to Karen Howey and the Special Education team for the work they did along with Wayne County districts to go from needs intervention to meets requirements. As their work continues with general supervision of special education programs in Wayne County, one of the main focuses will be least restrictive environments. More information is forthcoming from Ms. Howey as the county moves forward.

**Superintendent Dr. Daveda Colbert:**

Dr. Colbert provided the following updates:

- Wayne County School Leaders have been encouraged to reach out to their local legislators and the Governor's office to share their appreciation for the passing of the largest education budget in Michigan history.
  - Wayne RESA's voice and leadership were seen on the front lines as well as behind the scenes in the passing of this historic budget. Some pieces in the budget are based on the advocacy of Wayne RESA and the K-12 Alliance of Michigan.
- Dr. Colbert and Mike Latvis attended the American Association of School Administrators (AASA) Advocacy Conference in Washington, D.C., July 12 – 14. They had the opportunity to thank legislators for the bipartisan support and efforts in getting the K-12 Budget approved and speak with them about how investment in education is key, the sustainability of funding and fulfilling the promise for IDEA full funding, and what happens when the American Rescue Plan Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ARP ESSER) funds are exhausted.
- During the AASA Advocacy Conference and the Urban Superintendents Association of America (USAA) Summer Academy that Dr. Colbert also attended, many of the same concerns were lifted by leaders across the country regarding school safety, how to retain and recruit staff, social emotional learning, and mental health supports, and improving student outcomes.

- The Wayne RESA leadership team continues to visit and meet with superintendents and district leaders this summer. These visits have allowed RESA to share our offerings, solicit feedback and input on future needs, and to continue to find ways to partner and support districts' continuous improvements. Dr. Colbert thanked the RESA Director's Team for their leadership and work in the field.
- The Wayne RESA Board's Annual Retreat is scheduled for July 22 and 23. Data and a summary of services will be shared regarding the 2021-22 organization goals and outcomes, the proposed 2022-23 goals, the remote work pilot and climate and culture survey, facilities, personnel, and much more. Dr. Colbert thanked the team for pulling the data together for the RESA Summary of Services document that will be shared to convey Wayne RESA's data story.

#### **J. 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 June 15, 2022, Budget Hearing Meeting
3. Minutes from June 15, 2022, Regular Meeting
4. Minutes from June 15, 2022, Closed Meeting
5. Minutes from June 29, 2022, Special Meeting
6. June WRESA Check Register
7. June Inkster Check Register
8. Outstanding Investments, Revenues & Expenditures
9. Pre and Post Travel – July

On voice vote, the motion carried 5-0.

#### **1-22-23**

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

- Elaine Fase, Part-time Application Support Technician, effective June 20, 2022
- Tjuana Williams, Budget & Fiscal Analyst, effective July 11, 2022
- Sharrece Farris, Manager of State and Federal Programs, Charter Authorization and Special Populations, effective July 11, 2022
- Opal Gunter, Field Service Technician – Business Services, effective July 11, 2022
- Robert Burke, Manager of Facilities and Operations, effective July 19, 2022
- Judy Bowling, Instructional Technology and Library Consultant, effective July 25, 2022
- Josephine Pike, Application Support Technician, effective July 25, 2022
- Ashley Taylor, Application Support Technician, effective August 1, 2022

#### **2-22-23**

The Board approved the following leave(s):

- Dawn Bonam, Secretary, Family/Medical Leave, effective June 16, 2022
- Christopher Mulka, Building Services Assistant, Family/Medical Leave, effective June 2, 2022

#### **3-22-23 (KB/SE)**

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

- Yolanda Johnson, Student Application Business Analyst, Family/Medical Leave, effective July 1, 2022

**4-22-23**

The Board approved the re-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, 2022 to June 30, 2024.

Crystle Upshaw	Lincoln Park Public Schools
Maha Jaber	Crestwood School District
Jackie Moore	Flagship Charter Academy

**5-22-23**

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 20, 2022 through June 30, 2024.

Jennifer Stout	Achieve Charter Academy
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**6-22-23**

The Board approved the removal of the following representative(s) to the Wayne County Parent Advisory Committee (WCPAC) at the request of the parent. This is effective July 20, 2022 through June 30, 2024.

Sandra Williams	Detroit Enterprise Charter Academy
Samara Wolf	Quest Charter Academy

**7-22-23**

The Board approved the purchase of instructional technology, to support Wayne County Statewide System of Support identified schools, from Precision Data Products, Inc., in compliance with Federal procurement requirements and Board Policy in an amount not to exceed \$77,000 for the period July 1, 2022 through September 30, 2022.

**8-22-23**

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 June 1, 2022 through June 30, 2022:

Mary Blackmon:           \$29.60           Danielle Funderburg:   \$ 5.15

**9-22-23**

The Board approved a payment to K-12 Alliance of Michigan for 2022-23 dues and supplemental funding and support costs in an amount not to exceed \$85,500.

**10-22-23**

The Board approved payments to AJ Gallagher Risk Management Services in the amount of \$130,127 for excess coverage for Cyber Liability insurance.

**11-22-23**

The Board approved payment of the section 31n(6) Mental Health Supports for General Education Students to the following School Districts and Public School Academies, for a total amount not to exceed \$1,347,131 for the period July 1, 2020 through September 30, 2023 and July 1, 2021 through September 30, 2024.

<b>DISTRICT/LEA</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
<i>July 1, 2020 through September 30, 2023</i>	
David Ellis Academy West	\$56,000
<i>July 1, 2021 through September 30, 2024</i>	
Taylor School District	\$166,500
Southgate Community School District	\$156,315
Sigma Academy for Leadership and Early Middle College	\$27,966
Livonia Public Schools School District	\$180,000
School District of the City of Lincoln Park	\$120,000
Trillium Academy	\$71,000
Detroit Public Schools Community District	\$270,000
Detroit Achievement Academy District	\$83,500
Melvindale-North Allen Park Schools	\$95,850
School District of the City of River Rouge	\$120,000
Total:	\$1,347,131

**12-22-23**

The Board approved a renewal contract with Kelley Cawthorne, LLC for legislative consulting and legal services in the amount of \$4,500 per month, for a total of \$54,000 for the period July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023.

**13-22-23**

The Board authorized administration to enter into a contract renewal with Barbara Cronk, Taylor, Michigan, as a third-party examiner to conduct Commercial Driver’s License (CDL) road tests not to exceed the amount of \$40,000 for the period July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023.

**14-22-23**

The Board authorized administration to enter into an agreement with RNA Facilities Management, Ann Arbor, MI for catering and food operations, in an amount not to exceed \$200,000.00 per year for the period of September 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023.

**15-22-23**

The Board authorized administration to enter into a contract with Black Family Development, Inc. (BFDI) Training Institute, Detroit, MI to deliver *Restorative Practices* professional learning workshop offerings, coaching, and technical assistance not to exceed the amount of \$29,676 for the period July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023.

**16-22-23**

The Board authorized administration to enter into an agreement with Hanover Research for Program Evaluation and subscription to online research library in an amount not to exceed \$44,100 for the period September 1, 2022 through August 31, 2023.

**17-22-23 (BG)**

The Board authorized administration to enter into a contract with the school districts and public-school academies listed below in the amount indicated for engaging in the Early Literacy Coaching Educator on Loan Initiative for the period of July 1, 2022 through September 30, 2023.

<b>District / PSA</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Allen Park Public Schools	\$112,000
Chandler Park Academy	\$112,000



Crestwood School District	\$112,000
Dearborn Heights School District #7	\$112,000
Dearborn City School District	\$224,000
Detroit Public Schools Community District	\$672,000
Detroit Service Learning Academy	\$112,000
Ecorse Public Schools	\$112,000
Flat Rock Community Schools	\$112,000
Garden City Public Schools	\$112,000
Gibraltar School District	\$112,000
Grosse Ile Township Schools	\$112,000
Grosse Pointe Public Schools	\$112,000
School District of the City of Hamtramck	\$112,000
The School District of the City of Harper Woods	\$112,000
Huron School District	\$112,000
School District of the City of Lincoln Park	\$112,000
Livonia Public Schools School District	\$112,000
Melvindale-North Allen Park Schools	\$112,000
Northville Public Schools	\$112,000
Plymouth-Canton Community Schools	\$112,000
Redford Union Schools, District No. 1	\$112,000
School District of the City of River Rouge	\$112,000
Riverview Community School District	\$112,000
Romulus Community Schools	\$112,000
South Redford School District	\$112,000
Southgate Community School District	\$112,000
Summit Academy North	\$112,000
Taylor School District	\$112,000
Trenton Public Schools	\$112,000
University Preparatory Academy (PSAD)	\$112,000
Van Buren Public Schools	\$112,000
Washington-Parks Academy	\$112,000
Wayne-Westland Community School District	\$224,000
Westwood Community School District	\$142,000
Woodhaven-Brownstown School District	\$112,000
School District of the City of Wyandotte	\$112,000
Total:	\$4,958,000

**18-22-23**

The Board authorized administration to enter into a contract with Black Family Development, Inc. (BFDI), Detroit, MI to deliver Restorative Practices training to the School District of the City of River Rouge Comprehensive Support and Improvement (CSI) schools not to exceed the amount of \$63,000 for the period July 1, 2022 through October 30, 2022.

**19-22-23**

The Board authorized administration to enter into a contract with Farah Williams, Kingsport, TN to deliver *Comprehensive School Threat Assessment Guidelines Workshop and Train the Trainer Program* not to exceed the amount of \$49,000 for the period August 1, 2022 - September 30, 2022.

**20-22-23**

The Board approved an amendment to Board Recommendation #243-21-22, increasing payments to Metropolitan Association for Improved School Legislation (MAISL) Trust from \$55,176 to \$73,503 for property, casualty, and liability insurance.

**21-22-23**

The Board authorized administration to amend the written agreements, previously authorized in Board Recommendation #228-21-22, with each of the following districts for implementation of Early On activities not to exceed the amounts listed below, for the period of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023.

DISTRICT	ORIGINAL AMOUNT	AMENDED AMOUNT
Detroit Public Schools Community District	\$264,000	\$264,000
Wayne-Westland Community School District	\$117,000	\$117,000
Grosse Pointe Public Schools	\$300,000	\$340,000
Livonia Public Schools School District	\$227,000	\$340,500
Plymouth-Canton Community Schools	\$164,000	\$164,000
Total:	\$1,072,000	\$1,225,500

**22-22-23**

The Board approved amendments to payments, previously approved in Board Recommendation #225-21-22, to each of the following school districts for implementation of additional Early On services during the summer months not to exceed the amounts listed below, for the period June 15, 2022 through September 2, 2022.

DISTRICT	ORIGINAL AMOUNT	AMENDED AMOUNT
Grosse Pointe Public Schools	\$2,500	\$14,045
Detroit Public Schools Community District	\$26,000	\$26,000
Wayne-Westland Community School District	\$15,000	\$15,000
Livonia Public Schools School District -Early On only	\$15,450	\$15,450
Woodhaven-Brownstown School District	\$44,500	\$44,500
Plymouth-Canton Community Schools	\$61,100	\$61,100
Total:	\$164,550	\$176,095

**23-22-23**

The Board authorized administration to amend the contract with Complete Book and Media Supply, LLC in compliance with Federal procurement requirements and Board Policy, originally authorized in Board Recommendations #29-21-22 and #222-21-22, to a total contract amount not to exceed \$340,000 for the period October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2022.

**24-22-23**

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

Grant	Grantor	Amount	Term	Purpose	Responsible Party
BOSCH (G - 2201 06697)	BOSCH Community	\$35,000	06/16/22 – 06/30/23	<i>Educate, Equip, Elevate – Accelerating Secondary Success</i>	Department of Workforce Development,

	Fund Board of Trustees			<b><i>Opportunities for Students</i></b> Post-secondary Success Navigator (graduate workshops and mentoring program/paid mentorship/internship), as well as financial assistance for seniors pursuing college and/or career paths, exploratory activities specific to professional trades and non-traditional careers (Ready to Launch initiative).	Adult Ed, CTE, & Career Counseling
MiSTEM Math Action Area Funding – Culturally Responsive Mathematics Teaching (CRMT) Initiative	Kalamazoo ISD, Fiscal Agent for Statewide MiSTEM Funds	\$90,000	07/01/22 – 09/30/23	Grant funds to support district participation in CRMT Speaker Series and Leadership series including contract fees, administrative fees, and materials for the summer professional learning, as well as teacher and student stipends to develop and revise culturally responsive mathematics curricular tasks to be made available statewide.	Greg Johnson, Director, Wayne Regional STEM Network

**K. General Board Comments** – No additional comments.

**L. Adjournment**

Member Jackson, supported by Member Funderburg, moved to adjourn the meeting. On voice vote the motion carried 5-0. President Beri adjourned the meeting at 10:18 a.m.



Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_  
 James Beri, Board President