

Highlights from the February 8, 2023 Regular Meeting of the Wayne RESA Board of Education.

The Wayne RESA Board of Education authorized the following items on the Consent Agenda

**Authorized** for hire the following external applicant(s) for the position(s):

- Myrina Scott, Educational Improvement Consultant, effective January 23, 2023
- Ernesto Sanders, Technical Assistant, effective January 24, 2023
- Laura Poxon, Early Childhood Consultant, effective January 30, 2023
- Joseph Wenzel, Technical Assistant, effective January 30, 2023
- Elizabeth Grace, Manager of Early Childhood, effective February 7, 2023
- Dana Chicklas, Senior Executive Director of Communications, Public Relations, and Marketing, effective February 13, 2023

**Approved** the following leave(s):

- Shawn Reynolds, EL-Facilitator, unpaid personal leave effective January 9, 2023
- Carissa Orr, Early Childhood Consultant, Intermittent Family/Medical Leave, effective January 13, 2023
- Tracy Malloy, Budget & Fiscal Analyst, Family/Medical Leave, effective January 18, 2023

**Approved** the following return from leave(s):

- Shawn Reynolds, EL-Facilitator, unpaid personal leave effective January 23, 2023
- Dawn Shovein, Mathematics Consultant, Family/Medical Leave, effective January 24, 2023

**Authorized** the following schedule premium(s):

- Terri Czerwinski, Regional School Health Leadership Coordinator, effective December 6, 2022  
*Schedule Premium pursuant to article 20.8 of the WCSSF Collective Bargaining Agreement*
- Chris McEvoy, Behavioral Support Coordinator/Leader, effective December 12, 2022  
*Schedule Premium pursuant to article 20.8 of the WCSSF Collective Bargaining Agreement*

**Authorized** the following reclassification(s):

- Laura Gabrion, Literacy Consultant, *Schedule H, Step 5, to Schedule H, Step 7 of the WCSSF salary step schedule*, effective December 5, 2022

**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 January 1, 2023 through January 31, 2023:

Mary Blackmon: \$1560.33  
Danielle Funderburg: \$ 22.26

Lynda Jackson: \$ 35.00  
James Petrie: \$235.15

**Authorized** 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 \$204,830.97.

<b>DISTRICT/LEA</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>	<b>DISTRICT/LEA</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
Allen Park Public Schools	\$4,505.87	Melvindale-North Allen Park Schools	\$3,303.67
Crestwood School District	\$3,854.67	Northville Public Schools	\$11,526.90
Dearborn Heights School District #7	\$3,067.18	Plymouth-Canton Community Schools	\$15,655.81
Dearborn City School District	\$18,066.57	Redford Union Schools, District No. 1	\$6,087.07
Ecorse Public Schools	\$1,480.34	School District of the City of River Rouge	\$1,160.83
Flat Rock Community Schools	\$1,859.02	Riverview Community School District	\$1,859.55
Garden City Public Schools	\$9,027.19	Romulus Community Schools	\$2,042.69
Gibraltar School District	\$2,893.67	South Redford School District	\$3,644.45
Grosse Ile Township Schools	\$1,945.89	Southgate Community School District	\$5,599.65
Grosse Pointe Public Schools	\$8,854.33	Taylor School District	\$7,165.44
School District of the City of Hamtramck	\$3,518.42	Trenton Public Schools	\$5,392.96
School District of the City of Harper Woods	\$1,503.00	Van Buren Public Schools	\$5,133.41
Huron School District	\$2,723.84	Wayne-Westland Community School District	\$21,566.06
School District of the City of Lincoln Park	\$16,190.48	Westwood Community School District	\$1,746.88
Livonia Public Schools School District	\$12,311.75	Woodhaven-Brownstown School District	\$10,579.37
		School District of the City of Wyandotte	\$10,564.01
		<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$204,830.97</b>

**Authorized** payments to the following school districts for state-approved Career and Technical Education (CTE) program equipment purchases in the amounts indicated, for a total amount not to exceed \$576,923 for the period July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023.

<b>DISTRICTS AND PUBLIC SCHOOL ACADEMIES</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
Advanced Technology Academy	\$12,395.00
Crestwood School District	\$47,500.00
Dearborn City School District	\$28,046.41
Dearborn Heights School District #7	\$80,921.21
Flat Rock Community Schools	\$63,382.63
Grosse Pointe Public Schools	\$20,099.90
Huron School District	\$4,971.30
Livonia Public Schools School District	\$81,000.00

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Taylor School District	\$103,593.78
The School District of the City of Harper Woods	\$11,897.17
Trenton Public Schools	\$22,804.81
Wayne-Westland Community School District	\$40,229.00
Woodhaven-Brownstown School District	\$60,081.79
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$576,923.00</b>

**Authorized** administration to enter into a contract with Royal Roofing, Inc., Lake Orion, MI for Wayne RESA roof replacement in the amount of \$388,740.

**Authorized** administration to enter into a contract with E7 Solutions of Troy Michigan for procurement of their Technical Account Manager services (TAM), not to exceed \$75,000. The contract has a one year term upon signature of the contract.

**Authorized** administration to enter into contracts with the following community-based organizations (CBO) for Great Start Readiness Programs (GSRP) transportation allocations in the amounts indicated, for a total amount not to exceed \$168,487 for the period of October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2023.

SUBRECIPIENTS	AMOUNT
Kids Avenue LLC	\$84,000
St Paul Child Development Center	\$84,487
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$168,487</b>

**Authorized** administration to enter into agreements with the following districts for implementation of activities associated with the Michigan Statewide System of Support as identified Comprehensive Support and Improvement Schools (CSI) in the amounts indicated, for a total amount not to exceed \$2,908,083 for the period October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2023.

DISTRICTS AND PUBLIC SCHOOL ACADEMIES	AMOUNT
American International Academy	\$250,000
Clara B. Ford Academy (SDA)	\$125,000
Detroit Leadership Academy	\$145,435
Detroit Public Schools Community District	\$900,000
Ecorse Public Schools	\$250,000
Joy Preparatory Academy	\$75,000
Pathways Academy	\$55,000
Plymouth-Canton Community Schools	\$322,470
School District of the City of Hamtramck	\$272,678
School District of the City of River Rouge	\$180,000
Taylor School District	\$160,000
W-A-Y Academy	\$172,500
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$2,908,083</b>

**Authorized** administration to amend the contract previously approved in Board Recommendation #246-21-22 to increase the budget for Aequitas Solutions, LLC, Rancho Cucamonga CA from \$290,000 to \$545,000 for the period July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023.

**Authorized** an amendment to the payments in Board Recommendation #59-22-23 for 2022-23 Section 107 allocable amounts to the following school districts in the amounts indicated, for a total amount not to exceed \$10,869,902 for the period July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023.

<b>COUNTY</b>	<b>DISTRICT</b>	<b>ORIGINAL AMOUNT</b>	<b>AMENDED AMOUNT</b>
Macomb	Chippewa Valley Schools	\$137,497	\$138,997
Macomb	Lake Shore Public Schools (Macomb)	\$177,082	\$190,891
Macomb	L'Anse Creuse Public Schools	\$327,530	\$345,730
Macomb	Utica Community Schools	\$1,200,791	\$1,200,791
Macomb	Warren Woods Public Schools	\$250,441	\$250,441
Oakland	Birmingham Public Schools	\$142,176	\$142,176
Oakland	Farmington Public School District	\$192,368	\$207,148
Oakland	Ferndale Public Schools	\$658,640	\$713,180
Oakland	Huron Valley Schools	\$161,868	\$174,353
Oakland	Novi Community School District	\$380,367	\$405,325
Oakland	Pontiac City School District	\$64,830	\$69,453
Oakland	Rochester Community School District	\$371,426	\$402,114
Oakland	School District of the City of Royal Oak	\$344,768	\$369,768
Oakland	Troy School District	\$877,661	\$938,487
Oakland	Walled Lake Consolidated Schools	\$116,116	\$116,116
Oakland	West Bloomfield School District	\$169,962	\$182,552
Wayne	Dearborn City School District	\$1615,338	\$1,695,338
Wayne	Detroit Public Community School District	\$821,543	\$840,244
Wayne	Livonia Public Schools School District	\$255,950	\$255,950
Wayne	Plymouth-Canton Community Schools	\$328,694	\$355,583
Wayne	Romulus Community Schools	\$377,825	\$377,825
Wayne	School District of the City of Hamtramck	\$522,271	\$525,271
Wayne	Southgate Community School District	\$675,979	\$675,979
Wayne	Wayne RESA	\$296,190	\$296,190
	<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$10,467,313</b>	<b>\$10,869,902</b>

**Authorized** an amendment to Board Recommendation #258-21-22 to increase the Children's Garden II, LLC contract from \$142,008 to \$159,759 for the period October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2023.

**The Board also considered and approved the following action items:**

- Appointment of Deputy Superintendent, Educational Services – Beth Gonzalez
- Appointment of Deputy Superintendent, Administrative Services – Kelly Bohl
- Appointment of Assistant Superintendent, Financial Services – Andrew McMechan
- Appointment of Senior Executive Director, Operations & IT Infrastructure – Robert McCoy
- Appointment of Executive Director, Operations & Technology – Robert Burke
- Board of Education June 2023 Meeting Date Change
- Resolution Authorizing Execution of a Real Estate Purchase Agreement
- 2022-2023 Wayne RESA Budget Amendment
- Appointment of Henry Ford Academy Board Member

## **Superintendent's Comments**

Dr. Daveda Colbert shared:

- Wayne RESA's acknowledgement of Cultural Observances this month includes Black History/African American History Month (February 1 – 28, 2023), Maha Shiveratri (February 18, 2023), and Beginning of Lent/Ash on Wednesday, February 22, 2023. A Cultural Observances email was sent to staff to continue to be committed to learning and respecting each and every culture inside the RESA organization. A link shared last month by RESA Social Studies Consultant, David Hales, was also provided with resources for Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day and Black History Month.
- Dr. John Severson, Executive Director of the Michigan Association of the Intermediate School Administrators (MAISA) shared information about a documentary film titled "Black Man Goes to Detroit". The film will be shown free of charge on Saturday, February 11 at 2:00 p.m. at the Bel Air Luxury Theater in Detroit. The film was shown in Muskegon most recently, where a diverse audience attended the preview of the movie.
- Please keep the Detroit Public Schools Community District lifted in thought following the loss of Northwestern High School student-athlete Cartier Woods who suffered cardiac arrest during a basketball game and has since transitioned to his final resting place.
- Wednesday, February 8 is the official membership Count Day for Michigan schools. This is the second count day of the school year.
- Effective February 1, 2023, Dr. Benjamin Edmondson returned as Superintendent to Romulus Community Schools.
- School threats/hoaxes were being called in to schools throughout the State of Michigan on Tuesday, February 7. Sample communication was shared with constituent districts and public school academies along with the Wayne County School Threat/Safety Video and School Threat Assessment resource. RESA continues to support Wayne County Districts in the efforts of school safety and mental health supports, as well as, improving student outcomes as the highest priorities.
- Wayne County Association of School Boards (WCASB) is hosting a General Membership Meeting and School Board Member Orientation on February 16, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. at Wayne RESA. All Wayne County School Board Members are encouraged to attend. Wayne County School Board members are also encouraged to participate in the National School Board Association (NSBA), as we continue to increase our participation and ultimately increase our influence. Wayne County representation in both associations is vitally important, as our intentional advocacy increases on behalf of Wayne County students.
- One of the keynote speakers during the National School Board Association's Advocacy Institute in January presented a powerful conversation around hope, hustle, and help, a series of coincidences. Dr. Hakeem Oluseyi, Astrophysicist, Former Space Science Education Lead for NASA, and STEM Education Advocate shared his life journey, a plot of trajectory that showed his initial conditions did not dictate his outcomes.
- Dr. Colbert, along with Dr. Cook-Robinson of Oakland Schools, and Detroit Public Schools Community District School Board Member Sherry Gay-Dagnogo will be panelist in the Virtual Education Town Hall hosted by Senator Erika Geiss, Michigan School Board President Pamela Pugh, and Angela Waters Austin on Thursday, February 9, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.
- Thanks to the RESA staff who participated in the All Staff Meeting on Friday, February 3! The meeting received some of the best feedback to date. Kudos to all of the presenters and everyone working behind the scenes!

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- Closing remarks and recognition honoring retiring Wayne RESA Deputy Superintendent Mr. Steve Ezikian:

Steve Ezikian, a true champion with 22 ½ years at Wayne RESA serving in roles from Director to Executive Director to Associate Superintendent of Administrative and Financial Services to Deputy Superintendent, with transitions to Interim Superintendent twice over the years, and then to his current role as Deputy Superintendent again. Steve Ezikian will truly be missed! His historical perspective has taken RESA from where we were then, to where we are now. Steve has truly been an asset to the organization. Thank you, Steve Ezikian!

Join us on Tuesday, February 28, 2023, 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. in rooms 250 ABC to honor and thank Steve on his last day with the organization.

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