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Highlights from the March 15, 2023 Regular Meeting of the Wayne RESA Board of Education.

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

**Approved** the following internal applicant(s) for the position(s):

- Chrystal Hicks, Product Owner – Finance & Accounting, effective January 25, 2023
- Ed Glasscock, Building Operations Lead, effective February 13, 2023
- Chris Mulka, Building Operations Lead, effective February 13, 2023

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

- Rena Corum, Human Resource Manager, Appointment as Title IX Coordinator, effective March 1, 2023
- Kelly Bohl, Deputy Superintendent of Administrative Services, Appointment as FOIA Coordinator, effective March 1, 2023

**Approved** the following external applicant(s) for the position(s):

- David Parrinello, Building Operations Assistant II, effective February 6, 2023
- Janine Owen, Mathematics Consultant, effective, February 27, 2023
- Kacey Corbin, Human Resource Residency, effective March 6, 2023

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

- James Brett Forgach, Business Services – Business Analyst Implementation Specialist, Family/Medical Leave, effective February 10, 2023

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

- James Brett Forgach, Business Services – Business Analyst Implementation Specialist, Family/Medical Leave, effective March 5, 2023

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

- Cindy Taraskiewicz, Regional Assessment, Accountability & Data Coordinator, effective February 8, 2023 - *Schedule Premium pursuant to article 20.8 of the WCSSF Collective Bargaining Agreement.*

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

- Diane Barnes-Szabados, Application Support Technician, Schedule D, Step 2 to Schedule D, Step 3 of the WCSSF salary step schedule, effective January 17, 2023
- Cherron Ramsey, Mathematics Consultant, Schedule H, Step 8 to Schedule D, Step 10 of the WCSSF 11-Month salary step schedule, effective February 7, 2023

**Authorized** the purchase from E7 Solutions, Troy, MI 48046 for one year of software licenses and maintenance in the amount of \$70,573. The renewal is for the period of April 22, 2023, through April 22, 2024.

**Authorized** purchases of assessment and intervention kits (AddVantageMR1 and AddVantageMR2) and training (AddVantageMR Champion) from the US Math Recovery Research Council in an amount not to exceed \$85,000 for the period July 1, 2022 through December 31, 2023.

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**Approved** a purchase from Shelton Technologies & Resources (STAR) for Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC) devices and Software Access for the Wayne Assistive Technology Team (WATT) Lending Library in an amount not to exceed \$46,000 for the period March 1, 2023 through June 30, 2023.

**Approved** a purchase to Tobii Dynavox for Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC) devices for the Wayne Assistive Technology Team (WATT) Lending Library in an amount not to exceed \$60,000 for the period March 1, 2023 through June 30, 2023.

**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 February 1, 2023 through February 28, 2023:

Mary Blackmon: \$348.64	Lynda Jackson: \$ 58.16
Danielle Funderburg: \$ 50.96	James Petrie: \$182.40

**Authorized** payment of the Section 31n(6) Mental Health Supports for General Education Students to the following school districts and public school academies in the amounts indicated, for a total amount not to exceed \$2,144,214 for the period July 1, 2022 through September 30, 2025.

<b>Districts and Public School Academies</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Cesar Chavez Academy	\$178,000
Chandler Park Academy	\$204,750
Detroit Public Schools Community District	\$450,000
Melvindale-North Allen Park Schools	\$123,303
South Redford School District	\$220,376
Summit Academy North	\$120,000
Taylor School District	\$230,000
The James and Grace Lee Boggs School	\$56,653
Trenton Public Schools	\$331,132
Wayne-Westland Community School District	\$230,000
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$2,144,214</b>

**Authorized** payment for the reimbursement of allowable added costs associated with Post-Secondary Mild Cognitive Impairment (MICI) programs operated during the 2022-2023 school year to the following Operating Districts, not to exceed the amounts listed below, for the period July 2022 through June 2023.

<b>District/LEA</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Huron School District	\$15,000
Livonia Public Schools School District	\$66,000
School District of the City of Wyandotte	\$15,000
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$96,000</b>

**Authorized** payment to Michigan Department of Health and Human Services from October 1, 2022, through September 30, 2023 for the School-Services Program Medicaid Administrative Outreach Program (AOP) not to exceed \$99,883.60.

**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 \$108,396.80.

<b>DISTRICT/LEA</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>	<b>DISTRICT/LEA</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
Allen Park Public Schools	\$2,152.37	Melvindale-North Allen Park Schools	\$2,038.90
Crestwood School District	\$1,873.15	Northville Public Schools	\$5,940.19
Dearborn Heights School District #7	\$1,814.37	Plymouth-Canton Community Schools	\$7,542.66
Dearborn City School District	\$9,108.20	Redford Union Schools, District No. 1	\$3,215.96
Ecorse Public Schools	\$573.73	School District of the City of River Rouge	\$509.57
Flat Rock Community Schools	\$1,069.22	Riverview Community School District	\$924.60
Garden City Public Schools	\$4,509.26	Romulus Community Schools	\$1,036.02
Gibraltar School District	\$1,391.39	South Redford School District	\$1,996.51
Grosse Ile Township Schools	\$1,070.11	Southgate Community School District	\$3,148.66
Grosse Pointe Public Schools	\$4,883.27	Taylor School District	\$3,647.26
School District of the City of Hamtramck	\$1,746.35	Trenton Public Schools	\$2,477.46
School District of the City of Harper Woods	\$843.11	Van Buren Public Schools	\$2,466.24
Huron School District	\$1,532.32	Wayne-Westland Community School District	\$12,702.63
School District of the City of Lincoln Park	\$8,658.83	Westwood Community School District	\$1,160.42
Livonia Public Schools School District	\$5,735.67	Woodhaven-Brownstown School District	\$5,995.77
School District of the City of Wyandotte	\$6,632.60	Total:	\$108,396.80

**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 \$16,500 for the period October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2023.

<b>Subrecipients</b>	<b>Amount</b>
ndividualME, Early Learning Academy	\$11,500
New Paradigm Glazer-Loving Academy	\$5,000
Total:	\$16,500

**Authorized** an amendment to Board Recommendation #32-22-23 to provide reimbursements to the following school districts and public school academies for Region 29 grant activities identified as approved under the federal Carl D. Perkins grant funds from the Michigan Department of Education (MDE) in the amounts indicated, for a total amount not to exceed \$2,503,318 for the period July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023.

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<b>Districts and Public School Academies</b>	<b>Original Amount</b>	<b>Amended Amount</b>
Allen Park Public Schools	\$66,051	\$68,486
Chandler Park Academy	\$88,541	\$70,072
Dearborn City School District	\$297,875	\$309,024
Dearborn Heights School District #7	\$83,120	\$83,120
Huron School District	\$562,021	\$582,748
Livonia Public Schools School District	\$244,089	\$253,085
Melvindale-North Allen Park Schools	\$118,391	\$118,391
Plymouth-Canton Community Schools	\$244,500	\$253,465
Romulus Community Schools	\$32,000	\$32,000
School District of the City of Hamtramck	\$74,891	\$53,309
School District of the City of Lincoln Park	\$108,325	\$112,389
Taylor School District	\$89,028	\$92,348
The School District of the City of Harper Woods	\$75,643	\$75,643
Van Buren Public Schools	\$30,998	\$32,147
Wayne-Westland Community School District	\$255,950	\$265,461
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$2,469,408</b>	<b>\$2,503,318</b>

**Authorized** an amendment to Board Recommendation #137-22-23 to revise the subrecipient name and amount, previously approved as 4K Learning Center, for the following Great Start Readiness Program (GSRP) subrecipients in the amounts indicated, for a total amount not to exceed \$281,088 for the period October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2023.

<b>Subrecipients</b>	<b>Amended Amount</b>
4K Learning Center	\$140,544
4K Learning Center - Southgate	\$140,544
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$281,088</b>

**Authorized** administration to amend Board Recommendation #72-22-23 for the purchase of Augmentative and Alternative Communications (AAC) Devices from Apple Inc. from \$60,000 to an amount not to exceed \$120,000 for the period of January 20, 2023 through June 30, 2023.

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

- Wayne RESA Superintendent Dr. Daveda Colbert’s 2022-23 Evaluation
- The extension of the Wayne County Five Year Common Calendar to include the calendar for the 2027-28 school year.

**Superintendent’s Comments**

Dr. Daveda Colbert shared:

- During the month of March, the Wayne RESA team has been busy through the rain, freezing rain, and snow. There have been a few postponed dates for activities and events, with a few meetings shifted to virtual, due to an uptick in the need for weather calls because of inclement weather events.

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- Several communications have been shared with constituent districts with the information regarding the six (6) forgiven days and the waiver for the additional three (3) forgiven days, where necessary.
- Since the last RESA board meeting, the Michigan State University tragedy occurred on Monday, February 13, 2023, which senselessly took the lives of Brian Fraser and Arielle Anderson, both graduates of Grosse Pointe Public School System, and Alexandria Verner, a graduate of Clawson Public Schools. RESA provided support to all Wayne County districts with communications and resources.
- RESA continues to support Wayne County districts around school safety, mental and physical wellness, as well as academic recovery, accelerated learning, and much more. We must continue to remember that care for students and staff comes before content or teaching and learning. With the intentional support and care, then we can and will achieve improved student outcomes. Improving student achievement is a MUST.
- In March, RESA celebrates National Reading Month, National Social Work Month, International Women's Day, Women's History Month, and in the first full week of this month we recognize school breakfast week. There is a strong push for universal meals (breakfast and lunch) in Michigan, and Wayne RESA definitely supports these efforts.
- Dr. Colbert is thankful for the RESA's new Senior Executive Director of Communications, Public Relations, and Marketing, Dana Chicklas. The Michigan State University tragedy occurred on the evening of Dana's first day working at RESA and she worked with Dr. Colbert through the night. RESA is happy to have her as part of the team.
- Thank you to Karen Howey, Assistant Superintendent of Special Education & Early Intervention Services and her team including Karyl Reynoso and Chris McEvoy who assisted with the coordination of a site visit to Garden City's Burger Transitional Program by Senator Polehanki and Attorney General Nessel on Monday, March 13. The Burger staff did a phenomenal job and everyone should be commended for their efforts.
- Dr. Colbert thanked RESA team members for their work behind the scenes to support her with recent testimonies. RESA was asked to testify before the Senate Appropriations Committee on Pre-K – 12, on Monday, March 6, in Woodhaven-Brownstown, regarding Early Childhood and again on Tuesday, March 14 before the Senate Education Committee regarding reciprocity. RESA was also part of Governor Whitmer's Education Roundtable in Gibraltar on Wednesday, March 8. Thanks to Mike Latvis, Dana Chicklas, Beth Gonzalez, Dr. Sophia Lafayette-Lause, Elizabeth Grace, the Early Childhood team, Educational Services, Mari Treece, Dr. Markita Hall, and Kelly Bohl who have all contributed to all of the talking points for each event. Dr. Colbert's testimonies come from the collective thinking of the RESA Team.
- WDIV's Paula Tutman visited RESA on Thursday, March 9 for an interview regarding Early Childhood and Universal Pre-K.
- A press release regarding the statewide School Infrastructure Study went out on Monday, March 13, along with Request for Proposals for the study that came out of the School Aid Budget 11y. More information is forthcoming.
- Kudos to the Special Education team for a very successful Para to Teacher Program Informational Meeting held at RESA on February 28. One hundred and thirty (130) Paras registered for the event and 170 were in attendance, representing 18 operating districts.

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- RESA continues to work with the Michigan Department of Education regarding our Partnership Districts. The team continues to review the data and ensures that improvement and content consultants are supporting the districts with their plans and future professional development.
- Social Studies Consultant David Hales continues to recognize all cultures and observances and continues to update resources.
- There is a lot happening and will continue to happen at RESA, with everything in support of improved outcomes in not only Wayne County, but throughout the State. Again, kudos to the Wayne RESA Team for all that they do!

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