



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

**Regular Meeting
March 15, 2023**

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 March 15, 2023 at 8:30 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 Blackmon, supported by Member Petrie, 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 new staff members and acknowledged internal position changes. A brief bio was provided for each of the following employees and the Board welcomed all new hires to Wayne RESA.

- Dana Chicklas, Senior Executive Director of Communications, Public Relations, and Marketing
- Kacey Corbin, Human Resource Residency
- Janine Owen, Mathematics Consultant

G. President's Remarks and Board Comments

Member Petrie spoke about the Wayne RESA Board of Education's visit to Wayne-Westland Community Schools' William D. Ford Career Technical Center and Stottlemeyer Early Childhood Center on Monday, March 13, 2023. Member Petrie shared some history on the wonderful William D. Ford Career Technical Center that began with 9 programs and has grown to providing more than 20 programs to students in Western Wayne County.

Member Funderburg shared her appreciation for the school site visits and being invited to attend the Wayne RESA Maker Stem Summit. She expressed her appreciation for the artwork received from students at the Stottlemeyer Early Childhood Center. She also appreciated the takeaways from the summit, adding that the energy at the Maker Stem Summit was remarkable and there were great breakout sessions and workshops.

Member Funderburg also lifted insightful information that was shared during a recent Wayne County Association of School Boards (WCASB) meeting regarding hurdles of school board members and how to overcome.

Lastly, Member Funderburg shared how nice and well attended the retirement reception was in honor of Steve Ezikian. Member Petrie added that the retirement reception was a wonderful tribute to Steve for his 22 ½ years of service to Wayne RESA. Member Blackmon shared that it was a beautiful effort in honor of a great man.

President Beri shared the following highlights from Wayne County Schools –

- **Allen Park** – Congratulations to 16 year old Amanda Abraham from Allen Park who published a book for all ages titled “Dear Writing.” The book is a compilation of letters to writing that describe a passion for living.
- **Allen Park** – Congratulations to Morgan Smith of Allen Park High School who recently learned that she will be representing Team USA for Baton Twirling in the world championship held in Liverpool England this August.
- **Grosse Ile** - Officials of National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC®) have announced the names of the National Merit Scholarship Finalists. Three finalists from Grosse Ile High School were selected from over 16,000 semifinalists in the 68th Annual National Merit Scholarship Program. Congratulations to Serafim Dionyssopoulos, Luke S. Hargrove, and Avi N. Patel.
- **Grosse Pointe** – More than 190 students and staff from Grosse Pointe South braved the cold and participated in the school's first Polar Plunge on Friday, March 3rd to benefit Special Olympics Michigan and the district's Unified Sports and inclusion programs. They set a fundraising goal of \$10,000 and at the conclusion of the event raised more than \$20,000. Great job to all.
- **Melvindale-North Allen Park** - Congratulations to Glenn Doss who competed against 18 other students at the Poetry Out Loud competition held Saturday, March 4 in Lansing. Glenn's recitation skills earned him the State Championship, which entitles him to continue on to the national competition in Washington DC in May.
- **Northville** – Congratulations to Tony Koski, Principal of Northville High School, for being recognized as the Michigan Association of Secondary School Principals' 2023 Principal of the Year.
- **Plymouth-Canton** – Congratulations to East Middle School's Chess Team for defending their 2022 State Championship title. The team won the Michigan individual chess title in the K-12 section, scoring an undefeated score of 4.5, defeating students from all over the state.
- **Detroit** - Congratulations to the DPSCD FLICS students, whose robotics team has been invited to the International 2023 FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) Championship in Houston in April. The FLICS robotics team is expected to come face-to-face with other young people representing more than 40 countries. The Wayne RESA Board of Education is excited to know the students are ready for the challenge and wishes them much success.

H. Communications – A letter dated February 28, 2023 from the Michigan Association of School Boards (MASB) was shared with the Board acknowledging board members in Wayne County for their achievements in 2022. A list of award recipients was provided and included the Wayne RESA Board of Education as the recipient of the 2022 Distinguished Achievement Award.

I. Presentation(s)

- 1. Educate.Equip.Elevate. “Strategically aligning our goals to increase positive outcomes on workforce development and sustainability”** – Jason Evers, Career Technical/Adult Education Consultant; Latanja Lilly, Career Counselor; Krista McKinney-King, Director of Workforce Development, CTE, Adult Ed & Career Counseling; Brad Minton, Post-Secondary Success Navigator; and Stacia Weeks, Career Readiness & Counselor Consultant provided updates on Postsecondary Success Navigator work, collaborations, partnerships, and professional development. They also shared information on programs and resources including MAPS Mentorship Program, Graduate Voices Series, Career Counselor Connections and the social media reach and impact. Updates were provided from Career Readiness and Counselor Consultants and Career Technical and Adult Education Consultants.
- 2. SEMCA (Southeast Michigan Community Alliance)** – Representatives from SEMCA presented their Workforce Development Youth Programs. Kate Brady-Medley, Chief Operating Officer; Dr. Marlana Krolicki, Youth Specialist; Suzanne Reid, Workforce Assistant Manager – JMG; and Jamie Richardson, Workforce Associate Project Manager WCCAN gave a review of the SEMCA Youth Programs. The team presented opportunities for SEMCA and Wayne RESA to collaborate in service for youth in Education, Employment, and Community.

J. Superintendent's Report

Executive Director of Legislative Affairs Mike Latvis

Mr. Latvis shared the following legislative updates:

- The retention piece in the Third Grade Reading Law has been removed.
- Dr. Colbert testified before the Senate Education Committee regarding reciprocity, making the process easier for out-of-state certified educators to teach in Michigan.
- The House passed a bill to the Senate repealing the A-F System. The proposal is to move to Federal Index and keep the parental dashboard.
- House Bill 4044 regarding public service employment and contract negotiations is a union priority in the House.
- A teacher/administrator evaluation package is expected that will present changes to high level items such as tier labels, growth, and flexibility / frequency of evaluations.
- A labor package of bills pertaining to prohibited subjects is expected.
- More information regarding the budget is expected after Spring break/mid-April. The education budget is expected to be done by June 1st.
- Senator Polehanki and Attorney General Nessel visited Garden City's Burger Transitional Program. The staff of Burger did a really good job hosting a tour of the program. Attorney General Nessel spoke of ways her office can assist with police, fire, and EMS training.
- The first Legislative Breakfast was held virtually (due to weather) on Friday, March 10. There were approximately 50 attendees including 10-15 legislators and leadership from the House and Senate policy committees along with Wayne County Superintendents. Additional meetings will be scheduled.

Deputy Superintendent of Educational Services, Beth Gonzalez

Ms. Gonzalez shared the following update:

- There are lots of conversations regarding the education employee crisis and Wayne RESA's Karen Howey, Assistant Superintendent of Special Education and Early Intervention Services (SEIS) and the SEIS team are leading the charge in Wayne County with a Paraprofessional to Teacher Program for Special Education. An informational meeting was held at Wayne RESA on February 28, 2023. One hundred and thirty (130) paraprofessionals registered for the event and 170 were in attendance, representing 18 operating districts. Programs are expected to begin in the Fall with 50 tuition free spots available at Eastern Michigan University and 50 spots at Wayne State University.

Deputy Superintendent of Administrative Services, Kelly Bohl

Ms. Bohl shared the following update:

- Water in Wayne RESA buildings (Burger Baylor and the Education Center) is routinely tested, but testing was expanded by Rob McCoy, Senior Executive Director of Operations and IT Infrastructure, and his team who ordered additional water testing to which a positive test for trace amounts of Legionella was received at the Education Center. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Legionella is bacteria that is naturally found in freshwater lakes and streams and commonly found in large buildings' water supply but is not included in mandatory state domestic water source testing. RESA is working closely with Arch Environmental Group to solve this issue immediately. With permission from the building owner, the Annex Campus water supply will be tested by ARCH Environmental on Wednesday, March 15. Results are expected the week of March 20th. Burger-Baylor was tested and those tests were negative for Legionella.

Assistant Superintendent of Financial Services, Drew McMechan

Mr. McMechan shared the following update:

- The 2023-2024 budget process is underway. The 2023-2024 Preliminary Budget will be presented to the board in April, followed by a Budget Hearing for districts in May, and voting on the proposed budget in June.

Member Blackmon inquired about the impact of recent banking problems affecting Wayne RESA and Mr. McMechan shared that RESA does not bank with the financial institution experiencing recent issues.

Superintendent Dr. Daveda Colbert

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.
- 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.
- 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.

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 February 8, 2023, Regular Board Meeting
3. Minutes from February 8, 2023, Study Session
4. February WRESA Check Register
5. February Inkster Check Register
6. Outstanding Investments, Revenues & Expenditures
7. Pre and Post Travel – March 2023

On voice vote, the motion carried 5-0.

168-22-23

The Board 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

169-22-23

The Board 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

170-22-23

The Board 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

171-22-23

The Board approved the following leave(s):

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

172-22-23

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

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

173-22-23

The Board 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.

174-22-23

The Board 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

175-22-23

The Board 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.

176-22-23

The Board 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.

177-22-23

The Board 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.

178-22-23

The Board 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.

179-22-23

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 February 1, 2023 through February 28, 2023:

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

180-22-23

The Board 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.

Districts and Public School Academies	Amount
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
Total:	\$2,144,214

181-22-23

The Board 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.

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

182-22-23

The Board 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.

183-22-23

The Board 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.

DISTRICT/LEA	AMOUNT	DISTRICT/LEA	AMOUNT
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

184-22-23

The Board 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.

Subrecipients	Amount
IndividualME, Early Learning Academy	\$11,500
New Paradigm Glazer-Loving Academy	\$5,000
Total:	\$16,500

185-22-23

The Board 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.

Districts and Public School Academies	Original Amount	Amended Amount
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
Total:	\$2,469,408	\$2,503,318

186-22-23

The Board 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.

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

187-22-23

The Board 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.

L. Action Item(s)

1. Superintendent's Evaluation and Contract Extension

Member Petrie, supported by Member Funderburg, moved that the Wayne RESA Board of Education approve the highly effective evaluation of Superintendent Dr. Daveda Colbert and amend her contract to include a one-year extension through June 30, 2028, with the remainder of the terms and conditions of her contract to remain the same as the 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 contract; and that the Board authorize the President and Secretary of the Board to sign the amended contract effective July 1, 2023. On voice vote, the motion carried 5-0.

Member Petrie shared that the evaluation process is a terrific opportunity to talk about all of the great things Wayne RESA has done and has been a part of.

Member Blackmon added that Dr. Colbert's evaluation is not only reflective of how highly effective she is, but also shows how she uplifts and supports the Wayne RESA Team.

2. Wayne County Five Year Common Calendar

Member Petrie, supported by Member Funderburg, moved that the Wayne RESA Board of Education approve the extension of the five-year common calendar to include the calendar for the July 1, 2027 through June 30, 2028 school year, as presented. On voice vote, the motion carried 5-0.

M. Informational Item(s)

1. Proposed Wayne RESA Board Meeting Schedule – 2023-2024 – A proposed Wayne RESA Board Meeting Schedule for 2023-2024 was submitted to the board for review before it is presented as an action item in April.

2. **Proposed Wayne RESA Board Retreat Dates – 2023-2024** – A list of proposed dates in July were presented to the board for the Annual Wayne RESA Board Retreat. After discussion, the board agreed to the 2023-2024 Annual Board Retreat being held on Tuesday, July 18, 2023 at 4:30 p.m. and Wednesday, July 19, 2023 following the regular board meeting.

N. General Board Comments –

Member Petrie lifted from the communication from MASB that 28 Wayne County School Board Members representing 13 Wayne County Districts have been recognized for their achievements in 2022.

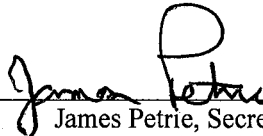
Member Petrie expressed appreciation for the service of Dr. Leonard Rezmierski to Wayne RESA and Wayne County Schools over many years. A recognition of service will be presented to Dr. Rezmierski on behalf of the board.

Member Blackmon attended a Wayne County Executive Senior Outreach event and shared that the medical doctor consulting during the event was a former Wayne RESA staff member.

O. Adjournment

Member Petrie, supported by Member Blackmon, moved to adjourn the meeting. On voice vote the motion carried 5-0. President Beri adjourned the meeting at 10:54 a.m.

Submitted by: _____


James Petrie, Secretary

