
Highlights from the November 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):

- Amy Wischow, Student System Coordinator, effective October 23, 2023
- Kaila Klein, Event Systems and Support Coordinator, effective November 8, 2023

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

- Jessica Peshinski, Administrative Assistant, effective November 1, 2023
- Alexander Morgan, Application Database Analyst, effective November 2, 2023
- Wendy May, Field Service Technician-Business Services, effective December 11, 2023

Approved the following leave(s):

- Julia Stanley, Special Projects & Fiscal Consultant, Family/Medical Leave, effective October 13, 2023

Approved the following schedule premium(s):

- Nekeya Irby, Partnership District Facilitator, effective October 30, 2023
Schedule Premium pursuant to article 20.8 of the WCSSF Collective Bargaining Agreement
- Russell Robinson, Partnership District Facilitator, effective October 30, 2023
Schedule Premium pursuant to article 20.8 of the WCSSF Collective Bargaining Agreement
- Kevin Siefker, Partnership District Facilitator, effective October 30, 2023
Schedule Premium pursuant to article 20.8 of the WCSSF Collective Bargaining Agreement
- Natalie Turner, Partnership District Facilitator, effective October 30, 2023
Schedule Premium pursuant to article 20.8 of the WCSSF Collective Bargaining Agreement

Approved the following reclassification(s):

- Rida Khatib, reclassification from Programmer to Customer Success Technician-Business Services, effective October 30, 2023

Authorized a purchase from Eaton Corporation (Eaton), Raleigh, NC, for battery equipment and maintenance coverage in the amount of \$69,276 for the period November 15, 2023, through October 18, 2026.

Authorized a purchase from PRC-Salttillo for Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC) devices for the Wayne Assistive Technology Team (WATT) lending library in an amount not to exceed \$170,000 for the period October 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024.

Authorized a purchase from Forbes Rehab Services Inc. (Forbes AAC) for Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC) devices for the Wayne Assistive Technology Team (WATT) lending library in an amount not to exceed \$30,000 for the period October 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024.

Authorized a purchase from Detroit Public Television (DPTV) for sponsorship and advertisement on Public Broadcasting Service (PBS) platforms in an amount not to exceed \$56,000 through the period November 1, 2023 through December 30, 2024.

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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 October 1, 2023 through October 31, 2023:

Mary Blackmon: \$ 0 Lynda Jackson: \$ 0
 Danielle Funderburg: \$ 0 James Petrie: \$ 0

Authorized payments to the following local education agencies (LEA) and public school academies (PSA) for individual student paraprofessionals in the amounts indicated, for a total amount not to exceed \$22,730,466 for the period July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024.

LEA/PSA	Amount
Allen Park Public Schools	\$145,563
Academy for Business and Technology	\$27,184
American Montessori Academy	\$66,433
Cesar Chavez Academy	\$35,895
Crestwood School District	\$537,606
Dearborn City School District	\$4,447,653
Dearborn Heights School District #7	\$316,989
Detroit Leadership Academy	\$33,058
Detroit Public Schools Community District	\$693,203
Dove Academy of Detroit	\$29,935
Ecorse Public Schools	\$21,416
Flat Rock Community Schools	\$141,089
Fostering Leadership Academy	\$40,646
Garden City Public Schools	\$426,967
Gibraltar School District	\$283,686
Grosse Ile Township Schools	\$245,419
Grosse Pointe Public Schools	\$255,305
Hamtramck, School District of the City of	\$38,421
Hanley International Academy	\$72,564
Harper Woods, The School District of the City of	\$238,430
Hope of Detroit Academy	\$70,459
Huron School District	\$376,194
Lincoln Park, School District of the City of	\$722,440
Livonia Public Schools School District	\$2,360,984
Melvindale-North Allen Park Schools	\$309,231
Northville Public Schools	\$894,027
Plymouth-Canton Community Schools	\$2,908,960
Redford Union Schools, District No. 1	\$305,081
River Rouge, School District of the City of	\$369,196
Riverview Community School District	\$67,104
Romulus Community Schools	\$77,363
South Redford School District	\$282,719
Southgate Community School District	\$724,684
Taylor School District	\$592,793
The Dearborn Academy	\$68,244
The James & Grace Lee Boggs School	\$129,093
Tipton Academy	\$106,854

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Trenton Public Schools	\$420,300
Trillium Academy	\$68,968
University Preparatory Academy (PSAD)	\$24,985
Van Buren Public Schools	\$533,428
Voyageur Academy	\$35,303
Wayne-Westland Community School District	\$1,465,708
Westwood Community School District	\$122,963
Woodhaven-Brownstown School District	\$1,141,006
Wyandotte, School District of the City of	\$454,917
Total:	\$22,730,466

Authorized administration to enter into an agreement with Stafford Smith, Madison Heights, MI for the purchase and installation of kitchen equipment at the Beacon Day Treatment facility in the amount not to exceed \$338,817.

Authorized administration to enter into an agreement with Care Solace, Inc. for mental health services in an amount not to exceed \$300,000 for the period November 15, 2023 through September 30, 2024.

Authorized a purchase from Newsela to provide access to high-interest, non-fiction texts for students within Wayne County in an amount not to exceed \$3,788,540 for the period October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2025.

Authorized administration to enter into an agreement with Summit Academy North for engaging in the Math Coaching Educator on Loan Initiative for an amount not to exceed \$125,000 for the period October 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024.

Authorized administration to enter into a contract with Everybody Ready, Inc., Allen Park, Michigan for the Great Start Collaborative-Wayne (GSC-W) grant components in an amount not to exceed \$1,370,330 for the period October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2024.

Authorized administration to enter into agreements with the following Districts and Public School Academies (PSA) for enhancing and expanding the availability of mental health services and supports to K-12 students in Wayne County in the amounts indicated, for a total amount not to exceed \$3,089,589 for the period October 1, 2023 to September 30, 2024.

District / PSA	Amount
American Montessori Academy	\$175,000
Dearborn City School District	\$450,000
Garden City Public Schools	\$226,805
Grosse Ile Township Schools	\$345,000
Grosse Pointe Public Schools	\$450,000
Northville Public Schools	\$417,000
River Rouge, School District of the City of	\$116,480
South Redford School District	\$139,624
Southgate Community School District	\$306,708
Taylor School District	\$220,000
Trenton Public Schools	\$22,972
Wayne-Westland Community School District	\$220,000
Total:	\$3,089,589

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Authorized administration to enter into an agreement with Karen Roy to provide support for the Michigan Department of Education under the terms of the MDE-WRESA ISD Collaboration Grant in the amount of \$100,000 for the period of October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2024.

Authorized administration to enter into an agreement with Basis Policy Research (David Stuit) to provide support for the Michigan Department of Education under the terms of the MDE-WRESA ISD Collaboration Grant in the amount of \$250,000 for the period of October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2024.

Authorized administration to amend Board Recommendation #225-22-23 to increase the contract with RNA Facilities Management (RNA), Ann Arbor, MI for custodial services at Wayne RESA’s (WRESA) Education Center, Annex and Burger Baylor facilities from \$443,917.62 to \$479,253.62 for the period of November 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024.

Authorized administration to amend Board Recommendation 220-22-23 to increase the contract with RNA Facilities Management (RNA), Ann Arbor, MI for Security Guard Services at Wayne RESA’s (WRESA) Education Center, Annex, Burger Baylor and Beacon Day Treatment facilities for an amount not to exceed \$87,000 for the period of November 15, 2023 through June 30, 2024.

Authorized an amendment to Board Recommendation #136-22-23 to amend transportation allocations for the following subrecipients in the amounts indicated, for a total amount not to exceed \$158,930 for the period October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2023.

Subrecipient	Original Amount	Amended Amount
A & W Day Care Center	\$75,186	\$78,186
It Takes a Village Academy	\$49,950	\$56,257
Kid Connection Early Learning Center	\$22,470	\$24,487
Total:	\$147,606	\$158,930

Authorized an amendment to Board Recommendation #45-23-24 to amend contracts for the following Great Start Readiness Program (GSRP) subrecipients in the amounts indicated, for a total amount not to exceed \$2,446,463 for the period October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2024.

Subrecipient	Original Amount	Amended Amount
Chapel Hill Early Childhood Education	\$346,707	\$177,101
Children of the rising Sun Empowerment Center	\$149,116	\$0
Little Scholars Day Care	\$0	\$671,023
Little Scholars of Detroit	\$633,744	\$0
Southgate Community School District	\$1,174,290	\$1,006,534
Wayne-Metropolitan Community Action Agency	\$596,465	\$591,805
Total:	\$2,900,322	\$2,446,463

Authorized an amendment to Board Recommendation #95-23-24 to amend transportation allocations for the following subrecipients in the amounts indicated, for a total amount not to exceed \$537,480 for the period October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2024.

Subrecipient	Original Amount	Amended Amount
Above & Beyond Learning Center LLC	\$70,000	\$0
Bambi Land Child Care	\$70,000	\$96,000
Children’s Garden LLC	\$157,320	\$119,480
Children'z Place 2	\$25,000	\$35,000

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Little Scholars Day Care	\$0	\$115,000
Little Scholars of Detroit	\$115,000	\$0
IndividualME, Early Learning Academy	\$50,000	\$97,000
Someplace Else Learning Factory LLC	\$65,000	\$75,000
Total:	\$582,320	\$537,480

Accepted the following grant(s) for the terms, amounts, and purposes noted:

Grant	Grantor	Amount	Term	Purpose	Responsible Party
Healthcare Resource Advocates	Michigan Department of Education	\$8,960,000	08/01/2023 – 07/31/2024	This grant supports multiple projects to 1) comply with existing and/or future directives and guidance from the Secretary regarding control of the spread of COVID-19; 2) in consultation and coordination with Health and Human Services, provide, commensurate with the condition of the individual, COVID-19 patient care regardless of the individual’s home jurisdiction and/or appropriate public health measures (e.g., social distancing, home isolation); and 3) assist the United States Government in the implementation and enforcement of federal orders related to quarantine and isolation.	Educational Services, Safe and Healthy Schools

The Board also considered and approved the following Action Items:

- Wayne RESA 2022-2023 Annual Financial Report
- School District of the City of Inkster 2022-2023 Annual Financial Report

Superintendent’s Comments

Dr. Daveda Colbert shared:

- During November, RESA celebrates and amplifies the deep cultural presence of our diverse community including Native American Heritage Month, Transgender Awareness Week and Transgender Day of Remembrance (November 20), and Veteran’s Day (November 11) where we pay tribute to each and every American veteran, whether living or having made the ultimate sacrifice and transitioned to their

final resting place. We recognize with high praise all who honorably served our country during war or peacetime. RESA celebrates our colleagues who are Veterans, and we also take the time to recognize all of our military families, keeping those who are currently serving lifted in our thoughts.

- November is a month of gratefulness and kindness, and Dr. Colbert encouraged everyone to take time to pause, breathe, and to be reflective. People are counting on us to help navigate obstacles seen and unseen so we must remember to give ourselves grace and to take care of ourselves and our loved ones first. On Wednesday, November 22, 2023, the Wayne RESA organization will engage in a What I Need “WIN” Day for all staff. The RESA Organization will be closed on November 22 (WIN Day), as well as November 23 and 24 for the Thanksgiving holiday.
- Following the November 15, 2023 Board Meeting, the RESA Board of Education and RESA Leadership will travel to the Burger Baylor Campus in Inkster for the Unveiling and Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the Commemorative Signage that will be placed on the former Baylor Woodson Community Center Property. The program includes remarks from Inkster Mayor-Elect Byron Nolen, Garden City Superintendent, Derek Fisher, and Westwood Superintendent, Dr. Stiles Simmons. The Ribbon-Cutting and Commemorative Sign Unveiling will be done by Ms. Jessie Shelby, Inkster Resident, Community Leader, and former Board President for the School District for the City of Inkster. Ms. Shelby, along with former Inkster Interim Superintendent Manual Wilson, assisted with drafting the language for the commemorative signage. Thanks to Robert Burke, Tiesha Hakim, Rob McCoy, and Andrell Williams, along with members from the Building Services, Facilities and Technology Teams for their support and assistance with planning the event. Also, thanks to Mike Latvis for following up with legislators and community leaders who were invited but unable to attend, including Senator Dayna Polehanki, Wayne County Commissioner David Knezek, State Representative Dylan Wegela, and Inkster’s Mayor Pro Tem Kim Howard.
- Following the wonderful presentation during the November board meeting by Detroit Public Schools Community District’s Charles R. Drew Transition Center, Dr. Colbert announced that the RESA Board will visit the Center in early spring to see the programs highlighted during the presentation. It was also announced that the Board will visit an age 0-3 program in Livonia, the JROTC Program at Chandler Park Academy and the Harper Woods College and Career Institute in the spring.
- As follow up to a question asked by the RESA Board, Dr. Colbert provided an update regarding the construction at the Hawthorn Center in Northville. Pediatric patients have been moved to the Walter P. Reuther Psychiatric Hospital in Westland while a new inpatient psychiatric hospital is being built at the Hawthorn Center site. The new hospital for pediatrics and adults is scheduled to open in June 2025.
- In response to an inquiry by the RESA Board, the Guidepost report on Oxford High School will be shared with the Board in a weekly update.
- RESA leadership is in the process of the research, strategy, and planning stages of a possible Enhancement Millage Renewal to be on the November 5, 2024 ballot. The current millage expires 2027-28. Updates will be provided to the Board and Local Districts and Public School Academies throughout the process. LEAs and PSAs will take action, May 1, 2024 – July 16, 2024. Fifty percent of the 260,000 student population in Wayne County must be represented by school board resolutions in favor of moving forward with the renewal for the Wayne RESA Board to take action and move forward with the ballot initiative.
- Special thanks to the RESA Board of Education and the RESA Finance Team for ensuring controls, systems, and policies are in place, and thanks to the entire RESA organization for following the controls, systems, and policies throughout the year which resulted in a clean audit.

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- Board members were asked to save-the-date, Thursday, December 21, 2023, for the RESA Sip, Snack and Shop event where vendor tables will be set up on the second floor of the Education Center with items for sale by students from local Center Based Programs. This event runs from 9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. and snacks and beverages will be available throughout the sale. Sip, Snack and Shop will be followed by the Soup with the Superintendent event on the third floor of the Education Center which will serve as a time of staff celebration and networking across departments from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

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