
Highlights from the February 21, 2024, 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):

- Aaron LaDuke, Business Services-Business Analyst Implementation Specialist, effective February 9, 2024
- Heather Kingery, Application Support Technician, effective February 23, 2024

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

- David Grodus, Desktop Technician/Network Apprentice, effective February 6, 2024
- Daymon Tabako, Building Operations Assistant II, effective February 26, 2024
- Christopher Slat, Videographer and Multimedia Consultant, effective February 27, 2024

Approved the following leave(s):

- Ashara Shepard-Lance, Educational Improvement Consultant, Family/Medical Leave, effective February 1, 2024
- Michelle Boury, Business Services-Business Analyst Implementation Specialist, Family/Medical Leave, effective January 22, 2024

Approved the following return from leave(s):

- Nekeya Irby, Educational Improvement Consultant, Family/Medical Leave, effective January 16, 2024

Approved the following schedule premium(s):

- Julie Pearson, Field Service Technician – Payroll Coordinator, effective January 16, 2024
Schedule Premium pursuant to article 20.8 of the WCSSF Collective Bargaining Agreement.

Authorized the purchase of a Microsoft software subscription in the amount of \$85,657.99 from CDW-G, Vernon Hills, IL.

Authorized the purchase of approved materials from Into the Wind Inc. to provide supplies and support for the Wayne RESA/National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) AEROKATS and ROVER Education Network (AREN) grant in an amount not to exceed \$50,000 for the period January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024.

Authorized a purchase from CDW Government for Chromebooks in an amount not to exceed \$60,000 for the period February 1, 2024, through September 30, 2024.

Authorized the purchase of instructional and training materials from Complete Book and Media Supply, LLC in compliance with federal procurement requirements and board policy in an amount not to exceed \$75,000 for the period January 2, 2024 through September 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 January 1, 2024 through January 31, 2024:

Mary Blackmon: \$180.25	Lynda Jackson: \$ 0
Danielle Funderburg: \$ 23.06	James Petrie: \$233.85

Authorized payment to the following districts for the 2024 summer learning initiatives in the amounts indicated, for a total amount not to exceed \$686,237.50 for the period February 1, 2024 through August 31, 2024.

Districts	Amount
Barack Obama Leadership Academy	\$32,112.50
Dearborn City School District	\$192,600.00
Dearborn Heights School District #7	\$46,437.50
Detroit Academy of Arts and Sciences	\$47,687.50
Detroit Public Schools Community District	\$132,750.00
Ecorse Public Schools	\$32,925.00
Melvindale-North Allen Park Schools	\$36,450.00
Redford Union Schools, District No. 1	\$49,375.00
Romulus Community Schools	\$46,375.00
Van Buren Public Schools	\$38,775.00
Woodhaven-Brownstown School District	\$30,750.00
Total:	\$686,237.50

Authorized a payment to HighScope Child Observation Record (COR) Advantage powered by Kaymbu Inc. in Cambridge, Massachusetts in an amount not to exceed \$84,127 for the period October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2024.

Authorized payment of the Administrative Outreach Program Medicaid Claim reimbursement to the following local School Districts and Public School Academies for services to Medicaid-eligible students, in the amount of \$372,557.77.

LEA/PSA	Amount	LEA/PSA	Amount
Allen Park Public Schools	\$8,422.23	Northville Public Schools	\$17,906.94
Crestwood School District	\$7,735.53	Plymouth-Canton Community Schools	\$25,285.55
Dearborn Heights School District #7	\$6,318.75	Redford Union Schools, District No. 1	\$10,657.01
Dearborn City School District	\$31,734.71	School District of the City of River Rouge	\$1,840.69
Ecorse Public Schools	\$2,595.27	Riverview Community School District	\$2,943.58
Flat Rock Community Schools	\$4,641.49	Romulus Community Schools	\$2,304.28
Garden City Public Schools	\$13,849.03	South Redford School District	\$5,957.59
Gibraltar School District	\$5,353.79	Southgate Community School District	\$13,489.24
Grosse Ile Township Schools	\$4,278.09	Taylor School District	\$15,033.16
Grosse Pointe Public Schools	\$18,182.94	Trenton Public Schools	\$8,705.36

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School District of the City of Hamtramck	\$6,501.50	Trillium Academy	\$78.91
School District of the City of Harper Woods	\$2,845.95	Van Buren Public Schools	\$9,340.28
Huron School District	\$4,734.14	Wayne-Westland Community School District	\$45,390.39
School District of the City of Lincoln Park	\$27,603.75	Westwood Community School District	\$4,854.44
Livonia Public Schools School District	\$15,106.28	Woodhaven-Brownstown School District	\$20,565.59
Melvindale-North Allen Park Schools	\$10,448.56	School District of the City of Wyandotte	\$17,852.75
		Total:	\$372,557.77

Authorized administration to enter into an agreement with Greenberg Quinlan Rosner Research, Inc. for polling work related to school funding and the Wayne County Regional Enhancement Millage campaign, in an amount not to exceed \$47,800.

Authorized administration to enter into an agreement with DiHydro Services, Inc., Sterling Heights, MI to provide water sampling, analysis, corrosion control, and disinfection services at the Wayne RESA Education Center, Annex building and Burger Baylor school in the amount not to exceed \$37,800.

Authorized administration to enter into an agreement with Konica Minolta Business Solutions, Ramsey, NJ for onsite managed services, and production services training in the amount of \$65,570 for the period of March 1, 2024 through February 28, 2025.

Authorized administration to enter into a contract with GameTime Playground Solutions, Holland, MI to provide and install playground equipment at the Gilead/Beacon Center in an amount not to exceed \$53,000.

Authorized administration to enter into a contract with Allied Building Service, Detroit MI to provide and install dual LiftMaster electric gate arm for the Howe Road entrance at Wayne RESA’s (WRESA) Education Center in an amount not to exceed \$65,000.

Authorized administration to enter into an agreement with Roofing Technology Associates, LTD, Livonia, MI to provide Wayne RESA (WRESA) with consulting services for the roof replacement project at the Beacon Treatment Center. The services include planning, design, specifications, bidding assistance, quality control and onsite monitoring, in an amount not to exceed \$64,500.

Authorized administration to enter into a contract with DOMA Technologies, LLC, Virginia Beach, VA for Software Licenses, support, conversion and implementation of a document storage solution in an amount not to exceed \$275,500 for the period February 1, 2024 through January 31, 2025.

Authorized administration to enter into an agreement with Stafford Smith, Madison Heights, MI for the purchase and installation of kitchen equipment at the Burger Baylor school in the amount not to exceed \$28,428.

Authorized administration to enter into a contract with Horizon Research, Inc. (HRI) in an amount not to exceed \$75,900 for the period March 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024.

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Authorized administration to enter into agreements with the following districts for utilization of Positive Behavioral Interventions and Support (PBIS) activity funds in the amounts indicated, for a total amount not to exceed \$454,100 for the period July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024.

District	Amount
Allen Park Public Schools	\$9,100
Crestwood School District	\$6,900
Dearborn City School District	\$24,700
Dearborn Heights School District #7	\$9,100
Detroit Public Schools Community District	\$145,900
Ecorse Public Schools	\$4,800
Flat Rock Community Schools	\$1,200
Garden City Public Schools	\$5,400
Gibraltar School District	\$7,800
Grosse Ile Township Schools	\$2,400
Grosse Pointe Public Schools	\$20,000
Huron School District	\$2,000
Livonia Public Schools School District	\$31,000
Melvindale-North Allen Park Schools	\$3,700
Northville Public Schools	\$5,300
Plymouth-Canton Community Schools	\$27,000
Redford Union Schools, District No. 1	\$9,100
Romulus Community Schools	\$10,300
School District of the City of Hamtramck	\$10,000
School District of the City of Lincoln Park	\$15,200
School District of the City of River Rouge	\$3,900
School District of the City of Wyandotte	\$11,600
South Redford School District	\$8,800
Southgate Community School District	\$6,300
Taylor School District	\$17,900
Trenton Public Schools	\$7,900
Van Buren Public Schools	\$10,300
Wayne-Westland Community School District	\$22,800
Westwood Community School District	\$10,000
Woodhaven-Brownstown School District	\$3,700
Total:	\$454,100

Authorized administration to enter into agreements with the following Public School Academies (PSAs) for utilization of Positive Behavioral Interventions and Support (PBIS) activity funds in the amounts indicated, for a total amount not to exceed \$24,800 for the period July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024.

PSA	Amount
Academy for Business and Technology	\$2,400
Cesar Chavez Academy	\$5,400
Covenant House Academy Detroit	\$5,500
Detroit Public Safety Academy	\$2,000
Escuela Avancemos	\$1,200
George Crockett Academy	\$1,200
Hope of Detroit Academy	\$2,700

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Oakland International Academy	\$1,200
The Dearborn Academy	\$1,200
The James and Grace Lee Boggs School	\$2,000
Total:	\$24,800

Authorized administration to enter into a fiduciary agreement with Brilliant Detroit to support delivery of high-dosage neighborhood-based tutoring and direct non instructional services for at-risk pupils who are 3 to 12 years of age in the amount of \$2,000,000 for the period of October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2024.

Authorized administration to enter into a fiduciary agreement with The Michigan Hispanic Collaborative to provide academic and career support programs and services to help more Hispanic students to graduate from college in the amount of \$6,500,000 for the period of October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2024.

Authorized administration to enter into a fiduciary agreement with Junior Achievement to create curricula, educational programs, and professional development to support the implementation of the personal finance high school graduation requirement in the amount of \$5,000,000 for the period of October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2024.

Authorized administration to enter into a fiduciary agreement with Yaffe & Company to implement a statewide campaign to raise awareness about the availability of services through the great start readiness program in the amount of \$3,500,000 for the period of October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2024.

Authorized administration to amend Board Recommendation 179-23-24 to increase the contract with RNA Facilities Management (RNA), Ann Arbor, MI for additional Security Guard Services at Wayne RESA’s (WRESA) Education Center, Annex, Burger Baylor and Beacon Day Treatment facilities from \$97,000 to an amount not to exceed \$275,000 for the period of February 14, 2024 to June 30, 2024.

Authorized an amendment to Board Recommendation #230-22-23 to increase the Early On 54d funds for Livonia Public Schools School District from \$483,750 to \$556,068 to support their actual expected salaries and mileage to the end of the school year for the period July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024.

Authorized an amendment to Board Recommendation #45-23-24 to amend contracts previously approved for the Great Start Readiness Program (GSRP) subrecipients listed in the amounts indicated, for a total amount not to exceed \$1,233,956 for the period October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2024.

Subrecipient	Original Amount	Amended Amount
Childrens Garden LLC	\$596,465	\$652,383
New Paradigm College Prep	\$167,756	\$201,314
St. Paul Child Development	\$357,891	\$380,259
Total:	\$1,122,112	\$1,233,956

Authorized an amendment to Board Recommendation #95-23-24 to amend contracts previously approved for transportation allocations for the Great Start Readiness Program (GSRP) subrecipients listed below in the amounts indicated, for a total amount not to exceed \$25,000 for the period October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2024.

Subrecipient	Original Amount	Amended Amount
Highland Park City School	\$12,600	\$0
Jade Child Development Center, Inc.	\$0	\$25,000
Total:	\$12,600	\$25,000

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Authorized an amendment to Board Recommendation #152-34-24 to increase Jenny Orton’s contract from \$64,000 to \$89,600 for the period November 28, 2023 through June 30, 2025.

Authorized an amendment to Board Recommendation #176-23-24 to enter into agreements with the following districts participating in Michigan Statewide System of Support (SSoS) as identified Comprehensive Support and Improvement Schools (CSI) for various requests of services outlined within each district’s Service Plan in the amounts indicated, for a total amount not to exceed \$4,639,428 for the period October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2024.

Districts	Original Amount	Amended Amount
Clara B. Ford Academy (SDA)	\$130,000	\$130,000
Detroit Academy of Arts and Sciences	\$440,000	\$440,000
Detroit Community Schools	\$33,760	\$122,260
Detroit Public Safety Academy	\$60,000	\$60,000
Detroit Public Schools Community District	\$900,000	\$900,000
Ecorse Public Schools	\$130,000	\$130,000
Hope Academy	\$19,980	\$19,980
Inkster Preparatory Academy	\$40,000	\$40,000
Joy Preparatory Academy	\$140,560	\$140,560
Old Redford Academy	\$470,473	\$470,473
Pathways Academy	\$70,000	\$70,000
Plymouth Educational Center Charter School	\$151,000	\$151,000
Romulus Community Schools	\$155,000	\$155,000
School District of the City of Hamtramck	\$180,241	\$180,241
School District of the City of River Rouge	\$605,205	\$605,205
Southgate Community School District	\$146,000	\$146,000
Taylor School District	\$146,598	\$306,598
The School District of the City of Harper Woods	\$80,000	\$80,000
University Preparatory Art & Design	\$130,000	\$130,000
W-A-Y Academy	\$145,683	\$145,683
WAY Michigan	\$101,428	\$101,428
Westfield Charter Academy	\$115,000	\$115,000
Total:	\$4,390,928	\$4,639,428

The Board also considered and approved the following Action Items:

1. Michigan Association of School Boards (MASB) 2024 Election
2. 2023-2024 Wayne RESA Budget Amendment
3. First Reading of Policy and Administrative Regulations Updates
4. Authorization to Appoint Interim Project Management Office (PMO) Director MiLEAP & Wayne RESA Executive Director of Early Childhood - Dr. Sophia Lafayette-Lause
5. Authorization to Appoint Director of Early Childhood, and Interim Executive Director of Early Childhood - Elizabeth Grace

Superintendent’s Comments

Dr. Daveda Colbert shared:

- During the month of February, RESA celebrates Black History Month or African American History Month and lifts the deep cultural, academic, and societal contributions that the Black/African American community has paved nationwide. Information and resources were shared with staff in the February

Issue of the Wayne RESA Monthly Newsletter including a link to the National Museum of African American History and Culture initiatives.

- Thanks to Senior Executive Director of Communications, Public Relations, and Marketing, Dana Chicklas, RESA Communications has ramped up with internal and external stakeholders.
- New Superintendent of Grosse Pointe Public School System, Dr. Andrea Tuttle, began on February 5, 2024. She has been doing a great job familiarizing herself with the district, community, and the county. Interim Superintendent, Dr. Michael Williamson began in Hamtramck on February 9, 2024. RESA will continue to provide support to both districts during these transitions.
- Dr. Colbert attended and presented with colleagues from across the country at the AASA National Conference on Education (held February 15 – 17, 2024), as they strategized about all things public education. Two of the areas of focus were: 1) identifying next steps as it relates to pushing Congress to act as it relates to fully funding IDEA 2) and ensuring that Title funding is not decreased in any way moving forward.
 - Dr. Colbert shared that it was an honor to participate in a panel discussion along with four other superintendents from across the country about the mental health needs, challenges, and solutions, where some of Wayne County’s best work was shared. The presentation was supported by information and data provided by the Safe and Healthy Schools Team. Director Terri Czerwinski provided a wealth of information that was shared during panel discussion responses. Superintendents from Dearborn, Flat Rock, Gibraltar, Huron, and Plymouth-Canton were present during the panel discussion and were able to attest to the work being done in Wayne County.
 - Superintendents from Flat Rock, Gibraltar and Huron also facilitated a roundtable and spoke to their collaboration, as well as, the collaboration that is encouraged throughout the county, and the supports, partnership, and collaboration with RESA. They shared their appreciation for Dr. Colbert and the RESA Team. Superintendents from Dearborn and Plymouth-Canton were also present and spoke to how Wayne County School Leaders work together and support each other.
 - *“If your actions inspire others to dream more, do more and become more, then you are a leader.” – John Quincy Adams*
This quote was shared by Dr. Colbert in correlation with RESA’s vision: Leading Learning for All, which became RESA’s driving force more than 20 years ago under the leadership of the Honorable Michael Flanagan, former Farmington and RESA Superintendent, and Superintendent of Public Instruction for the State of Michigan (Michigan Department of Education) who was in attendance at the February 2024 RESA board meeting. Former Superintendent Flanagan shared a few words of wisdom and memories from his time as the leader of the organization.
 - Kudos to RESA’s Safe and Healthy Schools and the Special Education departments whose work was highlighted nationally during the AASA conference.
- As it relates to the School Finance Research Foundation and 11Y Infrastructure Study, the building assessments have begun. More than 95% of the districts in Michigan signed up to participate in the Infrastructure Study and more than 74% of the districts in Michigan signed up to participate in the Energy Efficiency Study.
- The RESA All Staff Meeting will be held on Friday, March 1 at 8:30 a.m. Lisa Kaiser and Dr. Terrance Scott will lead the climate and culture continuation of learning. There will also be department updates and a teambuilding activity with the Digital Business Cards.

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- Thanks to the RESA Technology and Building Services Teams for ensuring that RESA’s technology and hospitality are first class at all times.
- During the 2024 National School Board Association (NSBA) Advocacy Institute, Wayne County attendees advocated for:
 - Support of free/reduced lunch on a federal level (Michigan is one of 8 states with universal meals);
 - Increase of Title funding or at the bare minimum that the funding stays the same; and
 - The IDEA promise/commitment of 40%. There is also a request for a congressional hearing on full funding of IDEA.

RESA will continue to advocate to the highest level for full funding of IDEA, a continuation of Title Funding at the current allocation, and School Safety and Mental Health.

- Two action items on the RESA Board of Education February agenda reflect the great things happening at Wayne RESA. Wayne RESA is leading the expansion of early childhood services, both within Wayne County and across the State and has been asked by the Michigan Department of Lifelong Education, Advancement, and Potential (MiLEAP) for additional leadership and support of their initiative through an Educator on Loan agreement. The agreement requests Dr. Sophia Lafayette-Lause, Executive Director of Early Childhood at RESA, to serve as the as the Interim Project Management Office (PMO) Director MiLEAP. To meet this request and continue to lead the work in increasing access to early childhood education, a restructuring of the Wayne RESA Early Childhood Education Leadership Team will be merited. The second request to the Board for approval is to appoint Elizabeth Grace, Manager of Early Childhood, to the position of Director of Early Childhood for the expanded scope of work she has been doing and upon the execution of the Educator on Loan agreement, she will be reclassified as the Interim Executive Director of Early Childhood.
 - The work of RESA Leadership was acknowledged starting with Dr. Lafayette-Lause and Ms. Grace for their work in Early Childhood, which is supported by the entire team of Early Childhood Consultants and support staff, and extending to Dana Chicklas for her GSRP marketing and communications work, Dr. Jennifer Taiariol for Early Intervention Services, Mike Latvis for his legislative work, Kelly Bohl and Beth Gonzalez for their work on the memorandum of understanding and Drew McMechan for his flexibility and expertise as these changes impact all departments and the financial commitment of the organization. Kudos to the great work of the team!

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