
Highlights from the January 17, 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):

- Amy Jones, Administrative Specialist – Helpdesk and Event Services, effective January 22, 2024

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

- James Brett Forgach, Part-time Business Services-Business Analyst Implementation Specialist, effective December 21, 2023
- Robert Toth, School Safety Consultant, effective January 22, 2024
- Kelly Anderson Parr, Early Childhood Social and Emotional Development Consultant, effective February 5, 2024

Approved the following return from leave(s):

- Kate de Fuccio, Graphic Designer, Family/Medical Leave, effective December 20, 2023

Approved a regular administrative employment contract(s) after successful completion of a one-year probationary contract for:

- Elizabeth Grace, Manager of Early Childhood, effective February 7, 2024
- Dana Chicklas, Senior Executive Director of Communications, Public Relations, and Marketing, effective February 13, 2024

Approved the following reclassifications(s):

- Alexander Ahmed, Part-time Junior Programmer, effective December 21, 2023
Successfully completed internship and will be continuing on a part-time basis.

Approved the appointment of the following representative(s) to the Wayne County Parent Advisory Committee (WCPAC) for a three-year term. This is effective for the period September 11, 2023 to June 30, 2026.

Barbara Young	Dearborn Heights School District #7
Jamille Edwards	George Washington Carver Academy
Joann Goree	Detroit Public Schools Community District
Sharene Nathan	Detroit Public Schools Community District
Stacey Johnson	Detroit Public Schools Community District

Authorized a purchase from Into the Wind for materials and supplies to support the Wayne RESA/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 Nutty Scientists of SE Michigan (Nutty Scientists) of Canton, Michigan for Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) kits in an amount not to exceed \$117,650 for the period January 17, 2024 through January 17, 2025.

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 December 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023:

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Mary Blackmon: \$ 0
 Danielle Funderburg: \$ 0

Lynda Jackson: \$ 0
 James Petrie: \$ 0

Authorized a payment to Dearborn Public Schools for Section 31n(6) Mental Health Supports for general education students in an amount not to exceed \$216,996.55 for the period October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2024.

Authorized administration to enter into a contract with Byrum & Fisk Advocacy Communications to provide communications and campaign support services related to the Wayne County Regional Enhancement Millage campaign. The proposed cost is \$77,500.

Authorized administration to enter into an agreement with Washtenaw Intermediate School District (WISD) to support the work of the MiSTEM Tri-county Culturally Responsive Math Institute in an amount not to exceed \$150,000 for the period July 1, 2023 through September 30, 2024.

Authorized administration to enter into an agreement with the Hanover Research Council for program evaluation in an amount not to exceed \$47,190 for the period December 21, 2023 through December 20, 2024.

Authorized administration 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 \$4,390,928 for the period October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2024.

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

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Authorized administration to amend Board Recommendation #226-22-23 to increase the contract with W.J O’Neil Company (W.J. O’Neil), Livonia, MI, for Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning (HVAC) Equipment and Building Control Systems Maintenance at Wayne RESA (WRESA) Education Center, Annex and Burger Baylor in an amount not to exceed \$440,912 for the period February 14, 2024 through June 30, 2024.

Authorized administration to amend Board Recommendation #127-23-24 to increase the contract with RNA Facilities Management (RNA), Ann Arbor, MI for additional custodial services at Wayne RESA’s (WRESA) Annex building from \$479,253.62 to \$512,056.82 for the period of February 14, 2024 through June 30, 2024.

Authorized administration to amend Board Recommendation 128-23-24 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 \$87,000 to \$97,000 for the period of February 14, 2024 through June 30, 2024.

Authorized administration to amend Board Recommendation #219-22-23 to increase the contract with RNA Facilities Management (RNA), Ann Arbor, MI, for Ground and Property Maintenance Services at Wayne RESA’s (WRESA) Education Center, Annex building and Burger Baylor facilities, from \$145,000 to \$175,000 for the period February 14, 2024 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 \$402,628 for the period October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2024.

Subrecipient	Original Amount	Amended Amount
New Paradigm College Prep	\$167,756	\$201,314
New Paradigm Glazer-Loving Academy	\$167,756	\$201,314
Total:	\$335,512	\$402,628

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 \$120,000 for the period October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2024.

Subrecipient	Approved Amount	Amended Amount
LACC Child Care Academy	\$0	\$45,000
George Washington Carver Academy	\$18,398	\$75,000
Total:	\$18,398	\$120,000

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

Grant	Grantor	Amount	Term	Purpose	Responsible Party
Section 32n Out-of-School Time Grant	Michigan Department of Education - Public Act 103 of 2023, Section 32n of	\$1,278,720	01/02/2024 – 09/30/2024	This grant is to fund the 2024 summer learning initiatives: Kinder Lit Lab, Lit Lab 1.0, Lit	Educational Services

	the State School Aid Fund			Lab 3.0, and Boys College Summer Literacy Institute. Wayne County schools can partner with Wayne RESA to receive grant funding as subrecipients.	
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Superintendent’s Comments

Dr. Daveda Colbert shared:

- The Wayne RESA Board of Education was recognized during School Board Recognition Month. Their individual and collective service and commitment to Wayne County students, parents and families were highlighted and acknowledged.
- RESA closed out 2023 by celebrating Wayne County students with a performance by Ecorse’s Mighty Marching Raiders band during the December 20 board meeting and followed by Center Based Program students sharing their unique creations with the Wayne RESA staff during the Sip and Shop event held on December 21. Thank you to everyone who worked hard to make sure the students felt welcomed and appreciated.
- RESA staff also enjoyed the Soup with the Superintendent event on December 21, where staff was able to network and enjoy time with colleagues.
- On Monday, January 15, 2024, RESA honored Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., a civil rights leader, whose vision, work, and legacy empowers us to remain committed to community service. As educational leaders and community members, it is our duty to continue to work towards an equitable society – and that starts with thriving communities and a public education system that serves every student and their family.
- The week of January 16 began with frigid temperatures and dicey road conditions that caused many schools in Wayne County to close. Each district made decisions based on what was best for the safety of the students and families in their community and their staff. RESA remained open; however, some professional developments and other events were cancelled due to school closures. It was also understood if RESA staff members needed to use time due to school closures and/or the best decisions for them and their families.
- Affinity groups have been created to support educators throughout the county. The Wayne County African American Leaders Network was scheduled to meet on January 17 (but that meeting has been rescheduled due to school closures) and the Wayne County Women in Leadership will convene on January 22. These groups were created based on needs expressed throughout the County and will assist leaders with building capacity to lead the real and necessary work that is needed to improve student outcomes, and feeling supported as a leader, which includes being intentional about self-care.
- RESA will continue to keep the Perry, Iowa community lifted in our thoughts. RESA will also continue to advocate for safer communities and will be intentional about our advocacy as it relates to school safety. Schools are for teaching and learning. Students and staff should feel safe in their school

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environment. We will continue to support districts with resources as needed to support students, families, staff, and communities. RESA's Trauma Informed Team has scheduled sessions to support staff with their needs. Staff has also been reminded of the Employee Assistance Program that provides counseling, self-improvement tools and solutions to assist staff at home or at work. The services are free, confidential and available all day, every day to RESA employees and their household members.

- RESA continues to plan strategically for the possible November 2024 Enhancement Millage Ballot Initiative, as we prepare for local district decisions regarding the initiative. Resolutions from districts will be submitted to RESA May 1, 2024 – July 16, 2024.
- Wayne County Schools will be represented by 10 people, advocating on Capitol Hill, during the National School Board Association Advocacy Institute in Washington, D.C. January 28-30, 2024.
- We continue to look forward to improved outcomes throughout 2024 and a great year ahead!

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