
Highlights from the March 20, 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):

- Kathryn Mach, Administrative Specialist – Helpdesk and Event Services, effective March 6, 2024
- Jonathan Imes, Application Support Technician, effective March 8, 2024

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

- Stephanie Hendershott, Administrative Assistant, effective February 22, 2024
- Hoda Karazi, Administrative Assistant – GSRP, effective February 28, 2024
- Mary Hayes, Administrative Assistant, effective March 4, 2024
- Jeremika Harris, Administrative Assistant, effective March 5, 2024
- Gabriel Lorenz, Technical Assistant Internship, effective March 6, 2024
- Katelyn Pearson, Essential Elements Consultant, effective June 24, 2024

Approved the following leave(s):

- Yolanda Johnson, Student Application Business Analyst, Family/Medical Leave, effective February 12, 2024

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

- Anna Bossidis, Grant Finance and Compliance Manager, effective April 17, 2024

Approved - Effective July 1, 2024, the language for tuition reimbursement in non-bargaining employment contracts to match the tuition reimbursement amounts in the Wayne County Salaried Staff Federation (WCSSF) Collective Bargaining Agreement, which would be an increase from \$2,000 to \$3,500 per year and the lifetime maximum of tuition reimbursement to increase from \$8,000 to \$14,000. In addition, the Board approved the language to automatically adjust in future non-bargaining employment contracts to match any increases or reductions made to tuition reimbursement amounts in successor WCSSF agreements.

Approved the removal of the following representative(s) to the Wayne County Parent Advisory Committee (WCPAC). This is effective as of February 17, 2024.

- Barbara Young Dearborn Heights School District #7

Authorized the purchase from E7 Solutions, Troy, MI 48046 for one year of software licenses and maintenance in the amount of \$78,316. The renewal is for the period of April 22, 2024, through April 22, 2025.

Authorized a purchase from Complete Book and Media Supply, LLC for classroom libraries to support Wayne County Statewide System of Support identified schools in an amount not to exceed \$250,000 for the period October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2024.

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, 2024 through February 29, 2024:

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

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Authorized a payment to Staples for developmentally appropriate manipulative materials in an amount not to exceed \$253,758 for the period October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2024.

Authorized a payment to Eastern Michigan University (EMU) for the Para-to-Teacher program in an amount not to exceed \$392,040 for the period July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024.

Authorized a payment to Wayne State University (WSU) for the Para-to-Teacher program in an amount not to exceed \$582,269 for the period July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024.

Authorized a payment to Michigan Department of Health and Human Services from October 1, 2023, through September 30, 2024 for the School-Services Program Medicaid Administrative Outreach Program (AOP) not to exceed \$103,260.92.

Authorized payment of the Administrative Outreach Program Medicaid Claim reimbursement to the following Local Education Agencies (LEAs) and Public School Academies (PSAs) for services to Medicaid-eligible students, in the amount of \$268,264.95.

LEA/PSA	Amount	LEA/PSA	Amount
Allen Park Public Schools	\$4,921.67	Northville Public Schools	\$9,444.45
Crestwood School District	\$6,298.94	Plymouth-Canton Community Schools	\$17,787.37
Dearborn Heights School District #7	\$3,577.03	Redford Union Schools, District No. 1	\$6,640.15
Dearborn City School District	\$26,472.53	School District of the City of River Rouge	\$1,650.14
Ecorse Public Schools	\$1,241.85	Riverview Community School District	\$1,666.40
Flat Rock Community Schools	\$2,548.93	Romulus Community Schools	\$1,784.31
Garden City Public Schools	\$11,990.81	South Redford School District	\$4,436.16
Gibraltar School District	\$3,438.89	Southgate Community School District	\$8,278.50
Grosse Ile Township Schools	\$2,312.09	Taylor School District	\$12,652.45
Grosse Pointe Public Schools	\$11,510.90	Trenton Public Schools	\$5,024.12
School District of the City of Hamtramck	\$4,152.55	Trillium Academy	\$159.13
School District of the City of Harper Woods	\$2,339.10	Van Buren Public Schools	\$7,143.04
Huron School District	\$3,030.33	Wayne-Westland Community School District	\$28,851.30
School District of the City of Lincoln Park	\$22,025.54	Westwood Community School District	\$2,996.82
Livonia Public Schools School District	\$16,401.81	Woodhaven-Brownstown School District	\$14,676.93
Melvindale-North Allen Park Schools	\$5,680.21	School District of the City of Wyandotte	\$17,130.50
		TOTAL:	\$268,264.95

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

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Authorized administration to enter into an agreement with Lafontaine Automotive Group, Highland, MI to purchase a 2024 GMC Sierra 2500 truck, with plow, in the amount not to exceed \$68,000.

Authorized administration to enter into an agreement with NBS Commercial Interiors, Chicago, IL to purchase Steelcase furniture for the Gilead/Beacon Day Treatment facility in an amount not to exceed \$900,000.

Authorized administration to enter into an agreement with Plymouth-Canton Community Schools participating in Michigan Statewide System of Support (SSoS) as identified Comprehensive Support and Improvement Schools (CSI) for various requests of services outlined within their Service Plan in an amount not to exceed \$169,806 the period October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2024.

Authorized administration to enter into an agreement with The Regents of the University of Michigan to provide support for the Michigan Department of Education under the terms of the MDE-WRESA ISD Collaboration Grant in the amount of \$40,000 for the period of October 1, 2023 through September 20, 2024.

Authorized administration to amend Board Recommendation #180-23-24 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, Burger Baylor facilities, and Beacon Treatment Center from \$175,000 to \$200,000 for the period of March 20, 2024 through June 30, 2024.

Approved an amendment to Board Recommendation # 218-22-23 to increase the contract with Dell Computers, Round Rock, TX from \$200,000 to \$275,000 for the period of March 20, 2024 to June 30, 2024.

Authorized an amendment to Board Rec 198-23-24 to increase the contract with DiHydro Services, Inc., Sterling Heights, MI to provide water sampling, analysis and corrosion control and disinfection services at the Wayne RESA Education Center, Annex building and Burger Baylor school from \$37,800 to \$47,800.

Authorized an amendment to Board Recommendation #233-22-23 to implement Early On service activities in the amounts indicated, for a total amount not to exceed \$2,216,612 for the period July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024.

Agency/LEA/PSA	Original Amount	Amended Amount
Chitter Chatter	\$1,328,880	\$1,510,000
Grosse Pointe Public Schools	\$10,000	\$16,000
MiSide (aka Development Center)	\$680,612	\$690,612
TOTAL:	\$2,019,492	\$2,216,612

Authorized an amendment to Board Recommendation #86-23-24 to amend allocations for Region 29 grant activities for the following Local Education Agencies (LEAs) and Public School Academies (PSAs) in the amounts indicated, for a total amount not to exceed \$3,631,593 for the period July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024.

LEA/PSA	Original Amount	Amended Amount
Allen Park Public Schools	\$76,870	\$96,520
Chandler Park Academy	\$103,649	\$130,031
Dearborn City School District	\$308,171	\$386,559
Dearborn Heights School District #7	\$103,833	\$103,833
Garden City Public Schools	\$101,318	\$127,125
Huron School District	\$663,057	\$833,100
Livonia Public Schools School District	\$261,054	\$327,592
Melvindale-North Allen Park Schools	\$120,183	\$150,749

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Plymouth-Canton Community Schools	\$270,400	\$339,337
School District of the City of Hamtramck	\$70,631	\$88,608
School District of the City of Lincoln Park	\$124,168	\$155,664
Taylor School District	\$114,573	\$144,072
The School District of the City of Harper Woods	\$100,088	\$125,673
Van Buren Public Schools	\$31,427	\$39,432
Wayne RESA	\$283,124	\$283,124
Wayne-Westland Community School District	\$238,920	\$300,174
TOTAL:	\$2,971,466	\$3,631,593

Authorized an amendment to Board Recommendation #95-23-24 to amend contracts previously approved for transportation allocations for the Great Start Readiness Program (GSRP) subrecipient, Child Star Development Center, from \$43,986 to \$48,986 for the period October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2024.

Authorized an amendment to Board Recommendation #97-23-24 to change the funding source for the following Public School Academies (PSAs) in the amounts indicated, for a total amount not to exceed \$500,000 for the period October 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024.

PSA	Original Amount	Amended Amount
Barack Obama Leadership Academy	\$125,000	\$125,000
Detroit Academy of Arts and Sciences	\$125,000	\$125,000
Detroit Service Learning Academy	\$125,000	\$125,000
Hope Academy	\$125,000	\$125,000
TOTAL:	\$500,000	\$500,000

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

Grant	Grantor	Amount	Term	Purpose	Responsible Party
National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)	NASA Cooperative Agreement Award NNX16AB95A	\$547,476	01/01/2024 - 12/31/2024	Wayne RESA is the lead institution for the Aerokats and Rover Education Network (AREN) Project, which provides aeronautical support and training to learners of all ages through seven constituent partnerships, including universities throughout the United States.	Educational Services – Science Consultants

The Board also considered and approved the following Action Items:

1. Superintendent's 2023-2024 Evaluation and Contract Extension
2. Appointment of Supervisor of Financial Services – Stephenie O’Callaghan
3. Policy and Administrative Regulations Update – Second/Final Reading
4. Wayne County Five Year Common Calendar Update

Superintendent's Comments

Dr. Daveda Colbert shared:

- Wayne RESA acknowledges and celebrates all Cultural Observances and Professional Recognitions during the month of March including:
 - Employee Appreciation Day, which was celebrated during the All Staff Meeting on March 1.
 - National School Social Work Week and Social Work Month
 - National Women's History Month and International Women's Day
 - Irish American Heritage Month
 - Hinduism – Maha Shivaratri
 - Islam – Ramadan
 - Persian New Year – Nowruz
 - Judaism – Purim
 - Hinduism – Holi
 - Christianity – Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter
 - In celebration of National Reading Month, Dr. Colbert and Beth Gonzalez, Deputy Superintendent of Educational Services, will be reading to students at The Dearborn Academy on March 20. Dr. Colbert will be reading a book by a Wayne County (Detroit) author and publisher, Dr. Erica Robertson.
- Wayne County Districts are doing a lot in celebration of National Reading Month. Districts have invited celebrity readers during the month of March, including professional athletes, elected officials, and community members. Some of the visits have been covered by local media outlets.
- Congratulations to Wayne County School Districts that passed ballot initiatives during the 2024 Michigan presidential primary election in February. Kudos to Dearborn Public Schools, Melvindale-North Allen Park Schools, Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, and Van Buren Public Schools!
- Congratulations to two members of the RESA family who have been recognized for their outstanding work. Congrats to Judy Bowling, Instructional Technology and Library Consultant who received the 2024 President's Award at the Michigan Association for Computer Users in Learning (MACUL) conference in Grand Rapids and congrats to Richard Bachelor, Science Consultant, who received the Michigan Science Teachers Association (MSTA) Distinguished Service Award.
- The Michigan Association of School Boards (MASB) Annual Awards Ceremony will be held Thursday, April 25, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. in Harper Woods.
 - Congratulations to the Wayne RESA Board of Education for achieving the Master Board Award from MASB which speaks to their commitment and continuous efforts to learning by completing individual and board development courses in addition to leading and serving.
 - Congratulations to the Honorable Wayne RESA Board Secretary, Mary Blackmon for achieving the highest honor, Level 7 – President's Award of Recognition from MASB.
- Special thanks to Kelli Schultz, RESA Transportation Consultant, who was interviewed by CBS News on March 18 regarding the Transportation Department's De-Escalation and Active Shooter Training held onsite at RESA. Thanks to Dana Chicklas for communication support and Rob McCoy and Team for the staff reminders and notifications to local authorities in preparation for and during the training.
- In the upcoming weeks, there will be media push of great things happening in Wayne County Schools.
 - Executive Director of Early Childhood, Dr. Sophia Lafayette-Lause was quoted in an article published by Chalkbeat on March 18 regarding Wayne RESA's participation in a collaboration to recruit and retain more pre-K teachers.

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- Regional Enhancement Millage polling is back and is trending positive in support of the renewal with top messaging being the future of Career and Technical Education training, connection to careers, and beyond, as well as, funding in support of all learners, and specifically to ensure students with disabilities receive the support needed, and continued funding for school safety.
 - Resolution language has been submitted to Wayne County LEA and PSA Superintendents for review and will be forwarded to Wayne County School Boards for consideration.
- The Joint ISD Meeting with Wayne RESA and Oakland Schools has been rescheduled for April 1.
- The Wayne RESA Board will do onsite visits to Wayne County Districts and Programs on May 1 and May 2, 2024. Visits will include Charles R. Drew Transition Center, Barack Obama Leadership Academy, Chandler Park Academy, Harper Woods and a Wayne County 0-3 program.
- Reminder – Wayne RESA will be closed March 25 – March 29 for Spring break. Staff is encouraged to take time to relax, rejuvenate, and come back refreshed and better than ever.

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