
Highlights from the August 16, 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):

- Jonathan Turner, Technical Assistant, effective August 7, 2023
- Traci Osborne, Administrative Assistant – IT Solutions, effective August 8, 2023

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

- Chase Colligan, Desktop Technician/Network Apprentice, effective July 24, 2023
- Michael Kylman, Technical Assistant, effective July 24, 2023
- Ryan Curry, Building Operations Assistant II, effective July 31, 2023
- Aaron Pressel, Special Programs Administrative and Fiscal Consultant, effective August 9, 2023
- Jonathan Imes, Administrative Assistant – SEEIS, effective August 14, 2023
- Mary “Libby” Rogowski, Special Education Consultant – Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD), effective August 21, 2023
- Brittany Kunzelman, Early Childhood Consultant, effective August 21, 2023
- Sydney Varner, Early Childhood Consultant, effective August 21, 2023
- Aaron LaDuke, Budget & Fiscal Analyst, effective August 28, 2023

Approved the following leave(s):

- Chris Ferrell, Career Counselor, Family/Medical Leave, effective August 30, 2023

Approved the following pilot stipend(s):

- Dr. Daveda J. Colbert, Superintendent, to receive a pilot stipend of \$10,000, to offset the costs and time expended of attending events outside of regularly scheduled work hours, associated with the role of a Superintendent and legislative advocate.

Approved the removal of the following representative(s) to the Wayne County Parent Advisory Committee (WCPAC) at the request of the parents. This removal is effective June 30, 2023.

- Kristin Bejarano Wayne-Westland Community School District
- Steven Bejarano Wayne-Westland Community School District

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 August 16, 2023 through June 30, 2025.

- Bethany Gomillion Redford Union Schools, District No. 1

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 July 1, 2023 through July 31, 2023:

Mary Blackmon: \$ 68.12 Lynda Jackson: \$ 57.77
Danielle Funderburg: \$ 11.53 James Petrie: \$136.54

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Authorized a payment to Washtenaw Intermediate School District (WISD) to support the work of the MiSTEM Tri-county Culturally Responsive Math Institute in an amount not to exceed \$90,000 for the period August 1, 2023 through October 31, 2023.

Authorized administration to renew the contract with Idera Inc, Dallas, TX, for three years of software licenses and maintenance in an amount not to exceed \$81,000 for the period October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2026.

Authorized administration to enter into agreements with following agencies for the implementation of Early On activities in the amounts indicated, for a total amount not to exceed \$2,009,492 for the period July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024.

Agency/District	Early On	54D	Amount
Chitter Chatter P. C.	\$697,030	\$631,850	\$1,328,880
Development Centers Inc.	\$483,106	\$197,506	\$680,612
Leaps and Bounds Family Services	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total:	\$1,180,136	\$829,356	\$2,009,492

Authorized administration to enter into a contract with Juliana Berkowski to provide health resources and support to Wayne County districts and/or schools in an amount not to exceed \$50,000 for the period July 14, 2023 through June 30, 2024.

Authorized administration to enter into an agreement with Teaching Strategies, Bethesda, MD, in an amount not to exceed \$150,000 for the period October 1, 2022, through September 30, 2023.

Authorized administration to enter into contracts with the following local education agencies (LEA), public school academies (PSA) and community-based organizations (CBO) for operating Great Start Readiness Programs (GSRP) in the amounts indicated, for a total amount not to exceed \$101,322,233 for the period October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2024.

Subrecipient	Amount
4K Learning Center - Detroit	\$149,116
4K Learning Center - Southgate	\$149,116
Above & Beyond Learning Center LLC	\$335,511
Academy for Business and Technology	\$178,946
Advanced Technology Academy	\$745,581
Alawie Educational Services	\$633,744
Alhadi Childcare Center	\$316,872
Al-Wali Childcare Center LLC	\$149,116
American International Academy	\$503,267
American Montessori Academy	\$536,837
Angel Land Child Care & Parent Ins	\$178,946
Arab American Children Center	\$596,465
Audrey's Little Love Bugs	\$178,946

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Bambi Land Child Care	\$1,364,460
Blessed Beginnings Learning Center	\$298,232
Blossom Learning Center	\$447,348
Brainiacs Clubhouse Child Development Center	\$357,891
Bridge Academy	\$447,348
Bright Beginnings Montessori DBA Montessori Child Development Center	\$596,465
Bright Star Learning Center DBA A & W Day Care Center	\$596,465
Busy Minds Child Care Center, Inc.	\$178,946
Caniff Liberty Academy	\$298,232
Caring Hands Childcare Academy	\$178,946
Chandler Park Academy	\$745,581
Chapel Hill Early Childhood Education	\$346,707
Child Star Development Center	\$357,891
Children First Learning Center	\$130,477
Children of the rising Sun Empowerment Center	\$149,116
Children's Garden II, LLC	\$167,756
Children's Garden LLC	\$596,465
Children's Paradise Learning Center, Inc.	\$931,976
Children'z Place 2	\$149,116
Childtime Childcare, Inc	\$715,782
Christios Child Care & Academy	\$633,744
CircleTime with Friends Learning Center	\$313,155
Commonwealth Community Development Academy	\$149,116
Creative Academics Learning Center, LLC	\$201,314
Creative Kidz Learning Center	\$149,116
Creative Learning Childrens College, LLC	\$167,756
Crestwood School District	\$715,782
CrossBridge Action Network	\$298,232
David Ellis Academy	\$357,891
David Ellis Academy West	\$715,782
Dearborn City School District	\$5,815,530
Dearborn Heights School District #7	\$447,348
Dee's Little Angels Child Care Center	\$357,891

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Detroit Academy of Arts and Sciences	\$298,232
Detroit Community Schools - Elementary	\$279,593
Detroit Edison Public School Academy	\$1,006,534
Detroit Leadership Academy	\$596,465
Detroit Public Schools Community District	\$25,701,062
Detroit Service Learning Academy	\$503,267
Development Centers, Inc.	\$223,674
Dove Academy of Detroit	\$447,348
Dreamy Care Day	\$745,581
Dreamy Day Care 2 LLC	\$603,941
Ecorse Public Schools	\$782,887
Empowered Community Learning Center	\$402,628
First Step Learning Center, LLC	\$178,946
Flat Rock Community Schools	\$596,465
Focus Hope	\$917,096
Franklin Wright Settlements Inc	\$149,116
Frobel Childcare and Montessori	\$298,232
Garden City Public Schools	\$1,342,045
George Washington Carver Academy	\$603,941
Gibraltar School District	\$335,511
Global Heights Academy	\$298,232
Greater Ebenezer MISS BAPT Church	\$178,946
Greater Sonora Missionary Baptist Church Soaring Eagle Ministries	\$316,871.84
Growing Minds Learning Center	\$1,174,290
Hamtramck, School District of the City of	\$503,267
Hanley International Academy	\$447,348
Harper Woods, The School District of the City of	\$596,465
High Achievers Montessori	\$149,116
Highland Park Public School Academy System	\$447,348
Hope Academy	\$279,593
International Child Care Center	\$167,756
It Takes a Village Academy	\$745,581
Jade Child Development Center	\$596,465

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John Evans Montessori Academy	\$149,116
Joy Preparatory Academy	\$178,946
Jude Community Development Corporation	\$149,116
Kid Connection Early Learning Center	\$298,232
KIDS AVENUE LLC	\$149,116
Kingdom Kare Learning Center	\$465,988
Kristy's Early Childhood	\$335,511
KUEHG Corp. DBA KCE Champions LLC	\$298,232
LACC Child Care Academy	\$447,348
Learn Through Play Preschool	\$139,796
Learning Links Academy, Inc.	\$149,116
Lincoln Park, School District of the City of	\$1,509,801
Little Owl Tree House	\$167,756
LITTLE SCHOLARS OF DETROIT	\$782,860
Livonia Public Schools School District	\$745,581
Lovin Touch Learning Center	\$201,314
Martin Luther King Academy	\$745,581
Matrix Human Services	\$298,232
Metro Child Youth Inc. United Child	\$298,232
My Child Learning Center DBA Greater Harvest Ministries Inc	\$149,116
ndividualME, Early Learning Academy	\$201,314
Nene's Little Angel's Childcare Center	\$402,628
New Greater Bethlehem TempleCOMM	\$201,314
New Paradigm College Prep	\$167,756
New Paradigm Glazer-Loving Academy	\$503,267
New St. Paul Head Start Agency, Inc	\$372,790
Oakland International Academy	\$447,348
Oakman Child Care	\$559,205
Old Redford Academy	\$596,465
Pencil Palace Day Care	\$149,116
Plymouth-Canton Community Schools	\$1,137,011
Positive Images	\$178,946
Quality Child Care & Learning Center	\$316,872

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R.A.C.E. Reaching All Children Equally	\$503,267
Ready 2 Learn Childcare Center, LLC	\$447,348
Redford Union Schools, District No. 1	\$536,837
Reign Development Center	\$167,756
Rhema Child Care Center	\$447,364
River Rouge, School District of the City of	\$503,267
Riverside Academy	\$596,465
Riverview Community School District	\$503,267
Romulus Community Schools	\$1,006,534
Smart Start Learning Center	\$298,232
Someplace Else Learning Factory LLC	\$178,946
South Redford School District	\$715,782
Southgate Community School District	\$1,174,290
St. Matthew Lutheran School	\$149,116
St. Paul Child Development Center	\$357,891
Star International Academy	\$745,581
Starfish Family Services	\$1,481,842
Summer Preschool Early Learning Center	\$167,756
Summit Academy North	\$615,104
Sunrise Education Center	\$313,155
Sweet Peas Early Childhood Center	\$149,116
Taylor School District	\$1,845,312
The Dearborn Academy	\$335,511
The Learning Tree Child Care Center- North	\$357,891
The Learning Tree Child Care Center- South	\$178,946
Tipton Academy	\$715,782
Trenton Public Schools	\$167,756
Trillium Academy	\$447,348
Tutor Time Learning Centers, LLC	\$357,891.20
U of M - Dearborn Early Childhood Education Center	\$298,232
Universal Academy	\$298,232
Universal Learning Academy	\$298,232
University Yes Academy	\$335,511

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Van Buren Public Schools	\$1,006,569
Village of Shiny Stars Child care	\$402,628
Wayne State University	\$372,790
Wayne-Metropolitan Community Action Agency	\$596,465
Wayne-Westland Community Schools	\$2,087,626
Woodhaven-Brownstown School District	\$335,511
Wyandotte, School District of the City of	\$838,778
YMCA Camping Services	\$149,116
Total:	\$101,322,233

Authorized an amendment to Board Recommendation #260-22-23 to increase the contract with Aequitas Solutions, LLC from \$150,000 to \$200,000 for the period July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024.

Authorized an amendment to Board Recommendation #16-23-24 to amend Health Resource Advocates (HRA) allocations for the following school districts in the amounts indicated, for a total amount not to exceed \$896,000 for the period August 1, 2022 through July 31, 2023.

District	Amount
Dearborn City School District	\$560,000
Northville Public Schools	\$336,000
Total:	\$896,000

Authorized an amendment to Board Recommendation #116-22-23 to amend agreements with the following districts for the implementation of Early On activities in the amounts indicated, for a total amount not to exceed \$1,558,500 for the period July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023.

Agency/District	Original Amount	Amended Amount
Detroit Public Schools Community District	\$264,000	\$274,000
Grosse Pointe Public Schools	\$340,000	\$340,000
Livonia Public Schools School District	\$540,000	\$540,500
Plymouth-Canton Community Schools	\$246,000	\$246,000
Wayne-Westland Community School District	\$158,000	\$158,000
Total:	\$1,548,500	\$1,558,500

Authorized an amendment to Board Recommendation #136-22-23 to increase transportation allocations for New Greater Bethlehem TempleCOMM, a Great Start Readiness Programs (GSRP) provider from \$32,907 to \$33,807 for the period October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2023.

Authorized an amendment to Board Recommendation #176-22-23 to increase the amount for purchases of assessment and intervention kits (AddVantageMR1 and AddVantageMR2) and training (AddVantageMR Champion) from the US Math Recovery Research Council from \$85,000 to \$140,000 for the period July 1, 2022 through December 31, 2023.

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Authorized an amendment to Board Recommendation #239-22-23 for the estimated reimbursement of allowable costs for individual Student Paraprofessionals employed during the 2022-2023 school year to the following Local Education Agencies (LEAs) and Public School Academies (PSAs) in the amounts indicated, for a total amount not to exceed \$20,526,400 for the period July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023.

Districts and Public School Academies	Original Amount	Amended Amount
Academy for Business and Technology	\$41,800	\$41,800
Allen Park Public Schools	\$141,000	\$141,000
American Montessori Academy	\$54,500	\$54,500
Cesar Chavez Academy	\$47,000	\$47,000
Crestwood School District	\$504,400	\$524,500
Dearborn Heights School District #7	\$250,700	\$302,500
Dearborn Public Schools	\$3,865,500	\$4,946,700
Detroit Public Schools Community District	\$343,700	\$468,200
Dove Academy of Detroit	\$5,600	\$5,600
Ecorse Public Schools	\$90,000	\$90,000
Fostering Leadership Academy	\$0	\$30,700
Garden City Public Schools	\$389,300	\$389,300
Gibraltar School District	\$228,600	\$341,300
Grosse Ile Township Schools	\$201,900	\$201,900
Grosse Pointe Public Schools	\$279,000	\$279,700
Hamtramck, School District of the City of	\$35,300	\$35,300
Hanley International Academy	\$0	\$13,700
Harper Woods, The School District of the City of	\$207,200	\$207,200
Hope of Detroit Academy	\$48,800	\$48,800
Huron School District	\$275,800	\$275,800
Lincoln Park, School District of the City of	\$530,500	\$530,500
Livonia Public Schools School District	\$1,982,400	\$1,982,400
Melvindale-North Allen Park Schools	\$200,800	\$226,300
New School High	\$11,400	\$11,400
Northville Public Schools	\$632,500	\$632,500
Plymouth-Canton Community Schools	\$2,131,000	\$2,141,900
Redford Union Schools, District No. 1	\$177,300	\$177,300
River Rouge, School District of the City of	\$508,100	\$508,100
Riverview Community School District	\$274,000	\$274,000

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Romulus Community Schools	\$0	\$79,700
South Redford School District	\$207,800	\$289,100
Southgate Community School District	\$585,200	\$615,800
Taylor School District	\$431,900	\$894,400
The Dearborn Academy	\$126,700	\$126,700
The James and Grace Lee Boggs School	\$95,300	\$95,300
Tipton Academy	\$42,500	\$42,500
Trenton Public Schools	\$321,200	\$331,100
Trillium Academy	\$47,400	\$101,200
University Preparatory Academy (PSAD)	\$26,600	\$26,600
Van Buren Public Schools	\$456,700	\$557,000
Voyageur Academy	\$34,000	\$35,900
Wayne-Westland Community School District	\$814,800	\$814,800
Westwood Community School District	\$45,700	\$51,000
Woodhaven-Brownstown School District	\$1,051,400	\$1,051,400
Wyandotte, School District of the City of	\$484,000	\$484,000
Total:	\$18,229,300	\$20,526,400

The Board also considered and approved the following action items:

- Policy and Administrative Regulations Update – Second/Final Reading

Superintendent’s Comments

Dr. Daveda Colbert shared:

- We are aggressively moving through the second month of the 2023-2024 school year, and I would like to take the time to give a “shout out” to the Wayne RESA Team Members from each department throughout the organization! We are leading and supporting in a variety of ways, as our partnerships continue to get stronger with each of our constituents. RESA is looking forward to a safe, healthy, and impactful school year for each of our districts throughout the county. There are a lot of exciting things happening and it speaks volumes when other ISD leaders are calling from across the state inquiring about the guidance documents, trainings, presentations, coordination of service, and leadership from Wayne RESA. The way in which we support our constituents is not going unnoticed. We must continue to partner and support at the highest level, to ensure each LEA and PSA provides the best service and support to their students, families, and staff.
 - Thanks to the RESA Building Services Team led by Rob McCoy and Robert Burke for what they are doing to continue to elevate a positive climate and culture within the organization. Their contributions are more than aesthetics. The attention to detail and the signs of care, concern, and respect for each employee continues to make us who we are.

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- Kudos to the RESA Finance Team for continuing to find ways to use the new accounting system and transitioning updated versions of documents that align with board requests.
- RESA Cabinet members continue to meet with colleagues in local districts this summer. Meetings will continue through the second week of September.
- Schools have begun to have their kickoff/welcome back meetings for staff and open houses/orientations for students and families. Students are returning to school the week prior to Labor Day and/or the day after Labor Day. We wish each of the 260,000 plus students and their families and the educators that they are entrusted to throughout the county an outstanding school year.
- Wayne RESA is committed to being accredited and received a letter and certificate from Cognia that extends RESA's accreditation until June 2025. The review team was aware of the change in leadership and recognized that the health of the organization remains exceptional. The review team was able to review all that we did during COVID and have continued to do over the past year. We have remained a highly engaging, effective and efficient organization. The RESA Team has begun to prepare for a future review, which we know will take place prior to the June 2025 accreditation expiration date.
- The Infrastructure Study is underway. Thanks to Mike Latvis who continues to support the School Finance Research Foundation (SFRF) along with colleagues from other counties. The SFRF has partnered with Plante Moran and Barton Malow to lead the efforts. A fact sheet and survey has been forwarded to districts and ISDs.
 - Information regarding the Infrastructure Study will be presented during the next Wayne County Association of School Boards meeting.
 - Steven Ezikian, retired Wayne RESA Deputy Superintendent, has been hired as the Executive Director by the SFRF.
- Dr. Jennifer Taiariol, Assistant Superintendent of Special Education and Early Intervention Services has been working in her role for a little over a month and has already had a huge impact on improving the Juvenile Detention Facility enrollment and exit process, the completion and issuance of the RESA General Accountability and Supervision document, and Act 18 Discretionary Funds that was well received by superintendents after the announcement during their subcommittee meeting. Great things continue to happen in the Special Education and Early Intervention Services Department and RESA is honored to have Dr. Taiariol as part of the team!
- On Monday, August 14, 2023, Dr. Colbert attended the Allen Park Board of Education meeting along with Dr. Sophia Lafayette-Lause, Executive Director and Elizabeth Grace, Manager of the Early Childhood Department. Elizabeth Grace was masterful in the way she laid out early childhood and the opportunities around the Great Start Readiness Program (GSRP), research based preschool programming (tuition based), and early childhood in general. Dr. Lafayette-Lause answered every question in great detail with added support from Dr. Colbert. Allen Park Superintendent Mike Darga and Assistant Superintendent Dr. John Tafelski personally thanked the RESA team for their attendance and presentation, and the Allen Park Board of Education thanked the RESA team publicly. Kudos to Dr. Lafayette-Lause and Ms. Grace and the Early Childhood Team for their great work. Wayne County serves as a leader in the GSRP space, as we continue to move towards universal pre-K throughout the state.
- RESA continues to push the federal government to respond to the promise of full funding for IDEA at 40%, as the current funding is under 16%. As we near 50 years of not fulfilling the promise, it is imperative that we keep putting pressure on our elected officials at the federal level, in hopes of getting the commitment fulfilled. The Board of Education will continue to hear more about the efforts and

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advocacy as strategy work continues with K12 Alliance and Congresswoman Haley Stevens and her team.

- It was announced that Cynthia Nickel, Assistant Superintendent at Taylor School District has been named Acting Superintendent until Michael Wegher takes over as Interim Superintendent on August 21. Thanks to former Taylor School District Superintendent Griff Mills for his service and leadership.
- Conversation continues around RESA purchasing the Annex for current and future endeavors. A proposal will be submitted for consideration of financial support. Additional dialogue regarding the timeline for purchase will take place, as we continue to seek funding support.

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