

**Highlights from the December 20, 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):

- Kaitlyn Clavette, Student System Coordinator – Early Childhood, effective December 11, 2023
- Dawn Waggoner, Application Support Technician, effective December 22, 2023
- Nicole Mouro, Human Resource Assistant, effective December 11, 2023
- Aaron Khan, Technical Assistant, effective December 11, 2023
- Chase Colligan, Technology Coordinator – Field Services, effective December 13, 2023

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

- Angela Doelker, Special Education Consultant, effective November 27, 2023
- Jamie Eathorne, School Health Consultant, effective November 27, 2023
- Ari Timberlake, Administrative Assistant – Reception/Event Services, effective December 4, 2023
- Jennifer Philleo, Early Childhood Consultant, effective December 5, 2023
- Dale Gotts, Building Operations Assistant, effective December 14, 2023
- Julie Woodhams, Part-time Special Education Consultant, effective December 18, 2023
- Dr. Linda Lazar, Leadership Development Consultant, effective January 8, 2024
- Matthew Smoot, Learning, Innovation, and Technology Consultant, effective January 10, 2024

**Approved** the following leave(s):

- Joseph Musial, Assessment/Evaluation Consultant, Family/Medical Leave, effective November 7, 2023
- D’Anna Courtney-Rives, Early Childhood Consultant, Intermittent Family/Medical Leave, effective November 28, 2023
- Michelle Boury, Business Services-Business Analyst Implementation Specialist, Intermittent Family/Medical Leave, effective December 4, 2023
- Dr. Markita Hall, Executive Director of Educational Services, Intermittent Family/Medical Leave, effective December 5, 2023
- Nekeya Irby, Educational Improvement Consultant, Family/Medical Leave, effective December 6, 2023

**Approved** the following return from leave(s):

- Joseph Musial, Assessment/Evaluation Consultant, Family/Medical Leave, effective December 4, 2023

**Approved** the following schedule premium(s):

- Roslyn Ruffin, Partnership District Facilitator, effective November 13, 2023  
*Schedule Premium pursuant to article 20.8 of the WCSSF Collective Bargaining Agreement.*

**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 29, 2023 to June 30, 2026.

Artis Onister	Old Redford Academy
La’Toya Scott	American International Academy
Lindsay Johnson	Huron School District
Sandy Borgne	School District of the City of Lincoln Park

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**Authorized** administration to purchase Steelcase furniture from NBS Commercial Interiors, Troy, MI in an amount not to exceed \$32,000.

**Authorized** purchases of assessment and intervention kits (AddVantageMR1 and AddVantageMR2) and training (AddVantageMR Champion) from the US Math Recovery Research Council in an amount not to exceed \$120,000 for the period January 1, 2024 through December 31, 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 November 1, 2023 through November 30, 2023:

Mary Blackmon: \$286.04                      Lynda Jackson: \$223.82  
 Danielle Funderburg: \$156.41              James Petrie: \$342.51

**Authorized** payment to the following local school districts for the estimated reimbursement of allowable added costs for autism spectrum disorder (ASD) resource program classrooms in the amounts indicated, for a total amount not to exceed \$3,329,628 for the period July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024.

LEA/PSA	Amount
Dearborn City School District	\$346,246
Detroit Public Schools Community District	\$632,986
Flat Rock Community Schools	\$326,292
Livonia Public Schools School District	\$192,287
Melvindale-North Allen Park Schools	\$149,430
Plymouth-Canton Community Schools	\$377,425
School District of the City of Lincoln Park	\$474,193
South Redford School District	\$156,113
Wayne-Westland Community School District	\$674,656
Total:	\$3,329,628

**Authorized** a payment to the School District of the City of Lincoln Park for the estimated reimbursement of allowable added costs for emotional impairment (EI) resource program classrooms in an amount not to exceed \$755,729 for the period July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024.

**Authorized** a payment to Wayne-Westland Community School District for state-approved Career and Technical Education (CTE) Early/Middle College program planning expenditures in an amount not to exceed \$50,000 for the period October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2024.

**Authorized** payment to the following educational entities for 61b State Aid funded activities related to Early Middle College (EMC) and Dual Enrollment state approved Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs in the amounts indicated, for a total amount not to exceed \$144,637 for the period July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024.

Educational Entity	Amount
Advanced Technology Academy	\$23,881
Huron School District	\$1,590
Oscar Carlson High School	\$5,976
Riverview Community High School	\$22,232
Southgate Anderson High School	\$38,806
Trenton High School	\$44,920
Wayne RESA	\$7,232
Total:	\$144,637

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**Authorized** payment to the following school districts for state-approved Career and Technical Education (CTE) program equipment purchases in the amounts indicated, for a total amount not to exceed \$1,153,846 for the period October 1, 2023 through September 15, 2024.

<b>District</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Advanced Technology Academy	\$20,807
Allen Park Public Schools	\$174,935
Crestwood School District	\$41,841
Dearborn City School District	\$35,191
Dearborn Heights School District #7	\$13,262
Ecorse Public Schools	\$6,161
Flat Rock Community Schools	\$39,053
Garden City Public Schools	\$16,971
Gibraltar School District	\$20,465
Grosse Ile Township Schools	\$173,277
Grosse Pointe Public Schools	\$24,025
The School District of the City of Harper Woods	\$8,298
School District of the City of Lincoln Park	\$82,108
Livonia Public Schools School District	\$152,177
Melvindale-North Allen Park Schools	\$49,148
Southgate Community School District	\$51,190
Taylor School District	\$16,386
Trenton Public Schools	\$14,678
Wayne-Westland Community School District	\$93,044
Woodhaven-Brownstown School District	\$120,829
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$1,153,846</b>

**Authorized** payment to the following local educational agencies (LEA) and public school academies (PSA) for Health Resource Advocates (HRAs) in the amounts indicated, for a total amount not to exceed \$6,384,000 for the period August 1, 2023 through July 31, 2024.

<b>School District</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Advanced Technology Academy	\$336,000
Allen Park Public Schools	\$112,000
Dearborn City School District	\$1,120,000
Dearborn Heights School District #7	\$336,000
Detroit Academy of Arts and Sciences	\$112,000
Detroit Leadership Academy	\$336,000
Detroit Public Schools Community District	\$1,456,000
Fostering Leadership Academy	\$112,000
Northville Public Schools	\$560,000
Pathways Academy	\$112,000
Plymouth-Canton Community Schools	\$1,120,000
Plymouth Educational Center Charter School	\$112,000
Summit Academy North	\$112,000
The School District of the City of Harper Woods	\$448,000
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$6,384,000</b>

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**Authorized** administration to enter into an agreement with Quality Environmental Services, Beaverton, MI to provide asbestos abatement services at the Gilead/Beacon Day Treatment Facility in the amount not to exceed \$50,500.

**Authorized** administration to enter into an agreement with Barton Malow, Southfield, MI for pre-construction program management of the Gilead/Beacon Remodeling Project in the amount not to exceed \$800,000.

**Authorized** administration to enter into an agreement with W. J. O’Neil, Livonia, MI for the pre-purchase of harmonic power equipment for the WRESA Education Center in the amount not to exceed \$34,059.

**Authorized** administration to enter into an agreement with Barton Malow, Southfield, MI for enhanced project management and to distribute funds to vendors completing the Gilead/Beacon Day Treatment Remodeling Phase 1 Project in the amount not to exceed \$16,047,011.

**Authorized** administration to enter into contract with Jenny Orton to teach at the Cognitive Coaching Foundations Seminar (multiple series) in an amount not to exceed \$64,000 for the period November 28, 2023 through September 30, 2024.

**Authorized** administration to enter into a contract with Education Development Center, Inc. (EDC) for services to strengthen pre-kindergarten to kindergarten transition and family engagement strategies in an amount not to exceed \$59,150 for the period June 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023.

**Authorized** administration to enter into contracts with the following Strong Beginnings grant recipients for transportation allocation in the amounts indicated, for a total not to exceed \$44,000 for the period July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024.

<b>Subrecipient</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Growing Minds Learning Center	\$12,000
Van Buren Public Schools	\$32,000
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$44,000</b>

**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 \$2,386,310 for the period October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2024.

<b>Districts</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Academy for Business and Technology	\$24,000
American International Academy	\$315,000
Barack Obama Leadership Academy	\$327,863
Detroit Leadership Academy	\$491,134
Detroit Service Learning Academy	\$284,180
Flat Rock Community Schools	\$179,224
George Washington Carver Academy	\$352,999
Highland Park Public School Academy System	\$228,621
South Redford School District	\$183,289
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$2,386,310</b>

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**Authorized** administration to enter into an agreement with Phillip Chase to provide support for the Michigan Department of Education under the terms of the MDE-WRESA ISD Collaboration Grant in the amount of \$60,000 for the period of December 1, 2023 through May 31, 2024.

**Authorized** an amendment to Board Recommendation #222-22-23 to increase the contract with Reliable Landscaping, Inc. (Reliable), Canton, MI, for snow removal services at Wayne RESA’s (WRESA) Education Center, the Beacon Day Treatment building, and the Annex grounds, in the amount not to exceed \$125,000 for the period November 01, 2023, through June 30, 2024.

**Authorized** an amendment to Board Recommendation #258-21-22 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 \$754,418 for the period October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2023.

<b>Subrecipient</b>	<b>Original Amount</b>	<b>Amended Amount</b>
Detroit Community Schools - Elementary	\$133,133	\$204,137
Ecorse Public Schools	\$545,843	\$550,281
Total:	\$678,976	\$754,418

**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 \$1,770,583 for the period October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2024.

<b>Subrecipient</b>	<b>Original Amount</b>	<b>Amended Amount</b>
Beautiful Minds	\$149,166	\$139,796
Brainiacs Clubhouse	\$357,891	\$178,946
Chapel Hill Early Childhood Education	\$177,101	\$199,238
Kingdom Kare Learning Center	\$465,988	\$447,348
R.A.C.E	\$503,267	\$805,255
Spreading Childcare	\$177,101	\$0
Total:	\$1,830,514	\$1,770,583

**Authorized** an amendment to Board Recommendation #95-23-24 to amend contracts previously approved for transportation allocations for the local educational agencies (LEA), public school academies (PSA) and community-based organizations (CBO) listed below in the amounts indicated, for a total amount not to exceed \$353,769 for the period October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2024.

<b>Subrecipient</b>	<b>Original Amount</b>	<b>Amended Amount</b>
Al-Wali Childcare Center LLC	\$0	\$60,000
Audreys Little Love Bugs	\$0	\$10,000
CrossBridge Action Network	\$2,125	\$22,840
Kingdom Kare Learning Center	\$0	\$8,500
LACC Child Care Academy	\$0	\$15,000
Martin Luther King Jr Day Care	\$25,000	\$85,641
Nene's Little Angel's Childcare Center	\$30,000	\$45,000
New Paradigm College Prep	\$24,000	\$53,361
School District of the City of Hamtramck	\$47,470	\$53,427
Spreading Childcare	\$48,532	\$0
Summer Preschool Early Learning Center	\$7,000	\$0
Total:	\$184,127	\$353,769

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**Authorized** an amendment to Board Recommendation #97-23-24 to increase allocation for the Dearborn City School District for engaging in Math Coaching Educator on Loan Initiative from \$125,000 to \$250,000 for the period October 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024.

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

Grant	Grantor	Amount	Term	Purpose	Responsible Party
Section 35a(4) – Intermediate School District (ISD) Early Literacy Coaches Grant	Michigan Department of Education	\$8,000,000	10/01/2023 - 09/30/2024	The Section 35a(4) - ISD Early Literacy Coaches Grant is awarded to ISDs to assist with the cost of early literacy coaches and the creation of coaching frameworks to support districts in the development and implementation of instructional strategies in grades K-3 so that pupils are reading at grade level by the end of 3rd grade.	Educational Services – Literacy Consultants

**The Board also considered and approved the following Action Items:**

- Local School District Board Recognition Month Resolution
- One-Time Distribution of Act 18 Funds Supporting Special Education Program Costs
- One-Time Distribution of Act 18 Funds Supporting Special Education Transportation

**Superintendent’s Comments**

Dr. Daveda Colbert shared:

- The one-time distributions of Act 18 funds being issued to districts for Special Education Costs and Special Education Transportation totaling \$44.4 million dollars was shared at the December superintendents meeting and it was recognized and acknowledged that RESA continues to review all things to assist and support districts at the highest level.
- RESA continues to learn more about the state’s new MiLeap department and looks forward to continue working with acting director, Michelle Richards, former senior education adviser to Governor Whitmer. RESA looks forward to working with the department, as we continue to improve student outcomes.

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- Dr. Colbert met with Dr. Venessa Keesler, President and CEO of Launch Michigan regarding the Launch Framework and discussion regarding the path forward. Although RESA has not given support to Launch Michigan, Dr. Colbert will continue to meet with the group to hear more and continue to understand the latest framework.
- Dr. Colbert and members of the RESA Leadership Team will meet with Rev. Dr. Oscar King of Kelley Cawthorne on Wednesday, December 20 regarding the Wayne County Juvenile Detention Facility and to discuss the possible Wayne County Regional Enhancement Millage Renewal ballot initiative for November 2024.
- RESA continues to have conversations about the possible Wayne County Regional Enhancement Millage Renewal ballot initiative for November 5, 2024. Resolutions from districts are expected between May 1 – July 16, 2024. Approval is required from districts representing more than 50% of the student population before the proposal can be presented to Wayne County residents/voters to take action. The possible ballot initiative will be shared with the Wayne County Association of School Boards (WCASB) and LEA and PSA Superintendents meetings. Talking points will lift that every dollar from the Enhancement Millage Renewal is committed to constituent districts and public school academies.
  - Items requiring approval related to the possible Enhancement Millage Renewal will be presented to the RESA Board of Education beginning January 2024. Thank you to Dana Chicklas, Sr. Executive Director of Communications, Public Relations and Marketing for her leadership on the upcoming campaign. Also, thanks to Kelly Bohl, Deputy Superintendent of Administrative Services and Drew McMechan, Assistant Superintendent of Financial Services for working with attorneys from Miller Canfield on timelines, planning and proposal language.
- Work on the continuation of RESA’s accreditation has begun. Executive Leadership met with Cognia, the accrediting agency, regarding the accreditation process and timeline. Over the next two years, RESA will continue to be invested in continuous improvement and accreditation work.
- The RESA Board was asked to save-the-date, Tuesday, March 12, 2024, for the Joint ISD Board Meeting with Oakland Schools. Details are forthcoming.
- RESA is excited about the Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education’s appointment of Dr. Andrea Tuttle as their incoming superintendent. Dr. Tuttle has served the past 14 years as the Owosso Public Schools Superintendent. Interim Superintendent Christian Fenton is doing well, and everyone is looking forward to the transition.
- Taylor School District Board of Education took action to make Interim Superintendent Michael Wegher their permanent choice. RESA will continue to support their leadership.
- Wayne County still has one interim superintendent at Dearborn Heights #7, where Interim Superintendent Mark Kleinhans continues to serve their community well.
- Wayne County 2022-23 Accountability Index Outcomes were shared during the meeting, and it was noted that the county average increased overall and, in each component, especially in Growth. There is still much work to be done, but we must celebrate all wins, including the increase in graduation rates in the county.
- Rob McCoy, Sr. Executive Director of Operations and IT Infrastructure and Robert Burke, Executive Director of Operations and Technology, continue to ensure RESA safety protocols, drills and emergency procedures are in writing, adhered to, and implemented appropriately. They were both thanked for their responsiveness.

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- Hospitality at RESA has increased and improved tremendously and the Operations, Event Services and Building Services teams were thanked for taking things up a notch. An email from the Band Director from Ecorse High School who performed during the December Board meeting was received and read, expressing how the students and staff felt welcomed and appreciated.
- In December there is so much to celebrate. RESA recognizes the diversity in our communities as we honor both International Day of Persons with Disabilities and Human Rights Day and acknowledges the many faiths that RESA family members celebrate and honor throughout the month.
- The RESA Sip and Shop with Center Based Programs will be held Thursday, December 21, 2023. Thank you to Dr. Jennifer Taiariol, Assistant Superintendent of Special Education and Early Intervention Services and the SEEIS Team for their leadership. The Sip and Shop event will be followed by Soup with the Superintendent for RESA staff which includes fellowship, networking, and much more.
- RESA will be closed Monday, December 25, 2023 – Wednesday, January 3, 2024. Hopefully, this time will give staff the opportunity to rest, rejuvenate and enjoy family and loved ones. The best is yet to come from RESA in 2024.
- Dr. Colbert wished everyone an enjoyable, happy, healthy, safe, and positive holiday season and a peaceful entry into the New Year!

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