



Wayne Regional Educational Service Agency  
Board of Education 33500 Van Born Road · Wayne, Michigan

**Organizational Meeting  
July 17, 2024**

**MINUTES**

**A. Call to Order**

The Organizational Meeting of the Wayne Regional Educational Service Agency Board of Education was called to order by President Jackson on July 17, 2024, at 8:30 a.m.

**B. Roll Call**

Members Present: James Beri, Danielle Funderburg, Lynda Jackson, and James Petrie  
Members Attending Virtually: Mary Blackmon

**C. Approval of Agenda**

Member Petrie, supported by Member Beri, moved to approve the agenda, as submitted. On voice vote, the motion carried 4-0.

**D. Election of Officers**

**1. President**

Member Beri, supported by Member Funderburg, nominated James Petrie for President of the Board of Education for the 2024-2025 term. On voice vote, the motion carried 4-0.

**2. Vice-President**

Member Beri, supported by Member Funderburg, nominated Mary Blackmon as Vice President of the Board of Education for the 2024-2025 term. On voice vote, motion carried 4-0.

**3. Secretary**

Member Beri, supported by Member Funderburg, nominated Danielle Funderburg as Secretary of the Board of Education for the 2024-2025 term. On voice vote, motion carried 4-0.

**4. Treasurer**

Member Funderburg, supported by Member Jackson, nominated James Beri as Treasurer of the Board of Education for the 2024-2025 term. On voice vote, motion carried 4-0.

**E. Naming of Signatories and Depositories for Funds**

Member Jackson, supported by Member Beri, moved that the Wayne RESA Board of Education approve the attached resolution, which names the depositories and approved signatories for the Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency for the 2024-2025 fiscal year. On voice vote, motion carried 4-0.

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Naming of Depositories for Funds  
2024-2025

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS the naming of the depository accounts and authorized signatories is required by the Revised School Code and Wayne RESA Board Policy, and

WHEREAS this Board of Education at its meeting of July 17, 2024, approved certain depository accounts for savings and investment purposes.

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED that the following additional institutions are approved depositories for savings and investment purposes for the various funds of the Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency for the 2024-2025 fiscal year:

Bank of America  
BMO Harris Bank, N.A.  
Comerica Bank  
Fifth Third Bank  
Huntington Bank  
JPMorgan Chase Bank  
Michigan School District Liquid Asset Fund Plus  
PNC Bank  
PFM Group

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the administration of the Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency is authorized to establish in its name one or more deposit/investment accounts with the financial institutions as listed above on such terms and conditions as may be agreed upon with said financial institution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the treasurer of the Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency or his/her designee, be and is hereby authorized to draw funds from said accounts of the Wayne RESA, signed as provided herein with signatures duly certified to said financial institutions by the secretary of the Wayne Regional Educational Service Agency and said financial institutions are hereby authorized to honor and pay any and all withdrawal orders so signed, including those drawn to the individual order of any office or other person authorized to sign the same.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the financial institutions are authorized to act in accordance with the foregoing without further inquiry unless and until it has been notified in writing by the undersigned of any changes in these authorizations.

**F. Designation of Legal Counsel**

Member Jackson, supported by Member Beri, moved that the Wayne RESA Board of Education approve the following firms as legal counsel for Wayne RESA during 2024-2025:

**General Counsel:**

Clark Hill, PLC, Birmingham, MI  
Husch Blackwell, Chicago, IL  
Miller, Canfield, Paddock and Stone, PLC, Detroit, MI  
Miller Johnson Attorneys, Grand Rapids, MI  
The Allen Law Group, PC, Detroit, MI  
Thrun Law Firm, PC, Lansing, MI  
Fish and Richardson, PC, Washington, DC

**Workers' Compensation/Property and Casualty:**

Clark Hill, PLC, Birmingham, MI  
Keller, Thoma, PC, Detroit, MI  
Plunkett & Cooney, Detroit, MI

On voice vote, motion carried 4-0.

**G. Designation of Auditors**

Member Funderburg, supported by Member Jackson, moved that the Wayne RESA Board of Education approve Plante & Moran, PLLC as the auditing firm for Wayne RESA for the 2024-2025 fiscal year. On voice vote, the motion carried 4-0.

**H. Michigan Association of School Board (MASB) - Certification of Delegates and Alternate**

Member Beri, supported by Member Jackson, moved that the Wayne RESA Board of Education appoint Member Danielle Funderburg to serve as the 2024-2025 voting delegate for the Michigan Association of School Boards and appoint Member Lynda Jackson to serve as the alternate voting delegate. On voice vote, the motion carried 4-0.

**I. Wayne County Association of School Boards (WCASB) Executive Board and Alternate**

Member Beri, supported by Member Funderburg, moved that the Wayne RESA Board of Education appoint Member James Beri to serve on the Wayne County Association of School Boards Executive Board for 2024-2025 and appoint Member Danielle Funderburg to serve as the alternate. On voice vote, the motion carried 4-0.

**J. Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG) Representative and Alternate**

Member Jackson, supported by Member Beri, moved that the Wayne RESA Board of Education appoint Member Mary Blackmon to serve as representative to the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG) for 2024-2025, and Member Lynda Jackson to serve as the alternate. On voice vote, the motion carried 4-0.

**K. Educational Representative for the American Red Cross**

Member Beri, supported by Member Funderburg, moved that the Wayne RESA Board of Education appoint Member Lynda Jackson as the region's American Red Cross Educational Representative for 2024-2025. On voice vote, the motion carried 4-0.

**L. Public Participation**

Public comment was given as follows:

- Andrew Pass, Founder and Visionary of A Pass Educational Group, LLC. introduced himself to the Board. He had a scheduled meeting with Beth Gonzalez, Deputy Superintendent of Educational Services, following the board meeting.

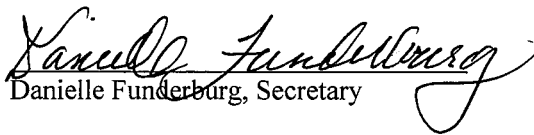
**M. General Board Comments**

Board members shared their appreciation for Immediate Past President, Lynda Jackson and her work and experience serving as President of the Wayne RESA Board of Education for school year 2023-2024. Ms. Jackson was thanked for her energy, commitment and efforts.

**N. Adjournment**

Member Beri, supported by Member Funderburg, moved to adjourn the organizational meeting. On voice vote, the motion carried 4-0. President Petrie adjourned the meeting at 8:48 a.m.

Submitted by:

  
Danielle Funderburg, Secretary