



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

**Organizational Meeting
July 19, 2023**

MINUTES

A. Call to Order

The Organizational Meeting of the Wayne Regional Educational Service Agency Board of Education was called to order by President Beri on July 19, 2023, at 8:32 a.m.

B. Roll Call

Present: James Beri, Mary Blackmon, Danielle Funderburg, Lynda Jackson (arrival at 8:43 a.m.), and James Petrie

C. Approval of Agenda

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

D. Election of Officers

1. President

Member Petrie, supported by Member Blackmon, moved that Lynda Jackson is hereby nominated as President of the Board of Education for the 2023-2024 term. On voice vote, the motion carried 4-0.

2. Vice-President

Member Funderburg, supported by Member Blackmon, moved that James Petrie is hereby nominated as Vice President of the Board of Education for the 2023-2024 term. On voice vote, motion carried 4-0.

3. Secretary

Member Petrie, supported by Member Funderburg, moved that Mary Blackmon is hereby nominated as Secretary of the Board of Education for the 2023-2024 term. On voice vote, motion carried 4-0.

4. Treasurer

Member Blackmon supported by Member Petrie, moved that Danielle Funderburg is hereby nominated as Treasurer of the Board of Education for the 2023-2024 term. On voice vote, motion carried 4-0.

E. Naming of Signatories and Depositories for Funds (WRESA)

1. Member Petrie, supported by Member Funderburg 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 2023-2024 fiscal year. On voice vote, motion carried 4-0.

Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency
Naming of Depositories for Funds
2023-2024

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 19, 2023, 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 2023-2024 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.

E. Naming of Signatories and Depositories for Funds (Inkster)

2. Member Funderburg, supported by Member Petrie, moved t that the Wayne RESA Board of Education approve the attached resolution, which names the depositories and approved signatories for the School District of the City of Inkster for the 2023-2024 fiscal year. On voice vote, the motion carried 4-0.

Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency
Naming of Depositories for Funds
2023-2024

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 19, 2023, 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 School District of the City of Inkster for the 2023-2024 fiscal year:

Fifth Third Bank
Michigan School District Liquid Asset Fund Plus
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 School District of the City of Inkster, 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

1. Member Blackmon, supported by Member Funderburg, moved that the Wayne RESA Board of Education approve the following firms as legal counsel for Wayne RESA during 2023-2024:

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.

2. Member Blackmon, supported by Member Funderburg moved that the Wayne RESA Board of Education approve the following firms as legal counsel for the School District of the City of Inkster during 2023-2024:

General Counsel:

Miller, Canfield, Paddock and Stone, PLC, Detroit, MI
Miller Johnson Attorneys, Grand Rapids, MI

On voice vote, the motion carried 4-0.

G. Designation of Auditors

1. Member Petrie, supported by Member Funderburg, moved that the Wayne RESA Board of Education approve Plante & Moran, PLLC as the auditing firm for Wayne RESA for the 2023-2024 fiscal year. On voice vote, the motion carried 4-0.
2. Member Funderburg, supported by Member Blackmon, moved that the Wayne RESA Board of Education approve Plante & Moran, PLLC as the auditing firm for School District of the City of Inkster for the 2023-2024 fiscal year. On voice vote, the motion carried 4-0.

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

Member Petrie, supported by Member Blackmon, moved that the Wayne RESA Board of Education appoint Member Danielle Funderburg to serve as the 2023-2024 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 Blackmon, supported by Member Petrie, moved that the Wayne RESA Board of Education appoint Member Danielle Funderburg to serve on the Wayne County Association of School Boards Executive Board for 2023-2024 and appoint Member James Beri to serve as the alternate. On voice vote, the motion carried 4-0.

J. Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG) Representative and Alternate
Member Funderburg, supported by Member Blackmon, 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 2023-2024, and Member James Beri to serve as the alternate. On voice vote, the motion carried 4-0.

K. Educational Representative for the American Red Cross
Member Blackmon, 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 2023-2024. On voice vote, the motion carried 4-0.

L. Public Participation

Public comment was given as follows:

- Holly, Michigan resident John Lauve expressed an individual viewpoint regarding the \$36 million Brown-Ilitch Tax Capture.
- Detroit, Michigan resident Lucinda J. Darrah addressed the Board as a spokesperson of Great Lakes Water Protection Committee regarding how to stop tax captures.

M. General Board Comments – None.

N. Adjournment

Member Beri, supported by Member Funderburg, moved to adjourn the organizational meeting. On voice vote, the motion carried 5-0. President Jackson adjourned the meeting at 8:59 a.m.

Submitted by:


Mary E. Blackmon, Secretary