

BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

Highlights from the April 15, 2026, Regular Meeting of the Wayne RESA Board of Education.

The Wayne RESA Board of Education approved the following items as part of the Consent Agenda:

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

- Josie Pike, Student Application Business Analyst, effective March 23, 2026

Approved the following return from leave(s):

- Dr. Angela Jack, Director of Continuous Improvement, Family/Medical Leave, effective April 13, 2026
- Daymon Tabako, Building Operations Lead, Family/Medical Leave, effective March 16, 2026

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, March 1, 2026 – March 31, 2026:

Mary Blackmon	\$ 55.83	Lynda Jackson	\$148.63
Danielle Funderburg	\$ 49.01	James Petrie	\$ 49.30

Authorized administration to enter into an agreement with Christina Endres 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 April 16, 2026 through September 30, 2026.

Authorized administration to enter into an agreement with Michigan Public Health Institute to provide support for Michigan Department of Lifelong Education, Advancement, and Potential (MiLEAP) to develop a Companion Guide to the GSRP Implementation Manual in the amount of \$66,573 for the period of September 3, 2025 through September 2, 2027.

Authorized an amendment to Board Recommendation #165-24-25 to amend agreements with the following districts to support K-5 schools in the purchasing and implementing high-quality mathematics instructional material programs in the amounts indicated, for a total amount not to exceed \$1,552,759.75 for the period October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2026.

Districts	Original Amount	Amended
Dearborn City School District	\$308,231.58	\$308,231.58
Dearborn Heights School District #7	\$43,481.88	\$46,481.88
Ecorse Public Schools	\$18,349.69	\$21,349.69
Flat Rock Community Schools	\$29,264.24	\$32,264.24
Grosse Pointe Public Schools	\$103,296.50	\$106,296.50
Livonia Public Schools School District	\$209,821.09	\$212,821.09
Plymouth-Canton Community Schools	\$232,404.16	\$235,404.16
Riverview Community School District	\$44,451.26	\$47,451.26
School District of the City of Hamtramck	\$47,179.90	\$50,179.90
School District of the City of Lincoln Park	\$84,339.64	\$87,339.64
School District of the City of River Rouge	\$33,249.49	\$36,249.49
Taylor School District	\$99,024.03	\$102,024.03
Trenton Public Schools	\$43,769.10	\$46,769.10
Van Buren Public Schools	\$62,295.12	\$62,295.12

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Wayne-Westland Community School District	\$154,602.07	\$157,602.07
Total:	\$1,513,759.75	\$1,552,759.75

Authorized an amendment to Board Recommendation #54-25-26 to alter an agreement with the Wayne-Westland Community School District for implementation of Early On activities from \$304,850 to \$444,405 for the period October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2026.

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

Grant	Grantor	Amount	Term	Purpose	Responsible Party
Title III, Part A – Language Instruction for English Learners	Federal grant through Michigan Department of Education (MDE) – Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965	\$624,992	07/01/2025 – 09/30/2026	The Consolidated Application supports English learners in consortium districts and public-school academies, K-12 and their parents. Multilingual Consultants serve approximately 2000 students annually.	Educational Services

The Board also considered and approved the following Action Items:

1. Teacher Appreciation Week Proclamation (May 4 – May 8, 2026)
2. Wayne RESA 2026-2027 Board Meeting Schedule
3. Wayne County Five-Year Common Calendar Update
4. First Reading – Board Policy and Administrative Regulations Updates

Superintendent’s Comments

Dr. Colbert shared:

- During the month of April, several national observances are recognized and celebrated that reflect a commitment to inclusion, wellness, and excellence across Wayne RESA and Wayne County.
 - Autism Acceptance Month is recognized alongside World Autism Awareness Day on April 2, honoring and uplifting individuals with autism by embracing their strengths, promoting understanding, and ensuring supportive learning environments where every student can thrive.
 - Arab American Heritage Month is also celebrated, recognizing the rich culture, history, and contributions of Arab American students, families, and educators who help shape the vibrancy of the community.
 - As National Deaf History Month is observed through April 15, the achievements and advocacy of the deaf and hard of hearing community are honored, while reaffirming the responsibility to ensure accessibility and equitable opportunities for all scholars.
 - World Health Day, observed on April 7, serves as a reminder of the importance of physical, mental, and emotional well-being for students, staff, and families, as wellness is foundational to success in classrooms, schools, districts, and across the organization.
 - Throughout School Library Month, the vital role of school libraries and media specialists is

celebrated, recognizing how they foster literacy, curiosity, and lifelong learning while serving as hubs of knowledge and opportunity for every scholar.

- Financial Literacy Month is also recognized, emphasizing the importance of equipping scholars with the knowledge and skills needed to make informed financial decisions, build independence, and prepare for future success.
- National Assistant Principals Week, celebrated during the first full week of April, provides an opportunity to recognize the critical role assistant principals play in supporting school leadership, culture, student success, and daily operations.
- National School Bus Driver Appreciation Day, observed each year on the fourth Tuesday in April, recognizes and thanks school bus drivers for their dedication, safety, and the critical role they play in ensuring students arrive to and from school safely each day, as well as to extracurriculars and extended learning opportunities.
- On Administrative Professionals Day, April 22, appreciation is extended to individuals who are often the first point of contact in schools, offices, and across the organization. Their dedication, organization, and care ensure that systems run smoothly and that every person feels welcomed and supported.

Together, these observances remind us of the power of community, the importance of honoring one another, and a shared commitment to creating inclusive, supportive environments where everyone can succeed.

- At Wayne RESA, there is intentional focus on recognizing everyone as the fourth quarter begins. It remains imperative to stay grounded in the mission and vision while continuing to serve at the highest level. Excellence is the operating system, and that expectation must be consistently modeled in all work.
- As the educational community carries significant weight during the current state assessment window, scholars and educators are encouraged to remain calm, focused, and steady. RESA continues to provide full support and encouragement as scholars demonstrate proficiency, mastery, and best effort.
- As impact work continues, reflection remains critical. Consideration is being given to key questions, including how to ensure that Wayne RESA's work truly meets the needs of internal and external stakeholders, recognizing that this is not a question to be asked once, but continuously throughout the year.
 - There is ongoing reflection on how to ensure continuous improvement; being recognized by Cognia as a System of Distinction is honorable, yet it does not conclude the work.
 - The focus remains on continuing to improve in service to others, with an intentional emphasis on measuring what matters most. Through data, questions are asked, clarity is sought, and efforts are made to ensure the work being done is highly regarded, supported by ongoing evaluation that includes both daily self-reflection and continuous assessment of progress and impact.
 - Consideration is given to what constituents are experiencing in terms of services, supports, and overall work, including how they are feeling, what they are saying, and how they are using the supports RESA provides.
 - Reflection also continues on whether success is being measured based on effort or meaningful outcomes. While effort is important, emphasis remains on identifying and demonstrating meaningful outcomes.
 - There is ongoing reflection on where intentions may be strong, but impact may be falling short, as these are essential considerations to ensure alignment between actions and purpose.

These reflections remain critical as work continues through the remainder of the school year and planning begins for the 2026–27 school year, with a continued commitment to serving with clarity, intention, and a relentless focus on impact.

- Excitement was shared around upcoming school events over the next several weeks, including opportunities to recognize and honor educators and support staff.
 - Board members were encouraged to mark their calendars for Tuesday, April 21, and Monday, May 11, for school site visits to witness Career Technical Education scholars in action across the county.

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- The Wayne County Parent Advisory Committee recognition event will highlight and honor educators.
- Transportation specialists will be recognized at the Excellence in Transportation event, celebrating their important contributions each year.
- The first cohort of Eastern Michigan University Cognitive Impairment and Autism Spectrum Disorder candidates will be celebrated at Wayne RESA, recognizing their contributions to the education profession.
- Teachers and educators across the county will be honored during National Teacher and Educator Appreciation Week in early May.
- Wayne County has much to be proud of, and it remains important to continue celebrating and supporting students, families, educators, and the community. As always, appreciation was extended for the continued support of excellence in education in Wayne County.

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