

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

**Regular Meeting  
March 18, 2026**

**MINUTES**

**A. Call to Order**

The Regular Meeting of the Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency Board of Education was called to order by President Mary Blackmon on March 18, 2026, at 8:30 a.m.

**B. Roll Call**

**Members Present:** Mary Blackmon, Danielle Funderburg, Lynda Jackson, and James Petrie  
**Excused Absence:** James Beri

**C. Pledge of Allegiance**

**D. Approval of Agenda**

Member Funderburg, with support from Member Jackson, moved to approve the agenda as presented. The motion passed with a voice vote of 4-0.

**E. Public Participation** – No public comments were made.

**F. Introduction of New Staff and Acknowledgment of Promotions/Internal Moves:**

- Kelly Gerlinger - Early Childhood Consultant
- Stephanie Gray – Administrative Assistant
- Verna Martin – School Nurse Consultant
- Arber Ahmeti – Part-time IT Technician Intern
- Jenni Munroe – Business Services – Business Analyst

**G. President's Remarks and Board Comments**

**Member Petrie** commented on the upcoming early childhood program operated by Wayne RESA at Burger Baylor, noting it as a return to directly operated student programming and expressing interest in observing the program once implemented. He also referenced the Board's annual Superintendent evaluation, noting that it would be presented later on the agenda and acknowledging the Superintendent's highly effective performance and leadership across the organization.

**Member Funderburg** reported on attending the United Way Women of Influence Summit at Ford Field, noting strong attendance and participation from women leaders and entrepreneurs. She highlighted the opportunity to engage with women-owned businesses and hear from featured speakers. She also recognized award recipients, including Governor Gretchen Whitmer as Woman of the Decade, Mayor Mary Sheffield as the 2026 Woman of Influence, and Alice Thompson, CEO of Black Family Development, who received the Lifetime Achievement Award. She shared her appreciation for the program activity in which participants used handheld lights as a reminder that in the darkness we shine. Member Funderburg also noted the value of attending the event with Wayne RESA colleagues and the opportunity for connection and fellowship.

**Member Jackson** reported on attending the United Way Women of Influence Summit, noting strong attendance and engagement among participants. She also highlighted the visual activity with lights as a program highlight and expressed appreciation for the opportunity to participate. She also shared reflections from attending the SEMCA 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration, noting significant growth and increased participation since her previous involvement with the workforce training program, as well as positive feedback from program participants and staff regarding their experiences and recognition of Wayne RESA.

**President Blackmon** also reported on the United Way Women of Influence Summit, noting additional honoree Carla Walker-Miller, CEO of Walker-Miller Energy Services, highlighting her leadership and contributions. She recognized the legacy of women leaders within Wayne RESA, including former executive leadership under Dr. William Simmons and former Superintendent Dr. Marlene Davis, and noted their impact in advancing women in leadership roles.

**President Blackmon** also shared the following highlights from Wayne County Schools –

- **Allen Park** – Allen Park High School’s Competitive Cheer Team won the state championship for the third consecutive year.
- **Crestwood** – Crestwood High School senior Hassan E. earned the Outstanding Delegate Award at the Harvard Model United Nations.
- **Detroit** – DPSCD high school students were recognized at the Detroit Pistons Black Excellence Scholarship Competition. Poster Contest winners included Cherokee B. (Marygrove High School), Kamern B. (Detroit School of Arts), and Kylie T. (Renaissance High School). Poetry Contest winners included Kady R. (Marygrove High School), Meaduex W. (Renaissance High School), and Leonard S. (Davis Aerospace Technical High School).
- **Ecorse** – Ecorse High School senior Ta’sha M. was selected to participate in the 2026 Drone Discovery Series at Schoolcraft College, a 12-week program providing hands-on flight experience and preparation for FAA Part 107 Remote Pilot Certification.
- **Garden City** – Garden City High School’s Air Force JROTC program was recognized as a Program of Distinction by the U.S. Air Force. The program is one of three in Michigan and provides students with leadership, discipline, teamwork, and community service opportunities.
- **Livonia** – The Livonia United Girls High School Hockey Team, representing Churchill, Franklin, and Stevenson High Schools, won the state championship, marking the first in program history.
- **Melvindale-Northern Allen Park** – The Melvindale High School Drone Team, led by Ms. Bizzari, earned the Innovative Vehicle Design award at the Square One Drone Competition.
- **Northville** – Northville students Benjamin H. and Amogh M. were named recipients of the Michigan High School Athletic Association Scholar-Athlete Award.
- **Plymouth-Canton** – Plymouth High School senior Alyana Q. was selected as an Eastern Michigan University Presidential Scholarship recipient, covering full tuition, room, and board.
- **Woodhaven-Brownstown** – Wegienka Elementary 4th-grade student Audrey N. was named the 2026 Future Chefs grand prize winner for her dish, Audrey’s Famous Fajitas, in the Sodexo competition.

**H. Communications** – No communications were submitted to the Board.

**I. Special Presentations**

- 1. Wayne County Partnership Districts & Identified Schools Progress** - Dr. Markita Hall, Executive Director of Educational Services, along with Roslyn Ruffin and Kevin Siefker, Educational Improvement Consultants, and Mari Treece, Executive Director of Educational Services, presented an overview of progress in Wayne County partnership districts and identified schools. The presentation highlighted Wayne RESA's tiered support model focused on capacity building, collaboration, and sustained district improvement. Presenters reported a reduction in the number of Comprehensive Support and Improvement (CSI) schools in Wayne County and noted early indicators of progress, including strengthened instructional monitoring, increased use of data to inform decisions, improved attendance strategies, and stronger alignment between district and school improvement plans.

The team also shared examples of district progress, including schools demonstrating measurable gains in student achievement and exiting partnership status through focused leadership, strategic partnerships, and consistent data-driven practices. Key lessons learned included the importance of clear communication, aligned support systems, and leadership stability. Presenters outlined next steps, including the implementation of the Instructional Impact Collaborative and the use of a countywide instructional framework to strengthen teaching and learning practices, increase coherence across districts, and support long-term, sustainable improvement outcomes for students.

- 2. Safe & Healthy Schools: Comprehensive School Safety** - Terri Czerwinski, Director of Safe & Healthy Schools, along with Jamie Eathorne, School Health Consultant, Joe Kehoe, School Safety Liaison, and Vanessa Long, School Nurse Consultant, presented an overview of Wayne RESA's comprehensive school safety efforts, highlighting a prevention-focused approach that includes preparedness, response, and recovery. The presentation outlined internal safety initiatives such as the completion of Wayne RESA's Emergency Operations Plan, security system upgrades, implementation of mobile emergency first aid kits, staff safety training, and ongoing safety drills. Presenters also reviewed recent legislative requirements related to standardized emergency response terminology, behavioral threat assessment and management teams, cardiac emergency response plans, and school-based medical emergency response teams.

The team reported that Wayne RESA continues to support districts through professional learning, technical assistance, and network-building efforts, including threat assessment training, PREPaRE workshops, Medical Emergency Response Team training, and the School Safety Liaison Network. The presentation noted that 596 participants across 51 LEAs and PSAs have been trained in threat assessment models since the 2023–24 school year, 143 Wayne County school staff have completed Medical Emergency Response Team training, 87 Wayne RESA staff were certified internally in CPR/AED/Stop the Bleed, and 142 participants across 26 LEAs and PSAs have been trained in PREPaRE workshops. Presenters also shared next steps for 2026–27, including a combined Comprehensive School Safety Community of Practice and development of a foundational

training course for School Resource Officers.

## **J. Superintendent's Report**

### **Senior Executive Director of Legislative Affairs, Mike Latvis**

Mr. Latvis provided an update on the state budget and legislative activity, noting that current advocacy efforts remain focused on reducing the proposed \$540 million transfer from the School Aid Fund to higher education and redirecting those funds toward an inflationary increase to the foundation allowance and retirement cost support for districts. Early indications from both the House and Senate suggest movement in that direction, along with continued progress toward implementing elements of the School Finance Research Collaborative (SFRC) recommendations, particularly related to English learners and at-risk students. Mr. Latvis emphasized the importance of adopting a finalized state budget by July 1, as delays beyond that date could negatively impact school funding outcomes.

Mr. Latvis also reported ongoing engagement with legislators on multiple budget line items and shared that superintendents across Wayne County remain actively involved in advocacy efforts, including a planned K-12 Alliance advocacy day in Lansing. From a policy perspective, he highlighted proposed legislation requiring extensive LETRS literacy training for K-5 educators, noting concerns regarding cost, implementation timelines, staffing capacity, and the limitation to a single vendor. While revisions to the bill have addressed some concerns, additional discussions continue, including the possibility of incorporating the requirement into the state budget.

### **Deputy Superintendent of Administrative Services, Kelly Bohl**

Ms. Bohl provided an update on operational and compliance matters, including a recent data incident involving the MISTAR student information system. A vendor software update caused third-party integrations to receive disorganized data across districts. While the issue caused temporary access disruptions, it was quickly resolved, and it was confirmed that no confidential information was exposed or accessed by unauthorized users. The vendor rolled back the update the same day, and districts were supported in restoring normal system functionality.

Ms. Bohl also reported that Wayne RESA received a prevailing wage complaint related to recent projects; however, all work was completed in compliance with applicable laws, and the requested documentation has been submitted with no anticipated issues. Additionally, she shared that board policy updates are forthcoming based on guidance from legal counsel, including adjustments to website accessibility standards. These updates will be shared with the Board and presented for review and approval in the coming months.

### **Assistant Superintendent of Financial Services, Drew McMechan**

Mr. McMechan provided a brief update noting that the budget development process for the 2026-27 fiscal year will begin next month. He shared that a preliminary budget presentation will be provided to support meeting the May 1 deadline for submission to constituent districts.

### **Superintendent Dr. Daveda Colbert**

Dr. Colbert shared:

- March Madness signals the transition into the fourth quarter of the school year. March is recognized and celebrated as Reading Month while continuing to encourage literacy each and

every day. It is always inspiring to spend time in classrooms across the county, and Dr. Colbert had the opportunity to visit classrooms in the city of Dearborn, including The Dearborn Academy and Dearborn Public Schools' McDonald Elementary School. It was a grateful time spent with kindergartners and third graders.

- Women's History Month is also recognized as a time to acknowledge and celebrate the achievements, leadership, and contributions of women who have shaped our communities, our country, and our world. In March 2026, the theme "Leading the Change: Women Shaping a Sustainable Future" is honored. Opportunities such as Wayne RESA's Women's History Breakfast ensure that women's contributions are remembered, inspire future generations of leaders, and elevate women's voices, leadership, and influence. During this month, we honor the women who came before us and those alongside us today, while we educate, inspire, connect, and envision a future in which women's leadership remains central to thriving communities, including education.
- As one of the Wayne County Tribe of Women Superintendents, Dr. Colbert was honored to join four colleagues in the *Getting to the Core* podcast, a Wayne RESA-sponsored podcast hosted by Dr. Carla Postell and Vonetta Clark-Tooles, Educational Improvement Consultants. Participating superintendents included Amy Conway (Gibraltar), Dr. Andrea Tuttle (Grosse Pointe), Dr. Catherine Cost (Interim Superintendent, Wayne-Westland), and Dr. Monica Merritt (Plymouth-Canton). The podcast, recorded in February and published in March, was a meaningful conversation. Participation reflects a commitment to service, sharing stories, and providing content that encourage and inspire school communities.
- Dr. Colbert acknowledged a deep appreciation for the women whose shoulders she stands on, including Dr. Doris Hope Jackson, Dr. Connie Calloway, Dr. Emma Epps, Dr. Sandra Harris, Dr. Wanda Cook-Robinson, Dr. Stephanie Burrage, Dr. Vickie Markovitch, and Dr. Marlene Davis. Many of these leaders were included in her dissertation. She also recognized the men who poured into her through mentorship, sponsorship, inspiration, and encouragement, including Dr. William Keane, former Berkley and Oakland Schools superintendent and doctoral program advisor; Superintendent Chris Wigent; Superintendent Mike Flanagan; and Dr. Randy Liepa.
- Dr. Colbert shared that she remains humble and honored to serve as Superintendent of Wayne RESA and does not take the responsibility lightly. The expectations for impact are real, and the importance of influence, credibility, partnership, follow through, and relational trust are significant. Wayne RESA continues to provide intensive support and guidance for more than 43 communities, including 33 school districts and 97 public school academies, serving approximately 261,000 students. Each student matters. The standard of care remains excellent, with a deliberate focus on areas for continuous improvement, which is actively acknowledged and reinforced across the organization each day.
- Every member of the Wayne RESA family plays a vital role in the organization's success and in the support we provide to our constituents. Success is grounded in relational trust, credibility, follow-through, and ongoing support. This work is complex, as not all systems and structures are positioned for immediate progress. While funding is a contributing factor, systemic barriers also persist. Every district is deeply committed to its students, though some require additional support and guidance. Wayne RESA remains committed to both pushing forward and partnering with districts, recognizing that while this work is challenging, it is essential to ensure that no child or generation is left behind.
- RESA is proud to partner and celebrate with our community partners, such as SEMCA, celebrating its 30th anniversary. This milestone reflects thousands of lives changed through workforce development, training, and career services, and highlights the importance of continued collaboration and innovation.

- RESA was also proud to partner and celebrate with the United Way for Southeastern Michigan at the 10th Annual Women of Influence Summit in Detroit. This work empowers local women, supports early childhood education, and strengthens families. The event honored leaders, including Governor Gretchen Whitmer, City of Detroit Mayor Mary Sheffield, and the Honorable Alice Thompson, with proceeds benefiting vital community programs aligned with Wayne RESA's mission.
- Congratulations were extended to Chief Deputy Superintendent Dr. Sue Carnell of the Michigan Department of Education for 40 years of exemplary service. She was honored by the Wayne RESA Board of Education and the Wayne County Association of School Boards Executive Board and membership. The recognition resonated deeply, reflecting Dr. Carnell's impact across Wayne County and the state of Michigan.
- Special thanks were extended to Redford Service Learning Academy, CEO Maurice Evans, and the school community for inviting Dr. Colbert to participate in the Evans Effect podcast livestream alongside Superintendent Dr. Derrick Coleman (River Rouge Schools). The discussion highlighted early childhood education, pathways into the education profession, Grow Your Own programs in partnership with Eastern Michigan University and Wayne State University, Talent Together, the Michigan Educator Workforce Initiative (MEWI), and the teacher training lab at the new Wayne RESA Early Childhood Center launching in fall 2026. The program will air on Channel 56 in two 30-minute segments.
  - Career and technical education opportunities across the county were also emphasized, including regional aviation, aeronautics, and aerospace initiatives in partnership with the Wayne County Executive's Office and constituent districts.
- RESA is excited to celebrate the first cohort of 36 students graduating from Eastern Michigan University with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) and Cognitive Impairment (CI) endorsements on Thursday, April 23 at 5:30 p.m. at Wayne RESA.
- Appreciation was extended to the Educational Services department, including the Educational Improvement and Content and Assessment teams, for their leadership in the Instructional Impact Collaborative held at the Ted Scott Belleville Campus of Wayne County Community College District. Gratitude was also extended to UnboundEd for its strong partnership and to CEO Lacey Robinson for serving as a dynamic keynote speaker.
- RESA Board members were encouraged to attend upcoming school visits on Tuesday, April 21, featuring career technical education programs in South Redford School District and Ecorse Public Schools. They were also asked to mark their calendars for Thursday, April 30, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. at the William D. Ford Career Technical Center in Wayne-Westland Community Schools for the MASB Award Ceremony.
- Congratulations to the Wayne RESA Board of Education as a 2025 Whole Board Award Recipient of the Distinguished Achievement Award, and to Wayne County school boards having more than 70 Individual Board Award Recipients. These recognitions reflect a continued commitment to ensuring public education remains the backbone of our country.

#### **K. Approval of Consent Agenda**

Member Petrie, with support from Member Funderburg, moved to approve the Consent Agenda, as presented.

Items include approval of:

1. Superintendent's Recommendations
2. Minutes from February 18, 2026, Regular Board Meeting
3. Minutes from February 18, 2026, Study Session

4. February WRESA Check Register
5. Outstanding Investments, Revenues & Expenditures
6. Pre and Post Travel – March

The motion passed with a voice vote of 4-0.

**202-25-26**

The Board approved the following internal applicant(s) for the position(s):

- Jenni Munroe, Business Services – Business Analyst, effective March 10, 2026

**203-25-26**

The Board approved the following external applicant(s) for the position(s):

- Qasem Yousef, Building Operations Assistant I, effective April 6, 2026

**204-25-26**

The Board approved the following leave(s):

- Daymon Tabako, Building Operations Lead, Family/Medical Leave, effective March 3, 2026

**205-25-26**

The Board approved the following return from leave(s):

- Nick Mulka, Building Operations Assistant, Family/Medical Leave, effective February 19, 2026

**206-25-26**

The Board authorized a purchase from E7 Solutions, Troy, MI 48046 for one year of software licenses and maintenance for Jira Service Manager Data Center for a total not to exceed \$110,398. The renewal is for the period of April 22, 2026, through April 22, 2027.

**207-25-26**

The Board authorized purchases from Integrow Numeracy Solutions for assessment and intervention kits (Add+Vantage Numeracy Foundations, Add+Vantage Addition and Subtraction Concepts, and Add+Vantage Course 2) and training (AddVantage Champion) in an amount not to exceed \$85,000 for the period March 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026.

**208-25-26**

The Board authorized a purchase from Nutty Scientists of SE Michigan (Nutty Scientists) of Canton, Michigan for Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) kits in an amount not to exceed \$64,110 for the period January 31, 2026 through August 31, 2026.

**209-25-26**

The Board 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, February 1, 2026 – February 28, 2026:

Mary Blackmon	\$450.10	Lynda Jackson	\$ 65.25
Danielle Funderburg	\$ 28.13	James Petrie	\$180.20

**210-25-26**

The Board authorized payment to the following districts for the 2026 summer learning initiatives in the amounts indicated, for a total amount not to exceed \$521,000 for the period February 1, 2026 through September 30, 2026.

<b>Districts</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Dearborn City School District	\$100,000
Detroit Academy of Arts and Science	\$40,000
Detroit Public Schools Community District	\$156,000
Detroit Service Learning Academy	\$75,000
Redford Union Schools, District No. 1	\$50,000
School District of the City of Lincoln Park	\$50,000
Southgate Community School District	\$50,000
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$521,000</b>

**211-25-26**

The Board authorized payment of the Administrative Outreach Program Medicaid Claim reimbursement to the following local School Districts and Public-School Academies for services to Medicaid-eligible students, in the amount of \$736,979.74.

<b>DISTRICT/LEA</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>	<b>DISTRICT/LEA</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
Allen Park Public Schools	\$13,839.96	Old Redford Academy	\$3,852.95
Crestwood School District	\$18,615.54	Plymouth-Canton Community Schools	\$42,825.24
Dearborn Heights School District #7	\$17,147.89	Redford Union Schools, District No. 1	\$24,746.16
Dearborn City School District	\$73,238.25	School District of the City of River Rouge	\$5,593.37
Detroit Service-Learning Academy	\$4,130.25	Riverview Community School District	\$4,966.80
Ecorse Public Schools	\$2,467.84	Romulus Community Schools	\$3,842.84
Flat Rock Community Schools	\$8,179.97	South Redford School District	\$10,173.45
Garden City Public Schools	\$35,270.42	Southgate Community School District	\$16,164.95
Gibraltar School District	\$10,917.44	Summit Academy – North	\$2,948.50
Grosse Ile Township Schools	\$10,043.31	Taylor School District	\$24,831.61
Grosse Pointe Public Schools	\$29,526.08	Trenton Public Schools	\$17,232.71
School District of the City of Hamtramck	\$13,159.82	The James and Grace Lee Boggs School	\$709.31
School District of the City of Harper Woods	\$1,612.45	Trillium Academy	\$262.53
Huron School District	\$10,340.58	Van Buren Public Schools	\$12,386.11
School District of the City of Lincoln Park	\$88,118.96	Wayne-Westland Community School District	\$59,385.84
Livonia Public Schools School District	\$34,296.32	Westwood Community School District	\$11,106.28

Melvindale-North Allen Park Schools	\$15,691.65	Woodhaven-Brownstown School District	\$40,688.12
Northville Public Schools	\$31,417.76	School District of the City of Wyandotte	\$37,248.48
		<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$736,979.74</b>

**212-25-26**

The Board authorized administration to execute a contract with Bayview Electric Company, LLC of Redford, MI for electrical services at Wayne RESA's (WRESA) Education Center, Burger Baylor, and the Annex building in the amount not to exceed \$60,000 for the period of March 18, 2026 through June 30, 2026.

**213-25-26**

The Board authorized administration to enter into a contract with Enviro-Clean Services, Inc., Holland, MI, for custodial services at Wayne RESA's (WRESA) Education Center, Burger Baylor, and the Annex building in the amount not to exceed \$1,126,000 for the period of July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027.

**214-25-26**

The Board authorized administration to enter into a renewal contract with Follett Software Company in Chicago, Illinois for Destiny Library Software building licenses for Wayne County schools along with annual support in an amount not to exceed \$325,000 for the period July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027.

**215-25-26**

The Board authorized administration to enter into a renewal contract with Discovery Education of Charlotte, North Carolina for 2026-2027 license fees and annual support for Discovery Education Streaming in an amount not to exceed \$140,000 for the period July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027.

**216-25-26**

The Board authorized administration to enter into contracts with the following recipients for one-time payments for Round 1 start-up funding for the Great Start Readiness Programs (GSRP) in the amounts indicated, for a total amount not to exceed \$39,120 for the period December 1, 2025 through September 30, 2026.

Subrecipient	Legal Vendor Name	Amount
International Child Care Center	INTERNATIONAL CHILD CARE CENTER INTERNATIONAL LANGUAGE SOLUTIONS	\$19,560
Nene's Little Angel's Daycare LLC	NENE'S LITTLE ANGELS DAYCARE LCC	\$19,560
	<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$39,120</b>

**217-25-26**

The Board authorized administration to amend Board Recommendation 182-25-26 with Barton Malow, Southfield, MI for the Wayne RESA (WRESA) Annex conference center renovation project to correct a typographical error in the contingency amount previously stated. The Board authorizes an amount not to exceed \$9,176,430 which includes \$7,204,294 for construction trades, 15% contingency plus \$60,000 for the main stairway enclosure for a total contingency of **\$1,140,644**; \$102,068 for architectural and civil design, and \$729,424 for CM labor costs, general liability insurance and fees.

**218-25-26**

The Board authorized an amendment to Board Recommendation #165-24-25 to increase Flat Rock Community Schools’ allocation for purchasing and implementing high-quality mathematics instructional material program from \$29,264.24 to \$32,264.24 for the period February 1, 2026, through June 30, 2026.

**219-25-26**

The Board authorized an amendment to Board Recommendation #54-25-26 to alter an agreement with Livonia Public Schools School District for the implementation of Early On activities from \$740,375 to \$760,690 for the period October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2026.

**220-25-26**

The Board authorized an amendment to Board Recommendation #147-25-26 to amend the following Strong Beginnings operating allocations in the amounts indicated, for a total amount not to exceed \$1,396,800 for the period July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026.

<b>Subrecipient</b>	<b>Legal Vendor Name</b>	<b>Original Amount</b>	<b>Amended Amount</b>
American International Academy	AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY	\$181,440	\$181,440
Children’s Garden LLC	CHILDREN'S GARDEN LLC	\$181,440	\$181,440
Dearborn City School District	DEARBORN PUBLIC SCHOOLS	\$362,880	\$362,880
Empowered Community Outreach Services/Empowered CO	EMPOWERED COMMUNITY OUTREACH SERVICES/EMPOWERE D CO	\$181,440	\$181,440
Focus Hope	FOCUS HOPE	\$132,000	\$126,720
Growing Minds Learning Center INC.	GROWING MINDS LEARNING CENTER INC	\$181,440	\$181,440
Van Buren Public Schools	VAN BUREN PUBLIC SCHOOLS	\$181,440	\$181,440
<b>Total:</b>		<b>\$1,402,080</b>	<b>\$1,396,800</b>

**221-25-26**

The Board authorized an amendment to Board Recommendation #180-25-26 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 \$106,054 for the period July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026.

<b>Educational Entities</b>	<b>Original Amount</b>	<b>Amended Amount</b>
Advanced Technology Academy	\$21,081.11	\$20,027.00
Gibraltar School District	\$2,714.67	\$2,579.00
Grosse Ile Township Schools	\$7,555.11	\$7,177.00
Livonia Public Schools School District	\$9,284.62	\$8,821.00
Riverview Community School District	\$11,075.63	\$10,522.00
Southgate Community School District	\$15,241.46	\$14,479.00

Trenton Public Schools	\$27,602.57	\$26,233.00
Wayne RESA	\$0.00	\$5,292.00
Woodhaven-Brownstown School District	\$11,498.79	\$10,924.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$106,053.96</b>	<b>\$106,054.00</b>

**222-25-26**

The Board authorized an amendment to Board Recommendation #197-25-26 to amend the following subrecipient contracts for one-time payments for Round 3 start-up funding for the Great Start Readiness Program (GSRP) in the amounts indicated, for a total amount not to exceed \$3,059,200 for the period July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026.

Subrecipient	Legal Vendor Name	Original Amount	Amended Amount
Agape Love Child Care Center, LLC	AGAPE LOVE CHILD CARE CENTER, LLC	\$40,000	\$40,000
Al-Wali Child Care Center	AL- WALI CHILD CARE CENTER	\$17,900	\$17,900
Alawie Educational Service	ALAWIE EDUCATIONAL SERVICES	\$35,800	\$35,800
Al Hadi Child Care Center INC	AL HADI CHILD CARE CENTER INC	\$17,900	\$17,900
ALL B Home Daycare	ALL B HOME DAYCARE	\$17,900	\$0
Blessed Beginnings Learning Center	BLESSED BEGINNINGS LEARNING CENTER	\$35,800	\$35,800
Bridge Academy	BRIDGE ACADEMY	\$40,000	\$40,000
Bright Beginnings Montessori Child Development Center	BRIGHT BEGINNINGS MONTESSORI-MONTESSORI CHILD DEVE	\$53,700	\$53,700
Children'z Place 2	CHILDREN'Z PLACE 2	\$17,900	\$17,900
Childrens Paradise Learning Center Inc.	CHILDRENS PARADISE LEARNING CENTER INC.	\$107,400	\$107,400
Childtime Childcare, Inc.	CHILDTIME CHILDCARE, INC	\$120,000	\$120,000
Creative Montessori Academy	CREATIVE MONTESSORI ACADEMY	\$40,000	\$40,000
Cross Bridge Action Network	CROSSBRIDGE ACTION NETWORK	\$17,900	\$17,900
Early Childhood University	EARLY CHILDHOOD UNIVERSITY PLAY TIME DAY CARE LLC	\$40,000	\$40,000
Empowered Community Learning Center	EMPOWERED COMMUNITY OUTREACH SERVICES/EMPOWERED CO	\$17,900	\$17,900
Focus Hope	FOCUS HOPE	\$80,000	\$80,000
Garden City Public Schools	GARDEN CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS	\$161,100	\$161,100

Greater Ebenezer Miss BPT Church Childcare Greater Ebenezer Christian Child Care Center & KIN	GREATER EBENEZER MISS BPT CHURCH CHILDCARE GREATER EBENEZER CHRISTIAN CHILD CARE CENTER & KIN	\$17,900	\$17,900
Hanley International Academy	HANLEY INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY	\$35,800	\$35,800
High Achievers Montessori Learning Center, L.L.C.	HIGH ACHIEVERS MONTESSORI LEARNING CENTER	\$40,000	\$40,000
Himawari Preschool, L.L.C.	HIMAWARI PRESCHOOL LLC	\$40,000	\$40,000
Inkster Preparatory Academy	INKSTER PREPARATORY ACADEMY	\$40,000	\$40,000
International Child Care Center	INTERNATIONAL CHILD CARE CENTER INTERNATIONAL LANGUAGE SOLUTIONS	\$19,650	\$0
Island Kiddie Kampus Child Development Center, Inc.	ISLAND KIDDIE. KAMPUS. CHILD DEVELOPMENT. CENTER.	\$40,000	\$40,000
It Takes a Village Academy LLC	IT TAKES A VILLAGE ACADEMY LLC	\$40,000	\$40,000
IXL Northville, LLC	IXL NORTHVILLE, LLC	\$40,000	\$40,000
IXL Plymouth LLC	IXL PLYMOUTH, LLC	\$40,000	\$40,000
Kids-In-Zion Greater Mount Zion Missionary Baptist Church	KIDS-IN-ZION GREATER MOUNT ZION MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH	\$80,000	\$80,000
KUEHG Corp - KinderCare Education LLC	KUEHG CORP	\$120,000	\$120,000
Little Hearts Learning Home LLC	LITTLE HEARTS LEARNING HOME	\$40,000	\$40,000
Meadowbank Inc.	MEADOWBANK INC.	\$40,000	\$40,000
Nene's Little Angel's Daycare LLC	NENE'S LITTLE ANGELS DAYCARE LCC	\$19,650	\$0
Northville Public Schools	NORTHVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS	\$160,000	\$160,000
Oakland International Academy	OAKLAND INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY	\$40,000	\$40,000
Plymouth-Canton Community Schools	PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS	\$480,000	\$480,000
Premier MI Brownstown LLC	PREMIER MI BROWNSTOWN LLC	\$40,000	\$40,000

Prosperity Early Learning Center LLC	PROSPERITY EARLY LEARNING CENTER LLC	\$40,000	\$40,000
R.A.C.E Reaching All Children Equally	R.A.C.E Reaching All Children Equally	\$35,800	\$35,800
Rhemas Child Care Center	RHEMAS CHILD CARE CENTER	\$17,900	\$17,900
Riverview Community School District	RIVERVIEW COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT	\$75,800	\$75,800
Someplace Else Learning Factory LLC	SOMEPLACE ELSE LEARNING FACTORY LLC	\$40,000	\$0
Southgate Community School District	SOUTHGATE COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT	\$89,500	\$89,500
Spreading Light Ministry	SPREADING SERVICES LTD.	\$40,000	\$40,000
Starfish Family Services	STARFISH FAMILY SERVICES	\$80,000	\$80,000
Summit Academy North	SUMMIT ACADEMY NORTH	\$57,900	\$57,900
The Basilica Of Saint Mary Montessori Academy	The Basilica Of Saint Mary Montessori Academy	\$40,000	\$40,000
The Goddard School of Canton	THE GODDARD SCHOOL OF CANTON	\$80,000	\$80,000
The Learning Tree Child Care Center, INC South	The Learning Tree Child Care Center, INC South	\$40,000	\$40,000
The Learning Tree Child Care Center, INC West	THE LEARNING TREE-WEST	\$40,000	\$40,000
Trillium Academy	TRILLIUM ACADEMY	\$35,800	\$35,800
Tutor Time Learning Care LLC	TUTOR TIME LEARNING CENTERS LLC	\$40,000	\$40,000
Village of Shiny Stars Child Care Center	VILLAGE OF SHINY STARS CHILD CARE CENTER	\$17,900	\$17,900
Wayne Metropolitan Community Action Agency	WAYNE METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY	\$80,000	\$80,000
Wayne State University	WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY	\$35,800	\$71,600
<b>Total:</b>		<b>\$3,120,600</b>	<b>\$3,059,200</b>

**223-25-26**

The Board authorized an amendment to Board Recommendation #43-25-26 to Act 18 payments to school districts operating special education center programs, to be paid in ten monthly installments for estimated allowable costs in the amounts indicated, for a total amount not to exceed \$164,537,517 for the 2025-26 fiscal year.

DISTRICT/LEA	Original Amount	Amended Amount
Allen Park Public Schools	\$844,603	\$894,167

Dearborn City School District	\$18,281,789	\$17,703,034
Detroit Public Schools Community District	\$47,668,956	\$37,712,005
Garden City Public Schools	\$8,042,657	\$7,056,565
Grosse Pointe Public Schools	\$7,421,255	\$6,619,837
Huron School District	\$2,128,719	\$2,140,804
School District of the City of Lincoln Park	\$19,838,797	\$17,914,973
Livonia Public Schools School District	\$14,412,501	\$13,239,281
Northville Public Schools	\$6,699,467	\$6,779,998
Plymouth-Canton Community Schools	\$7,672,497	\$7,346,454
Redford Union Schools, District No. 1	\$6,854,146	\$6,943,162
South Redford School District	\$1,043,078	\$1,028,281
Taylor School District	\$3,432,058	\$3,421,315
Trenton Public Schools	\$2,865,973	\$2,954,210
Van Buren Public Schools	\$2,038,007	\$1,872,222
Wayne-Westland Community School District	\$13,357,136	\$13,379,959
Westwood Community School District	\$211,337	\$355,149
Woodhaven-Brownstown School District	\$5,716,536	\$5,270,768
School District of the City of Wyandotte	\$14,753,249	\$14,702,781
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$183,282,762</b>	<b>\$164,537,517</b>

**224-25-26**

The Board authorized an amendment to Board Recommendation #61-25-26 to adjust 2025-26 Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) Flowthrough allocations to local Public-School Academies (PSAs) for utilization of Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) Flowthrough funds for the period of July 1, 2025, through September 30, 2026.

<b>Public School Academy (PSA) IDEA Flowthrough 2025-26</b>	<b>Original Amount</b>	<b>Amended Amount</b>
Academy for Business and Technology	\$145,656	\$145,656
Achieve Charter Academy	\$97,020	\$97,020
Achieve-Detroit	\$0	\$66,402
Advanced Technology Academy	\$179,172	\$179,172
American International Academy	\$183,456	\$183,456
American Montessori Academy	\$147,609	\$147,609
Barack Obama Leadership Academy	\$73,521	\$73,521
Branch Line School	\$49,266	\$49,266
Bridge Academy	\$85,680	\$85,680
Caniff Liberty Academy	\$25,704	\$25,704
Canton Charter Academy	\$157,752	\$157,752
Canton Preparatory High School	\$104,958	\$104,958
Capstone Academy Charter School (SDA)	\$128,520	\$128,520
Cesar Chavez Academy	\$695,079	\$695,079
Chandler Park Academy	\$220,563	\$220,563
Clara B. Ford Academy (SDA)	\$66,402	\$66,402
Commonwealth Community Development Academy	\$17,136	\$17,136

Cornerstone Jefferson-Douglass Academy	\$79,254	\$79,254
Covenant Schools Detroit	\$289,170	\$289,170
Creative Montessori Academy	\$335,538	\$335,538
David Ellis Academy	\$19,278	\$19,278
David Ellis Academy West	\$118,377	\$118,377
Detroit Academy of Arts and Sciences	\$144,900	\$144,900
Detroit Achievement Academy	\$166,320	\$166,320
Detroit Community Schools	\$119,952	\$119,952
Detroit Edison Public School Academy	\$146,286	\$146,286
Detroit Enterprise Academy	\$139,230	\$139,230
Detroit Innovation Academy	\$64,197	\$64,197
Detroit Leadership Academy	\$201,348	\$201,348
Detroit Merit Charter Academy	\$131,355	\$131,355
Detroit Premier Academy	\$137,781	\$137,781
Detroit Public Safety Academy	\$62,118	\$62,118
Detroit Service Learning Academy	\$265,482	\$265,482
Discovery Creative Pathways	\$136,332	\$136,332
Dove Academy of Detroit	\$111,384	\$111,384
Escuela Avancemos	\$41,391	\$41,391
Flagship Charter Academy	\$106,344	\$106,344
Fostering Leadership Academy	\$21,420	\$21,420
Frontier International Academy	\$82,719	\$82,719
George Crockett Academy	\$84,231	\$84,231
George Washington Carver Academy	\$65,646	\$65,646
Global Heights Academy	\$69,867	\$69,867
Hamtramck Academy	\$47,124	\$47,124
Hanley International Academy	\$159,894	\$159,894
Henry Ford Academy	\$111,384	\$111,384
Highland Park Public School Academy System	\$74,907	\$74,907
Hope Academy	\$91,350	\$91,350
Hope of Detroit Academy	\$301,896	\$301,896
Inkster Preparatory Academy	\$25,704	\$25,704
Ivywood Classical Academy	\$116,361	\$116,361
Jalen Rose Leadership Academy	\$107,100	\$107,100
Joy Preparatory Academy	\$17,136	\$17,136
Keystone Academy	\$172,620	\$172,620
KIPP Detroit Imani Academy	\$25,704	\$40,635
Legacy Charter Academy	\$125,622	\$125,622
Lincoln-King Adams-Young Academy	\$289,170	\$289,170
MacDowell Preparatory Academy	\$64,260	\$64,260
Madison-Carver Academy	\$57,834	\$82,782
Martin Luther King, Jr. Education Center Academy	\$12,852	\$12,852
Metro Charter Academy	\$122,031	\$122,031

Michigan Educational Choice Center	\$32,823	\$32,823
New Paradigm College Prep	\$26,397	\$26,397
New Paradigm Glazer-Loving Academy	\$34,272	\$34,272
Oakland International Academy	\$87,822	\$87,822
Old Redford Academy	\$159,201	\$159,201
Pathways Academy	\$38,556	\$38,556
Pembroke Academy	\$58,464	\$58,464
Plymouth Scholars Charter Academy	\$165,501	\$165,501
Quest Charter Academy	\$211,302	\$211,302
Regent Park Scholars Charter Academy	\$147,798	\$147,798
Riverside Academy	\$72,828	\$72,828
Rutherford Winans Academy	\$34,965	\$34,965
SER YouthBuild Learning Academy	\$55,692	\$55,692
South Canton Scholars Charter Academy	\$175,455	\$175,455
Star International Academy	\$213,381	\$213,381
Summit Academy North	\$578,907	\$578,907
Taylor Exemplar Academy	\$131,985	\$131,985
Taylor Preparatory High School	\$104,958	\$104,958
The Dearborn Academy	\$79,884	\$79,884
The James and Grace Lee Boggs School	\$70,686	\$70,686
Tipton Academy	\$181,251	\$181,251
Trillium Academy	\$283,248	\$283,248
Universal Academy	\$94,185	\$94,185
Universal Learning Academy	\$134,883	\$134,883
University Preparatory Academy (PSAD)	\$515,340	\$515,340
University Preparatory Art & Design	\$369,747	\$369,747
University Preparatory Science and Math (PSAD)	\$311,283	\$311,283
University Yes Academy	\$64,260	\$64,260
Vista Meadows Academy	\$47,124	\$47,124
Voyageur Academy	\$173,502	\$173,502
Warrendale Charter Academy	\$134,883	\$134,883
Washington-Parks Academy	\$74,214	\$74,214
W-A-Y Academy	\$72,828	\$72,828
WAY Michigan	\$42,840	\$42,840
West Village Academy	\$66,402	\$66,402
Westfield Charter Academy	\$341,208	\$341,208
Weston Preparatory Academy	\$85,617	\$85,617
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$12,914,055</b>	<b>\$13,020,336</b>

**225-25-26**

The Board authorized administration to amend Board Recommendation 201-25-26 to update the ISD Collaboration grant based on notification from the Michigan Department of Education that the grant for October 1, 2025 should reflect reimbursement costs associated with “M-V Homeless,” rather than “ARP,” as ARP utilized COVID funding that is no longer available.

Grant	Grantor	Amount	Term	Purpose	Responsible Party
ISD Collaboration	Michigan Department of Education	\$260,000	10/01/2025 - 01/31/2027	Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency (WRESA) (Grantee) is granted from the Michigan Department of Education (MDE) (Grantor) for reimbursement of costs associated with M-V Homeless, expanding the state's compliance with federal requirements and enhancing the capacity at the Intermediate School District (ISD) level to Assist local school districts.	Finance

**L. Action Item(s)**

**1. Superintendent’s Evaluation and Contract Extension**

Member Jackson, supported by Member Funderburg, moved that the Wayne RESA Board of Education approve the effective evaluation of Superintendent Dr. Daveda J. Colbert and amend her 2025 and 2026 employment contract to reflect updated salary information and a one-year extension through June 30, 2031. The remaining terms and conditions of her contract remain the same as those of the previous contract, and the Board authorizes the President and the Secretary of the Board to sign the amended contract, effective July 1, 2026. The motion passed on a voice vote of 4-0.

**M. General Board Comments**

Board members provided comments regarding the Superintendent’s evaluation, expressing appreciation for the breadth and impact of the work occurring across Wayne RESA. Members noted that the evaluation process reflected significant, meaningful work benefiting students, families, and communities, and highlighted the strong performance and dedication of both the Superintendent and the organization’s staff. The Superintendent’s leadership was recognized as effective, knowledgeable, and collaborative, with positive feedback also noted from external partners and stakeholders.

Board members further acknowledged the Superintendent’s visible leadership, contributions to organizational success, and support of the Board’s work. Comments reflected appreciation for Wayne RESA's positive reputation in the community and the team's consistent commitment to high-quality service. Overall, the Board expressed gratitude for the Superintendent’s leadership and the collective efforts of staff in advancing the agency’s mission.

**President Blackmon** shared remarks reflecting on Black History Month, recognizing the legacy and leadership of former Detroit Public Schools Superintendent Dr. Arthur Jefferson. She noted her experience working alongside him during a period of significant growth and innovation within the district, highlighting his leadership as supportive, forward-thinking, and impactful. President Blackmon expressed appreciation for his continued presence and engagement, acknowledging the lasting contributions he made to public education.

**N. Adjournment**

Member Funderburg, with support from Member Petrie, moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed with a voice vote of 5-0. President Blackmon adjourned the meeting at 11:26 a.m.

Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_  
James S. Beri, Secretary