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

Board Study Session
November 4, 2026

MINUTES

A. Call to Order
The Study Session of the Wayne Regional Educational Service Agency Board of Education was called to order by President Danielle Funderburg on November 4, 2026, at 4:31 p.m.

B. Roll Call
Members Present: Danielle Funderburg, Lynda Jackson, and James Petrie
Members Present Virtually: Mary Blackmon
Excused Absence: James Beri
Also present: Dr. Daveda Colbert, Kelly Bohl, Beth Gonzalez, and Drew McMechan

C. Approval of Agenda
Member Jackson, supported by Member Petrie, moved to approve the agenda as presented. On voice vote, the motion carried 3-0.

D. Public Participation - None.

E. Organizational Financial Audit Review
Assistant Superintendent of Financial Services Drew McMechan reviewed the 2025–2026 financial audit and reported an unmodified audit opinion with no findings, material weaknesses, or significant deficiencies. He reviewed the financial statements and fund balances, including planned decreases in the General Fund and Act 18 Fund related to one-time district payments and capital projects. He noted that the financial statements are finalized, while release of the federal single audit remains pending federal compliance guidance.

Mr. McMechan also reviewed budget-to-actual variances, the distribution of funds to constituent districts, and new accounting presentation requirements, including separate reporting for Henry Ford Academy. The independent auditors are scheduled to present their findings at the November Board meeting.

F. Superintendent Discussion Items

- **Wayne County Data Review – Follow-Up Discussion**
  Administration responded to Board questions following the 2026 Wayne County Fall Data Review, addressing the English Learners Progress Index reporting criteria; trends in 11th-grade mathematics and fifth-grade social studies assessments; graduation rate differences among student groups; and state-defined demographic reporting categories. Discussion also included chronic absenteeism, instructional supports, the interpretation of assessment data, and the importance of sustained district improvement efforts and accurate communication of student outcomes.
- **Board Visits**
  Board members expressed interest in future visits to aviation, aeronautics, and aerospace programs, including drone activities, and a return visit to observe classrooms at the Wayne RESA Early Childhood Center. Administration will share potential opportunities and coordinate visits.

G. Board Comments – None.

H. Adjournment
Member Petrie, supported by Member Jackson, moved to adjourn the meeting. On voice vote, the motion carried 3-0. President Funderburg adjourned the meeting at 6:07 p.m.

Submitted by: _____
Lynda S. Jackson, Secretary