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

**Regular Meeting
July 15, 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 Danielle Funderburg on July 15, 2026, at 8:44 a.m.

B. Roll Call

Members Present: James Beri, Mary Blackmon, Danielle Funderburg

Members Absent (excused): Lynda Jackson and James Petrie

C. Pledge of Allegiance

D. Approval of Agenda

Member Blackmon, with support from Member Beri, moved to approve the agenda as presented. The motion passed with a voice vote of 3-0.

E. Public Participation – No public comments were made.

F. President's Remarks and Board Comments

Member Beri recognized two Allen Park students whose artwork was selected for display at the Detroit Institute of Arts. Additional details will be shared during next month's Wayne County Schools Highlights.

President Funderburg shared that she attended the African World Festival and was pleased to see Ecorse High School participating in the event. She recognized the district's efforts to engage with the community and promote public education through its outreach and student recruitment activities.

President Funderburg also shared the following highlights from Wayne County Schools –

- **Crestwood** – Congratulations to Laurel Cash, a teacher at Highview Elementary School, on earning National Board Certification, one of the highest professional credentials an educator can achieve.
- **Crestwood** – Congratulations to David Kuderka's students at Crestwood High School for registering more than 100 new voters. Through attending School Board and City Council meetings and registering their peers to vote, students demonstrated the power of civic engagement and learned firsthand how their actions can create meaningful change.
- **Detroit** – Congratulations to DPSCD students recognized through the Michigan Chronicle & Huntington Bank S.W.A.G. Awards. Six students from Renaissance, Cass Tech, Central, Western International, and Crockett Midtown High Schools each received \$5,000 scholarships. Three students from Renaissance, Frederick Douglass Academy for

Young Men, and Cody High Schools each earned \$10,000 scholarships, and Christen M. from Detroit School of Arts received the program's top award of a \$15,000 scholarship.

- **Garden City** – Congratulations to Ethan A., a Garden City High School senior pitcher and University of Michigan commit, on being named Michigan's Mr. Baseball by the Michigan High School Baseball Coaches Association. The honor follows his recent recognition as Michigan Gatorade Player of the Year.
- **Grosse Pointe** – Congratulations to students from Grosse Pointe South High School who recently returned from a 10-day educational trip to Peru, where they gained a deeper appreciation for history, language, and culture through immersive, firsthand experiences.
- **Plymouth-Canton** – Congratulations to Plymouth-Canton Community Schools on receiving a \$93,500 Innovation Hub Spark Grant to launch the HARVEST Hub Project. The initiative will strengthen local food systems while expanding student access to Michigan-grown foods, reducing food waste, enhancing agriculture and nutrition education, and building partnerships with local farms and community organizations.

Member Blackmon commented on the importance of teaching students about reducing food waste, conservation, and recycling. She expressed hope that more school districts would emphasize environmental stewardship through similar initiatives.

G. Communications – No communications were received.

I. Superintendent's Report

Senior Executive Director of Legislative Affairs, Mike Latvis

Mr. Latvis provided a legislative update on the recently approved 2026–2027 State School Aid Budget and other education policy developments. Highlights included:

- The State School Aid Budget was approved on July 3, ensuring funding was in place prior to the start of the fiscal year. Key budget provisions include:
 - A 2.5% increase in the foundation allowance to **\$10,300** per pupil.
 - A 2.5% increase to Intermediate School District (ISD) Section 81 funding.
 - Increased funding for weighted categories, including English Learners and At-Risk students, along with continued investments in literacy initiatives, high-impact tutoring, before- and after-school programs, and other K-12 supports.
- Ongoing concerns that funding increases do not keep pace with inflation, as well as the continued transfer of School Aid Fund revenues to higher education and scholarship programs, which reduces resources available for K–12 education.
- Several legislative and boilerplate changes supported by education organizations were highlighted, including revisions to school safety and student mental health funding, restoration of limited virtual instruction days for testing and emergencies, and removal or modification of reporting requirements for school districts.
- Recent education policy actions, including the passage of required literacy training legislation for K–5 educators and updates regarding the Governor's veto of several previously delayed education-related bills.
- Projected state budget challenges for the upcoming fiscal year, including anticipated structural deficits and their potential impact on future K-12 education funding and legislative priorities.

Assistant Superintendent of Financial Services, Drew McMechan

Mr. McMechan provided a brief financial update on the 2026–2027 State School Aid Budget as it relates to Wayne RESA. He reported that the approved budget includes a 2.5% increase to Section 81 funding, benefiting Wayne RESA's General Fund. He also noted that no changes were made to the Section 56 millage equalization during the final budget process, despite ongoing advocacy efforts.

Superintendent Dr. Daveda Colbert

Dr. Colbert shared:

- Sincere appreciation was expressed to Immediate Past President Mary Blackmon as she concluded another year serving as President of the Wayne RESA Board of Education. She thanked President Blackmon for her extraordinary 45 years of dedicated service, recognizing her leadership, unwavering commitment, integrity, wisdom, grace, advocacy, and passion for public education. President Blackmon has consistently kept students, families, and communities at the center of her work, strengthening Wayne RESA and creating greater opportunities for students and educators throughout Wayne County. Appreciation was expressed for her enduring legacy and remarkable service to all 43 Wayne County communities.
- Congratulations to the newly elected 2026–2027 Wayne RESA Board of Education officers: President Danielle Funderburg, Vice President James Beri, Secretary Lynda Jackson, and Treasurer James Petrie. Appreciation was extended in advance for their service, noting that their collective commitment to students, public education, collaboration, and excellence positions the Board well for the year ahead, serving Wayne County students, families, and communities.
- July was recognized as the beginning of a new school year, representing new beginnings, new opportunities, and new possibilities for every child entering a public school. More than a quarter of a million Wayne County students will soon enter classrooms ready to learn, grow, discover, create, and thrive. Every scholar deserves access to opportunities that prepare them for success in college, careers, military service, life, and beyond. Public education remains one of the greatest investments communities can make. It is where futures are shaped, leaders are developed, innovation begins, and hope is transformed into opportunity. Wayne County continues to be a pillar of strength, a beacon of hope, and a model for excellence in public education. While we celebrate the extraordinary work taking place across our county, we do so with the understanding that excellence is not a destination but a continuous pursuit. Together, we will build upon our successes, embrace new opportunities, and remain unwavering in our commitment to ensuring every scholar is prepared to thrive in school, in life, and in the workforce.
- Accomplishments highlighted over the past year reflect the strength of the collaborative partnership among Wayne County's local school districts, public school academies, and Wayne RESA. Together, these collective efforts advanced student success by strengthening instructional practices, expanding Career and Technical Education (CTE) opportunities, enhancing workforce development initiatives, increasing access to high-quality early childhood programming, accelerating literacy supports, improving services for students with disabilities, providing comprehensive continuous improvement support, and championing advocacy efforts on behalf of students, educators, and public education throughout Wayne County.
 - These accomplishments underscore a shared commitment to excellence, innovation, and collaboration while reinforcing Wayne County's position as a leader in advancing educational opportunities and positive outcomes for every learner.
- Wayne RESA remains committed to serving as a trusted partner to every district and

educator by building organizational capacity through coherent systems of support grounded in research, driven by data, and centered on student success. This commitment will continue throughout the 2026–2027 school year through expanded professional learning, leadership development, and countywide collaboration.

- High-quality professional learning opportunities designed to strengthen instructional excellence and improve student outcomes will continue throughout the 2026–2027 school year. Educators were encouraged to explore the newly released professional learning catalog and take advantage of the many learning opportunities available.
- Leadership development opportunities will continue as Wayne County invests in current and aspiring leaders who lead with courage, vision, and integrity. Countywide professional networks will continue bringing educators together to collaborate, solve challenges collectively, and share promising practices that benefit students, families, educators, and communities across Wayne County.
- Wayne RESA will continue expanding meaningful career pathway opportunities through Career and Technical Education programs and regional aviation, aeronautics, and aerospace initiatives while strengthening early learning opportunities from birth through adulthood. Continued focus will also remain on literacy, mathematics, student well-being, Multi-tiered Systems of Support (MTSS), instructional excellence, and advocacy at local, state, and national levels.
- Wayne County welcomes three new superintendents: Mike Esseily, Dearborn Public Schools; Dr. Roy Bishop, Jr., Grosse Pointe Public School System; and Matthew Salah, Woodhaven-Brownstown School District. Leadership transitions were recognized as significant milestones, and all new educational leaders joining Wayne County were welcomed into the countywide educational family.
- The strength of Wayne County lies in its willingness to work together. Districts celebrate one another's successes, support one another through challenges, and share innovative practices so that every student benefits from high-quality educational opportunities. As the new school year begins, Dr. Colbert encouraged everyone to continue standing together, standing tall, and growing stronger through collaboration. She emphasized the importance of continuing to invest in one another, recognizing that great organizations are built by leaders who develop other leaders. Most importantly, she reminded everyone to remain focused on the purpose of the work, noting that every decision ultimately impacts a child, creates opportunities, and strengthens the future of Wayne County. She expressed confidence that Wayne County is ready for the 2026–2027 school year and looks forward to another amazing year of leadership, service, collaboration, and excellence.

J. Approval of Consent Agenda

Member Beri, with support from Member Blackmon, moved to approve the Consent Agenda, as presented.

Items include approval of:

1. Superintendent's Recommendations
2. Minutes from June 10, 2026, Budget Presentation
3. Minutes from June 10, 2026, Regular Board Meeting
4. June WRESA Check Register
5. Outstanding Investments, Revenues & Expenditures
6. Pre and Post Travel – July 2026

The motion passed with a voice vote of 3-0.

1-26-27

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

- Amy Wischow, Student Application Business Analyst, effective July 20, 2026
- Allison Agee, Application Support Technician, effective July 22, 2026
- Laura Sirianni, Application Support Technician, effective July 22, 2026

2-26-27

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

- Lisa Dean, Educational Improvement Consultant, effective July 21, 2026
- Andrea Krueger, Student Application Business Analyst, effective July 22, 2026
- Olivia Thompson-Tinsley, Administrative Assistant-GSRP, effective July 23, 2026
- Dr. Kellie Finnie, Educational Improvement Consultant, effective July 27, 2026
- Christine Mazur, Pupil Accounting Specialist, effective July 31, 2026
- Kyle Nikula, Part-time IT Technician Internship, effective September 1, 2026

3-26-27

The Board approved the following leave(s):

- Dr. Joseph Musial, Assessment Consultant, Family/Medical Leave, effective May 18, 2026
- Carrie Fromm, Literacy Consultant, Family/Medical Leave, effective June 23, 2026
- LaVerne Brown, Part-time Youth Navigator for Homeless Support, Unpaid Personal Leave, effective July 2, 2026

4-26-27

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

- Dr. Joseph Musial, Assessment Consultant, Family/Medical Leave, effective June 1, 2026
- Dr. Markita Hall, Executive Director of Educational Services, Family/Medical Leave, effective June 2, 2026

5-26-27

The Board approved the following reclassification(s):

- Alexis Peoples, from Budget and Fiscal Analyst to Senior Budget and Fiscal Analyst, effective May 21, 2026
- Kimber Ardaiz, Human Resource Generalist, moving from Grade 1 of the Non-Bargaining Salary Schedule to Grade 2 of the Non-Bargaining Salary Schedule, effective July 1, 2026
- Nicole Mouro, Human Resource Assistant, moving from Grade 0 of the Non-Bargaining Salary Schedule to Grade 1 of the Non-Bargaining Salary Schedule, effective July 1, 2026

6-26-27

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 for the period June 1, 2026 through June 30, 2026:

Mary Blackmon	\$193.58	Lynda Jackson	\$147.91
Danielle Funderburg	\$ 56.26	James Petrie	\$377.08

7-26-27

The Board approved payment to the K-12 Alliance of Michigan for 2026-2027 dues and supplemental funding and support costs in an amount not to exceed \$85,500.

8-26-27

The Board authorized a payment to Eastern Michigan University (EMU) for the Para-to-Teacher program in an amount not to exceed \$500,000 for the period July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027.

9-26-27

The Board authorized a payment to Wayne State University (WSU) for the Para-to-Teacher program in an amount not to exceed \$700,000 for the period July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027.

10-26-27

The Board authorized a payment to Grand Valley State University (GVSU) for the Special Education Director program in an amount not to exceed \$300,000 for the period July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027.

11-26-27

The Board authorized a payment to Apple Computer Inc. (Apple) for the purchase of Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC) devices and Software Access for the Wayne Assistive Technology Team (WATT) Lending Library in an amount not to exceed \$300,000 for the period July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027.

12-26-27

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 \$759,528.76.

DISTRICT/LEA	AMOUNT	DISTRICT/LEA	AMOUNT
Allen Park Public Schools	\$14,402.32	Old Redford Academy	\$2,249.12
Crestwood School District	\$13,468.74	Plymouth-Canton Community Schools	\$49,332.01
Dearborn Heights School District #7	\$17,446.58	Redford Union Schools, District No. 1	\$22,843.64
Dearborn City School District	\$65,600.06	School District of the City of River Rouge	\$3,724.80
Detroit Service-Learning Academy	\$2,700.38	Riverview Community School District	\$5,286.46
Ecorse Public Schools	\$2,094.69	Romulus Community Schools	\$2,952.49
Flat Rock Community Schools	\$7,923.11	South Redford School District	\$8,040.24
Garden City Public Schools	\$32,812.94	Southgate Community School District	\$20,140.98
Gibraltar School District	\$10,533.82	Summit Academy – North	\$3,437.83
Grosse Ile Township Schools	\$10,533.92	Taylor School District	\$21,495.38
Grosse Pointe Public Schools	\$38,941.73	Trenton Public Schools	\$19,779.38
School District of the City of Hamtramck	\$14,319.24	The James and Grace Lee Boggs School	\$413.37
School District of the City of Harper Woods	\$952.67	Trillium Academy	\$485.31
Huron School District	\$12,348.07	Van Buren Public Schools	\$11,663.55

School District of the City of Lincoln Park	\$76,400.63	Wayne-Westland Community School District	\$72,288.91
Livonia Public Schools School District	\$34,240.73	Westwood Community School District	\$9,697.61
Melvindale-North Allen Park Schools	\$13,947.95	Woodhaven-Brownstown School District	\$46,956.00
Northville Public Schools	\$42,244.03	School District of the City of Wyandotte	\$47,830.07
		TOTAL:	\$759,528.76

13-26-27

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 \$1,192,195.89.

DISTRICT/LEA	AMOUNT	DISTRICT/LEA	AMOUNT
Allen Park Public Schools	\$24,678.39	Old Redford Academy	\$5,681.62
Crestwood School District	\$24,401.61	Plymouth-Canton Community Schools	\$67,994.96
Dearborn Heights School District #7	\$24,689.58	Redford Union Schools, District No. 1	\$29,836.10
Dearborn City School District	\$121,647.48	School District of the City of River Rouge	\$5,471.04
Detroit Service-Learning Academy	\$6,121.06	Riverview Community School District	\$8,372.23
Ecorse Public Schools	\$3,527.83	Romulus Community Schools	\$7,418.52
Flat Rock Community Schools	\$10,708.21	South Redford School District	\$16,314.08
Garden City Public Schools	\$59,534.16	Southgate Community School District	\$33,778.38
Gibraltar School District	\$17,304.07	Summit Academy – North	\$5,484.49
Grosse Ile Township Schools	\$14,483.90	Taylor School District	\$39,522.61
Grosse Pointe Public Schools	\$45,844.43	Trenton Public Schools	\$26,613.46
School District of the City of Hamtramck	\$18,491.50	The James and Grace Lee Boggs School	\$1,300.99
School District of the City of Harper Woods	\$1,881.97	Trillium Academy	\$417.46
Huron School District	\$18,271.45	Van Buren Public Schools	\$19,104.71
School District of the City of Lincoln Park	\$132,735.12	Wayne-Westland Community School District	\$109,323.64
Livonia Public Schools School District	\$56,331.39	Westwood Community School District	\$14,837.07
Melvindale-North Allen Park Schools	\$39,929.87	Woodhaven-Brownstown School District	\$66,290.47
Northville Public Schools	\$56,892.18	School District of the City of Wyandotte	\$56,959.86
		TOTAL:	\$1,192,195.89

14-26-27

The Board authorized administration to enter into a contract with Lambert Global, LLC, to provide public relations support, including press release development, media relations, and crisis communications, for Wayne RESA and Wayne County school districts in an amount not to exceed \$20,000 for the period July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027.

15-26-27

The Board authorized the renewal of a contract with Kelley Cawthorne, LLC, to provide legislative consulting and government relations services in the amount of \$4,500 per month, not to exceed \$54,000, for the period of July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027.

16-26-27

The Board authorized administration to enter into a contract with Garden City Public Schools, Garden City, MI for food service management at Wayne RESA's (WRESA) Burger Baylor School in the amount not to exceed \$30,000 for the period of July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027.

17-26-27

The Board authorized administration to enter into agreement with Voyageur Academy for engaging in the Early Literacy Coaching Educator on Loan Initiative in an amount not to exceed \$125,000 for the period July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027.

18-26-27

The Board authorized administration to enter into agreements with the following districts participating in the Title IV, Part A of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA) in the amounts indicated, for a total amount not to exceed \$873,786 for the period June 1, 2024 through September 30, 2026.

Districts	Amount
Chandler Park Academy	\$64,212
Dearborn Heights School District #7	\$43,732
Hamtramck, School District of the City of	\$139,311
Huron School District	\$51,295
Lincoln Park, School District of the City of	\$115,150
Redford Union Schools, District No. 1	\$58,309
Riverview Community School District	\$64,049
Trenton Public Schools	\$46,187
Wayne RESA	\$36,741
Wayne-Westland Community School District	\$254,800
TOTAL:	\$873,786

19-26-27

The Board authorized administration to enter into a contract with Barbara Cronk, Taylor, Michigan, as a third-party examiner to conduct Commercial Driver's License (CDL) road tests in an amount not to exceed \$60,000 for the period July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027.

20-26-27

The Board authorized an amendment to Board Recommendation #290-23-24 to increase funds allocated for Wayne Health to provide districts with psychiatric mental health support in the form of professional development (PD) opportunities, consultation, follow up, sending resources, etc. from 115,156.80 to \$200,000 for the period July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2028.

21-26-27

The Board authorized an amendment to Board Recommendations #116-25-26 and #293-25-26 to add payment to Summit Academy North to fund Independent Paraprofessionals (IP) from \$0 to \$40,690.13 for the period July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027.

22-26-27

The Board authorized an amendment to Board Recommendation #294-25-26 to amend the following local education agencies (LEAs), public school academies (PSAs), and community-based organizations (CBOs) for operating Great Start Readiness Programs (GSRP) in the amounts indicated, for a total amount not to exceed \$114,866,641 for the period October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2026.

Subrecipient Name	Legal Vendor Name	Original Amount	Amended Amount
Above & Beyond Learning Child Care Center GSRP	ABOVE & BEYOND LEARNING CHILD CARE CENTER INC GSRP	\$220,838	\$220,838
Academy for Business and Technology	ACADEMY FOR BUSINESS AND TECHNOLOGY	\$515,290	\$515,290
Advanced Technology Academy	ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY ACADEMY	\$220,838	\$220,838
Agape Love Child Care Center, LLC	AGAPE LOVE CHILD CARE CENTER, LLC	\$92,016	\$92,016
Al Hadi Child Care Center INC	AL HADI CHILD CARE CENTER INC	\$368,064	\$368,064
ALL B Home Daycare	ALL B HOME DAYCARE	\$171,763	\$171,763
Al-Wali Child Care Center	AL- WALI CHILD CARE CENTER	\$102,240	\$122,688
Alawie Educational Service	ALAWIE EDUCATIONAL SERVICES	\$736,128	\$736,128
Allen Park Public Schools	ALLEN PARK PUBLIC SCHOOLS	\$981,504	\$981,504
American International Academy	AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY	\$460,080	\$460,080
American Montessori Academy	AMERICAN MONTESSORI ACADEMY	\$588,902	\$588,902
Angel Land Child Care & Parent Institute	ANGEL LAND CHILD CARE & PARENT INSTITUTE	\$122,688	\$122,688
Arab American Children Center	ARAB-AMERICAN CHILDREN CENTER INC	\$748,397	\$748,397
Bambi Land Learning Center	BAMBI LAND LEARNING CENTER	\$1,459,987	\$1,459,987
Blessed Beginnings Learning Center	BLESSED BEGINNINGS LEARNING CENTER	\$490,752	\$490,752
Blossom Learning Center LLC	BLOSSOM LEARNING CENTER LLC	\$654,336	\$654,336
Brainiacs Clubhouse CDC	BRAINIACS CLUBHOUSE CDC	\$147,226	\$147,226
Bridge Academy	BRIDGE ACADEMY	\$654,336	\$654,336

Bright Beginnings Montessori Child Development Center	BRIGHT BEGINNINGS MONTESSORI-MONTESSORI CHILD DEVE	\$601,171	\$601,171
Bright Star Learning Center LLC A&W Day Care Center	BRIGHT STAR LEARNING CENTER LLC A&W DAY CARE CENTER	\$654,336	\$654,336
Busy Minds Child Care Center, INC.	BUSY MINDS CHILD CARE CENTER, INC.	\$196,301	\$196,301
Caniff Liberty Academy	CANIFF LIBERTY ACADEMY	\$163,584	\$163,584
Caring Hands Childcare Academy	CARING HANDS CHILDCARE ACADEMY	\$147,226	\$147,226
Chandler Park Academy	CHANDLER PARK ACADEMY SCHOOL DISTRICT	\$817,920	\$817,920
Chapel Hill Early Childhood Education	CHAPEL HILL EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION	\$171,763	\$196,301
Child Star Development Center	CHILD STAR DEVELOPMENT CENTER	\$552,096	\$552,096
Children First Learning Center	CHILDREN FIRST LEARNING CENTER	\$163,584	\$163,584
Children of the Rising Sun Empowerment Center	CHILDREN OF THE RISING SUN EMPOWERMENT CENTER	\$153,360	\$153,360
Childrens Garden II LLC	CHILDRENS GARDEN II LLC	\$220,838	\$220,838
Children's Garden LLC	CHILDREN'S GARDEN LLC	\$932,429	\$932,429
Childrens Paradise Learning Center Inc.	CHILDRENS PARADISE LEARNING CENTER INC.	\$1,226,880	\$1,226,880
Children'z Place 2	CHILDREN'Z PLACE 2	\$220,838	\$220,838
Childtime Childcare, Inc.	CHILDTIME CHILDCARE, INC	\$2,466,029	\$2,466,029
Christios Child Care & Academy	CHRISTIOS CHILD CARE & ACADEMY	\$265,824	\$265,824
Commonwealth Community Development Academy	COMMONWEALTH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ACADEMY	\$163,584	\$163,584
Creative Academics Learning Center LLC	CREATIVE ACADEMICS LEARNING CENTER LLC	\$147,226	\$147,226
Creative Montessori Academy	CREATIVE MONTESSORI ACADEMY	\$650,246	\$650,246
Crestwood School District	CRESTWOOD SCHOOL DISTRICT	\$785,203	\$785,203
Cross Bridge Action Network	CROSSBRIDGE ACTION NETWORK	\$194,256	\$194,256
David Ellis Academy	DAVID ELLIS ACADEMY	\$343,526	\$343,526
David Ellis Academy West	DAVID ELLIS ACADEMY-WEST	\$785,203	\$785,203

Dearborn City School District	DEARBORN PUBLIC SCHOOLS	\$6,216,192	\$6,216,192
Dearborn Heights School District #7	DEARBORN HEIGHTS SCHOOL DISTRICT #7	\$480,528	\$480,528
Dee's Little Angels C.C.C	DEE'S LITTLE ANGELS CCC	\$392,602	\$392,602
Detroit Academy of Arts and Sciences	DETROIT ACADEMY OF ARTS & SCIENCES	\$871,085	\$871,085
Detroit Community Schools	DETROIT COMMUNITY SCHOOLS, A PUBLIC SCHOOL ACADEMY	\$214,704	\$214,704
Detroit Edison Public School Academy	DETROIT EDISON PUBLIC SCHOOL ACADEMY	\$785,203	\$785,203
Detroit Leadership Academy	DETROIT LEADERSHIP ACADEMY	\$490,752	\$490,752
Detroit Public Schools Community District	DETROIT PS COMMUNITY DISTRICT	\$23,948,698	\$23,948,698
Detroit Service Learning Academy	DETROIT SERVICE LEARNING ACADEMY	\$500,976	\$500,976
Development Centers INC	DEVELOPMENT CENTERS	\$294,451	\$294,451
Dk's Childcare and Academy	DK'S CHILDCARE AND ACADEMY	\$81,792	\$81,792
Dove Academy of Detroit	DOVE ACADEMY OF DETROIT	\$327,168	\$327,168
Dreamy Childrens Center	DREAMY CHILDREN'S CENTER	\$736,128	\$736,128
Dreamy Day Care 4 LLC	DREAMY DAY CARE 4 LLC	\$159,494	\$159,494
Dreamy DayCare 2, LLC	DREAMY DAYCARE 2 LLC	\$490,752	\$490,752
Early Childhood University	EARLY CHILDHOOD UNIVERSITY PLAY TIME DAY CARE LLC	\$122,688	\$122,688
Ecorse Public Schools	ECORSE PUBLIC SCHOOLS	\$736,128	\$736,128
Education Consulting Solutions It Takes a Village Academy	EDUCATION CONSULTING SOLUTIONS/IT TAKES A VILLAGE	\$895,622	\$895,622
Empowered Community Outreach Services/Empowered CO	EMPOWERED COMMUNITY OUTREACH SERVICES/EMPOWERED CO	\$245,376	\$245,376
Flat Rock Community Schools	FLAT ROCK COMMUNITY SCHOOLS	\$1,177,805	\$1,177,805
Focus Hope	FOCUS HOPE	\$969,235	\$981,504
For Kids Sake	FOR KIDS SAKE	\$196,301	\$196,301
Franklin-Wright Settlements, INC.	FRANKLIN WRIGHT SETTLEMENTS, INC.	\$112,464	\$112,464
Froebel Child Care Inc.	FROEBEL CHILD CARE INC.	\$490,752	\$490,752
Frontier International Academy	FRONTIER INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY	\$163,584	\$163,584

Garden City Public Schools	GARDEN CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS	\$1,697,184	\$1,697,184
George Washington Carver Academy	GEORGE WASHINGTON CARVER ACADEMY	\$478,483	\$478,483
Gibraltar School District	GIBRALTAR SCHOOL DISTRICT	\$368,064	\$368,064
Global Heights Academy	GLOBAL HEIGHTS ACADEMY	\$255,600	\$255,600
Greater Ebenezer Miss BPT Church Childcare	GREATER EBENEZER MISS BPT CHURCH CHILDCARE GREATER EBENEZER CHRISTIAN CHILD CARE CENTER & KIN	\$245,376	\$245,376
Growing Minds Learning Center INC.	GROWING MINDS LEARNING CENTER INC	\$746,352	\$746,352
Hamtramck, School District of the City of	HAMTRAMCK PUBLIC SCHOOLS	\$552,096	\$552,096
Hanley International Academy	HANLEY INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY	\$662,515	\$662,515
Harper Woods, The School District of the City of	HARPER WOODS SCHOOL DISTRICT	\$521,424	\$521,424
High Achievers Montessori Learning Center L.L.C.	HIGH ACHIEVERS MONTESSORI LEARNING CENTER	\$163,584	\$163,584
Highland Park Public School Academy System	HIGHLAND PARK PUBLIC SCHOOL ACADEMY SYST	\$453,946	\$453,946
Himawari Preschool, LLC	HIMAWARI PRESCHOOL LLC	\$163,584	\$163,584
Hope Academy	HOPE ACADEMY	\$286,272	\$286,272
Inkster Preparatory Academy	INKSTER PREPARATORY ACADEMY	\$171,763	\$171,763
International Child Care Center	INTERNATIONAL CHILD CARE CENTER INTERNATIONAL LANGUAGE SOLUTIONS	\$245,376	\$245,376
Island Kiddie Kampus Child Development Center, INC.	ISLAND KIDDIE. KAMPUS. CHILD DEVELOPMENT. CENTER.	\$132,912	\$132,912
It Takes a Village Academy LLC	IT TAKES A VILLAGE ACADEMY LLC	\$245,376	\$245,376
IXL Northville, LLC	IXL NORTHVILLE, LLC	\$204,480	\$204,480
IXL Plymouth, LLC	IXL PLYMOUTH, LLC	\$204,480	\$204,480
Jade Child Development Center INC.	JADE CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER, INC	\$785,203	\$785,203
Joy Preparatory Academy	JOY PREPARATORY ACADEMY	\$122,688	\$122,688
Jude Family Childcare Learning CTR	JUDE FAMILY CHILDCARE LEARNING CENTER	\$81,792	\$92,016

Kiddie Kingdum	KIDDIE KINGDUM	\$196,301	\$196,301
Kiddos Village Academy	KIDDOS VILLAGE ACADEMY	\$355,795	\$355,795
Kids' Avenue Christian Learning Center	KIDS' AVENUE CHRISTIAN LEARNING CENTER	\$85,882	\$85,882
Kids Cottage Early Learning LLC	KIDS COTTAGE EARLY LEARNING LLC	\$143,136	\$143,136
Kids-In-Zion	KIDS-IN-ZION GREATER MOUNT ZION MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH	\$343,526	\$343,526
Kid's Purpose Daycare LLC	KIDS PURPOSE DAYCARE LLC	\$132,912	\$132,912
Kingdom Kare Learning Center	KINGDOM KARE LEARNING CENTER	\$398,736	\$398,736
Kristy's Early Childhood Development Center	KRISTY'S EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT CENTER	\$453,946	\$453,946
KUEHG Corp - KinderCare Education LLC	KUEHG CORP	\$1,607,213	\$1,607,213
LACC Childcare Academy INC	L.A.C.C. CHILDCARE ACADEMY, INC.	\$343,526	\$343,526
Learning Links Academy	LEARNING LINKS ACADEMY	\$122,688	\$122,688
Lincoln Park, School District of the City of	LINCOLN PARK SCHOOL DISTRICT	\$1,656,288	\$1,656,288
Little Hearts Learning Home LLC	LITTLE HEARTS LEARNING HOME	\$92,016	\$92,016
Little Jungle Network	LITTLE JUNGLE NETWORK	\$245,376	\$245,376
Little Owl Tree House	LITTLE OWL TREE HOUSE	\$143,136	\$143,136
Little Scholars Day Care Center	LITTLE SCHOLARS DAYCARE CENTER	\$564,365	\$564,365
Little Seeds Child Development Center, LLC.	LITTLE SEEDS CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER, LLC.	\$220,838	\$220,838
Livonia Public Schools School District	LIVONIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS SCHOOL DISTRICT	\$817,920	\$817,920
Lovin' Touch Learning Center	LOVIN' TOUCH LEARNING CENTER	\$61,344	\$61,344
Martin Luther King Jr Education Center Academy	MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. EDUCATION CENTER ACADEMY	\$257,645	\$257,645
Matrix Human Services	MATRIX HUMAN SERVICES	\$392,602	\$392,602
Meadowbank Inc.	MEADOWBANK INC.	\$408,960	\$408,960
Metropolitan Children & Youth INC.	METROPOLITAN CHILDREN AND YOUTH INC. UNITED CHILDR	\$380,333	\$380,333
My Child Learning Center Greater Harvest Ministries	MY CHILD LEARNING CENTER	\$71,568	\$71,568

ndividualME Early Learning Academy LLC	ndividualME EARLY LEARNING ACADEMY, LLC	\$220,838	\$220,838
Nene's Little Angel's Daycare LLC	NENE'S LITTLE ANGELS DAYCARE LCC	\$245,376	\$245,376
NES Teddybear Daycare and Preschool, LLC	NES TEDDY BEAR DAYCARE AND PRESCHOOL LLC	\$204,480	\$204,480
New Greater Bethlehem Temple We Care Child Development Center	NEW GREATER BETHELEM TEMPLE WE CARE CHILD DEVELOPM	\$159,494	\$159,494
New Paradigm College Prep	NEW PARADIGM COLLEGE PREP ACADEMY	\$98,150	\$98,150
New Paradigm Glazer-Loving Academy	NEW PARADIGM GLAZER-LOVING ACADEMY	\$122,688	\$122,688
New St. Paul Tabernacle Church of God in Christ HE	NEW ST. PAUL TABERNACLE CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST HE	\$408,960	\$408,960
Northville Public Schools	NORTHVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS	\$883,354	\$883,354
Oakland International Academy	OAKLAND INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY	\$408,960	\$408,960
Oakman Child Care & Development	OAKMAN CHILD CARE & DEVELOPMENT, LLC	\$478,483	\$478,483
Old Redford Academy	OLD REDFORD ACADEMY	\$511,200	\$511,200
PattiCake's Early Learning Center LLC	PATTICAKE'S EARLY LEARNING CENTER	\$163,584	\$163,584
Plymouth-Canton Community Schools	PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS	\$3,312,576	\$3,312,576
Premier MI Brownstown LLC	PREMIER MI BROWNSTOWN LLC	\$163,584	\$163,584
Prosperity Early Learning Center LLC	PROSPERITY EARLY LEARNING CENTER LLC	\$196,301	\$196,301
Quality Child Care & Learning Center	QUALITY CHILD CARE & LEARNING CENTER I	\$147,226	\$147,226
R.A.C.E Reaching All Children Equally	R.A.C.E Reaching All Children Equally	\$736,128	\$736,128
Ready 2 Learn Childcare Center	READY 2 LEARN CHILDCARE CENTER, LLC	\$184,032	\$184,032
Redford Union Schools, District No. 1	REDFORD UNION SCHOOLS, DISTRICT #1	\$490,752	\$490,752
Rhemas Child Care Center	RHEMAS CHILD CARE CENTER	\$208,570	\$208,570
River Rouge, School District of the City of	RIVER ROUGE SCHOOL DISTRICT	\$613,440	\$613,440
Riverside Academy	RIVERSIDE ACADEMY	\$327,168	\$327,168
Riverview Community School District	RIVERVIEW COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT	\$1,226,880	\$1,226,880

Romulus Community Schools	ROMULUS COMMUNITY SCHOOLS	\$848,592	\$848,592
Smart Start Learning Center	SMART START LEARNING CENTER	\$357,840	\$368,064
Someplace Else Learning Factory LLC	SOMEPLACE ELSE LEARNING FACTORY LLC	\$159,494	\$159,494
South Redford School District	SOUTH REDFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT	\$1,472,256	\$1,472,256
Southgate Community School District	SOUTHGATE COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT	\$1,226,880	\$1,226,880
Spreading Light Ministry	SPREADING SERVICES LTD.	\$153,360	\$153,360
St. Matthew Lutheran School	ST MATTHEW LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL	\$194,256	\$204,480
St Paul Child Development Center	ST PAUL CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER	\$392,602	\$392,602
Star International Academy	STAR INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY	\$981,504	\$981,504
Starfish Family Services	STARFISH FAMILY SERVICES	\$838,368	\$838,368
Stepping Stones of Grosse Ile	STEPPING STONES OF GROSSE ILE	\$245,376	\$245,376
Summer Preschool Early Learning Center	SUMMER PRESCHOOL EARLY LEARNING CENTER	\$132,912	\$132,912
Summit Academy North	SUMMIT ACADEMY NORTH	\$817,920	\$817,920
Sunrise Education Center	SUNRISE EDUCATION CENTER	\$159,494	\$159,494
Sweet Peas Early Childhood Center Inc	SWEET PEAS EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER INC	\$92,016	\$92,016
Taylor School District	TAYLOR SCHOOL DISTRICT	\$2,024,352	\$2,024,352
The Basilica Of Saint Mary Montessori Academy	THE BASILICA OF SAINT MARY MONTESSORI ACADEMY	\$368,064	\$368,064
The Dearborn Academy	THE DEARBORN ACADEMY	\$347,616	\$347,616
The Goddard School of Canton	THE GODDARD SCHOOL OF CANTON	\$490,752	\$490,752
The Learning Tree Child Care Center, INC North	The Learning Tree Child Care Center, INC North	\$490,752	\$490,752
The Learning Tree Child Care Center, INC South	The Learning Tree Child Care Center, INC South	\$380,333	\$380,333
The Learning Tree Child Care Center, INC West	THE LEARNING TREE- WEST	\$245,376	\$245,376
Tipton Academy	TIPTON ACADEMY	\$637,978	\$637,978
Trenton Public Schools	TRENTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS	\$184,032	\$184,032
Trillium Academy	TRILLIUM ACADEMY	\$699,322	\$699,322
Tutor Time Learning Care LLC	TUTOR TIME LEARNING CENTERS LLC	\$736,128	\$736,128

Universal Academy	UNIVERSAL ACADEMY	\$306,720	\$306,720
Universal Learning Academy	UNIVERSAL LEARNING ACADEMY	\$392,602	\$392,602
University YES Academy	UNIVERSITY YES ACADEMY	\$196,301	\$196,301
U of M - Dearborn Early Childhood Education Center	REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN	\$327,168	\$327,168
Van Buren Public Schools	VAN BUREN PUBLIC SCHOOLS	\$1,216,656	\$1,216,656
Village of Shiny Stars Child Care Center	VILLAGE OF SHINY STARS CHILD CARE CENTER	\$245,376	\$245,376
Wayne Metropolitan Community Action Agency	WAYNE METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY	\$1,282,090	\$1,282,090
Wayne State University	WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY	\$449,856	\$449,856
Wayne-Westland Community School District	WAYNE WESTLAND COMMUNITY SCHOOLS	\$2,126,592	\$2,126,592
Woodhaven-Brownstown School District	WOODHAVEN-BROWNSTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT	\$1,022,400	\$1,022,400
Wyandotte, School District of the City of	WYANDOTTE PUBLIC SCHOOLS	\$879,264	\$879,264
TOTAL:		\$114,778,714	\$114,866,641

23-26-27

The Board authorized an amendment to Board Recommendation # 43-25-26 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 \$174,238,098 for the 2025-26 fiscal year.

DISTRICT/LEA	Original Amount	Amended Amount
Allen Park Public Schools	\$894,167	\$910,064
Dearborn City School District	\$17,703,034	\$17,831,518
Detroit Public Schools Community District	\$37,712,005	\$44,942,328
Garden City Public Schools	\$7,056,565	\$7,187,013
Grosse Pointe Public Schools	\$6,619,837	\$6,734,542
Huron School District	\$2,140,804	\$2,140,952
School District of the City of Lincoln Park	\$17,914,973	\$17,929,779
Livonia Public Schools School District	\$13,239,281	\$13,137,374
Northville Public Schools	\$6,779,998	\$7,040,435
Plymouth-Canton Community Schools	\$7,346,454	\$7,321,368
Redford Union Schools, District No. 1	\$6,943,162	\$7,356,542
South Redford School District	\$1,028,281	\$994,355
Taylor School District	\$3,421,315	\$3,519,870
Trenton Public Schools	\$2,954,210	\$2,798,693
Van Buren Public Schools	\$1,872,222	\$1,882,231

Wayne-Westland Community School District	\$13,379,959	\$12,718,542
Westwood Community School District	\$355,149	\$325,868
Woodhaven-Brownstown School District	\$5,270,768	\$4,788,270
School District of the City of Wyandotte	\$14,702,781	\$14,678,355
TOTAL:	\$164,537,517	\$174,238,098

24-26-27

The Board authorized an amendment to Board Recommendation # 45-25-26 for additional Act 18 funds for the 2022-2023 operating year to school districts operating special education center programs who are still due funds from \$3,201,227 to \$3,233,622.

Districts	Original Amount	Amended Amount
Allen Park Public Schools	\$3,321	\$3,321
Detroit Public Schools Community District	\$470,873	\$470,873
Redford Union Schools, District No. 1	\$756,325	\$756,325
Southgate Community School District	\$123,849	\$123,849
Wayne-Westland Community School District	\$578,943	\$578,943
Westwood Community School District	\$306,012	\$306,012
Woodhaven-Brownstown School District	\$0	\$32,395
School District of the City of Wyandotte	\$961,904	\$961,904
TOTAL:	\$3,201,227	\$3,233,622

25-26-27

The Board accepted the following grant(s) for the terms, amounts, and purposes noted:

Grant	Grantor	Amount	Term	Purpose	Responsible Party
Michigan Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (MiSTEM) Network Region Grant - Transition Funding	Northern Michigan University	\$57,570	07/01/2026 – 09/30/2026	These funds are for the transition of Dr. Greg Johnson's salary so he can close out any 2025-26 fiscal year MiSTEM work in alignment with Section 99s of Public Act 120 of 2024.	Educational Services

K. Action Item(s)

1. Appointment of Director, State and Federal Programs and Special Populations – Dr. Carol Ann Paul

Member Beri, supported by Member Blackmon, moved that the Wayne RESA Board of Education approve the appointment of Dr. Carol Ann Paul to the position of Director, State and Federal Programs and Special Populations, effective July 1, 2026. The motion passed with a voice vote of 3-0.

L. General Board Comments

Member Beri expressed appreciation for Immediate Past President Blackmon's leadership and years of service, recognizing her dedication to the Board and Wayne RESA.

He also commented on the growing demand for culinary professionals and noted the importance of partnerships between educational institutions and local businesses to support workforce development opportunities for students.

President Funderburg recognized Immediate Past President Blackmon's leadership, mentorship, and guidance, expressing appreciation for her professionalism, wisdom, and commitment to the Board.

She also shared highlights from the Southeast Michigan Community Alliance (SEMCA) and Schoolcraft College Career X program, which provided workforce training in drones, robotics, electric mobility, and welding. She noted that participants earned industry-recognized certifications, including OSHA 10, First Aid/CPR/AED, welding, and FANUC robotics, helping prepare them for future employment and career opportunities.

Immediate Past President Blackmon reported on recent Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG) activities, including a visit to the Wayne County Community College District's Culinary Arts Institute, where she highlighted the state-of-the-art facility, student-centered learning environment, and community education opportunities. She also shared information from a SEMCOG forum focused on strengthening partnerships among educational institutions and local businesses to expand student awareness of postsecondary education and career pathways while increasing access to workforce opportunities within Michigan.

She also acknowledged the recent passing of U.S. Senator Lindsey Graham and recognized his years of public service.

M. Adjournment

Member Beri, with support from Member Blackmon, moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed with a voice vote of 3-0. President Funderburg adjourned the meeting at 9:46 a.m.

Submitted by: _____
Lynda S. Jackson, Secretary