



Wayne Regional Educational Service Agency
Board of Education

Budget Hearing

**May 20, 2026
MINUTES**

A. Call to Order

The Budget Hearing of the Board of Education of the Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency was called to order by President Mary Blackmon on May 20, 2026 at 8:30 a.m.

B. Roll Call

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

C. Approval of Agenda

Member Beri supported, by Member Jackson, moved to approve the agenda as presented. The motion passed with a voice vote of 5-0.

D. Presentation of the Proposed Wayne RESA 2026-2027 Budget

As required by law, the preliminary budget was presented at a public meeting, offering representatives from constituent districts the opportunity to ask questions and make comments.

Drew McMechan, Assistant Superintendent of Financial Services, reported that the Wayne RESA budget has been distributed to local school boards along with a copy of the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs). Three virtual budget meetings were also scheduled to present and discuss the Wayne RESA 2026-2027 Proposed Budget.

Drew McMechan presented the proposed 2026–2027 Wayne RESA budget, highlighting budget development timelines, revenue and expenditure assumptions, fund balances, and the significant percentage of Wayne RESA funds distributed directly to constituent districts.

E. Public Participation – No public comments were made.

F. Adjournment

Member Beri, supported by Member Funderburg, moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed with a voice vote of 5-0. President Blackmon adjourned the meeting at 8:51 a.m.

Submitted by: 
James S. Beri, Secretary