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

Board Study Session
November 6, 2025

MINUTES

A. Call to Order
The Study Session of the Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency Board of Education was called to order by President Mary Blackmon on November 6, 2025, at 4:40 p.m.

B. Roll Call
Members Present: Mary Blackmon, Lynda Jackson, and James Petrie
Arrived during session: Danielle Funderburg (5:02 p.m.)
Excused Absence: James Beri
Also present: Dr. Daveda Colbert, Kelly Bohl, Drew McMechan

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

D. Public Participation - None.

E. Organizational Financial Audit Review
Assistant Superintendent of Financial Services Drew McMechan presented the 2024-2025 organizational financial audit, reporting a clean audit with no findings or deficiencies and an anticipated unmodified opinion. He summarized key fund balances and performance, noting strong fiscal health across funds, continued responsible use of one-time revenues, and progress on capital projects such as the Gilead/Beacon Center renovation.

Mr. McMechan also outlined upcoming accounting adjustments and policy updates to align with new state and federal requirements.

F. Superintendent Discussion Items
- **Section 31aa (School Safety & Mental Health)**
  Superintendent Dr. Daveda Colbert and Deputy Superintendent Kelly Bohl briefed the Board on statewide legal concerns regarding waiver-of-privilege language in Section 31aa grant requirements. The Board agreed to remain in consultation with counsel and support the statewide effort.
- **Board Visits**
  Board members expressed interest in visiting the Annex facility once construction is complete and touring aviation and drone program sites later in the school year. Administration will coordinate potential dates.

G. Board Comments
Board members thanked administration for their careful financial management and thoughtful long-range planning, including the responsible use of one-time funds for one-time needs.

H. Adjournment

Member Petrie, supported by Member Jackson, moved that the meeting be adjourned at 6:31 p.m. On voice vote, motion carried 4-0.

Submitted by: Mary E. Blackmon

Mary E. Blackmon, President