

# BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

## Highlights from the November 13, 2024, Regular Meeting of the Wayne RESA Board of Education.

**Approved** the following external applicant(s) for the position(s):

- Shayne Shumake, Building Operations Assistant II, effective October 28, 2024
- Michael Giles, Building Operations Assistant, effective October 29, 2024
- Sandra Miles, Auditing Specialist, effective October 30, 2024
- Ashley Taylor, Senior Student Application Business Analyst – Compliance and Accountability, effective December 9, 2024
- Monique Ellison-Jenkins, Special Education Consultant, effective January 9, 2025

**Approved** the following leave(s):

- Debra Johnson, Administrative Specialist – IT Solutions, Intermittent Family/Medical Leave, effective October 16, 2024

**Approved** the following return from leave(s):

- Dawn Bonam, Administrative Assistant – SEEIS, Family/Medical Leave, effective October 14, 2024
- Kimberly Krug, Special Education Consultant, Family/Medical Leave, effective October 14, 2024
- Karyl Reynoso, Special Education Consultant, Family/Medical Leave, effective October 30, 2024

**Approved** the appointment of the following representative(s) to the Wayne County Parent Advisory Committee (WCPAC) for a three-year term. This is effective for the period September 9, 2024 through June 30, 2027.

Angelica Trimble	Discovery Creative Pathways
Dana Maxwell	Discovery Creative Pathways
Danyalle Copeland	Southgate Community School District
Heather Collins	Garden City Public Schools
Rakiba Mitchell	Henry Ford Academy
Tajana Luie	School District of the City of River Rouge
Tenisha Williams	Westwood Community School District

**Authorized** a purchase from Complete Book and Media Supply, LLC for classroom libraries to support Wayne County Statewide System of Support identified schools in an amount not to exceed \$300,000 for the period October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2025.

**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 October 1, 2024 through October 31, 2024:

Mary Blackmon: \$152.22  
Danielle Funderburg: \$ 43.15

Lynda Jackson: \$ 64.19  
James Petrie: \$154.96

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**Authorized** payment to the following local school districts for the estimated reimbursement of allowable added costs for autism spectrum disorder (ASD) resource program classrooms in the amounts indicated, for a total amount not to exceed \$3,932,985 for the period July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025.

<b>Districts</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Dearborn City School District	\$405,102
Detroit Public Schools Community District	\$540,248
Flat Rock Community Schools	\$333,916
Livonia Public Schools School District	\$167,508
Melvindale-North Allen Park Schools	\$339,434
Plymouth-Canton Community Schools	\$376,097
School District of the City of Lincoln Park	\$343,613
School District of the City of Wyandotte	\$125,521
South Redford School District	\$154,312
Van Buren Public Schools	\$182,150
Wayne-Westland Community School District	\$823,792
Woodhaven-Brownstown School District	\$141,292
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$3,932,985</b>

**Authorized** payment to the School District of the City of Lincoln Park for the estimated reimbursement of allowable added costs for emotional impairment (EI) resource program classrooms in an amount not to exceed \$904,389 for the period July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025.

**Authorized** payments to the following local education agencies (LEA) and public school academies (PSA) for independent paraprofessionals (IP) in the amounts indicated, for a total amount not to exceed \$26,879,246.75 for the period July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025.

<b>LEA/PSA</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Academy for Business and Technology	\$28,326.04
Allen Park Public Schools	\$165,035.95
American Montessori Academy	\$37,285.73
Creative Montessori Academy	\$49,970.34
Crestwood School District	\$595,083.93
Dearborn City School District	\$6,282,068.64
Dearborn Heights School District #7	\$687,569.03
Detroit Leadership Academy	\$31,767.57
Detroit Public Schools Community District	\$416,963.95
Dove Academy of Detroit	\$26,090.23
Ecorse Public Schools	\$52,482.62
Flat Rock Community Schools	\$184,910.25
Fostering Leadership Academy	\$38,070.61
Garden City Public Schools	\$518,790.87
Gibraltar School District	\$311,175.30
Grosse Ile Township Schools	\$231,624.66

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Grosse Pointe Public Schools	\$286,352.18
Hanley International Academy	\$49,684.00
Hope of Detroit Academy	\$80,111.02
Huron School District	\$255,814.73
Livonia Public Schools School District	\$2,335,708.80
Melvindale-North Allen Park Schools	\$452,384.58
Northville Public Schools	\$995,958.85
Plymouth-Canton Community Schools	\$3,722,456.80
Redford Union Schools, District No. 1	\$343,853.05
Riverview Community School District	\$85,663.44
Romulus Community Schools	\$314,764.60
School District of the City of Hamtramck	\$31,607.24
School District of the City of Lincoln Park	\$730,320.73
School District of the City of River Rouge	\$404,454.93
School District of the City of Wyandotte	\$542,280.06
South Redford School District	\$444,698.30
Southgate Community School District	\$890,290.85
Taylor School District	\$503,938.03
The Dearborn Academy	\$95,046.44
The James and Grace Lee Boggs School	\$95,350.90
The School District of the City of Harper Woods	\$325,521.07
Tipton Academy	\$95,350.90
Trenton Public Schools	\$461,325.47
Trillium Academy	\$76,943.39
University Preparatory Academy (PSAD)	\$84,949.58
Van Buren Public Schools	\$661,650.85
Voyageur Academy	\$37,463.48
Wayne-Westland Community School District	\$1,501,852.30
Westwood Community School District	\$214,843.91
Woodhaven-Brownstown School District	\$1,101,390.55
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$26,879,246.75</b>

**Authorized** Act 18 payments to school districts operating special education center programs, to be paid in ten monthly installments for estimated allowable costs, for a total amount not to exceed \$170,108,877 for the 2024-25 fiscal year.

<b>DISTRICT/LEA</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>	<b>DISTRICT/LEA</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
Allen Park Public Schools	\$657,521	Dearborn City School District	\$15,143,071
Detroit Public Schools Community District	\$38,113,527	Garden City Public Schools	\$9,826,376
Grosse Pointe Public Schools	\$7,395,778	Huron School District	\$1,798,316

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School District of the City of Lincoln Park	\$19,780,724	Livonia Public Schools School District	\$14,152,390
Northville Public Schools	\$6,745,034	Plymouth-Canton Community Schools	\$6,770,431
Redford Union Schools, District No. 1	\$6,094,796	South Redford School District	\$692,885
Taylor School District	\$4,038,374	Trenton Public Schools	\$2,856,435
Van Buren Public Schools	\$2,027,596	Wayne-Westland Community School District	\$15,665,466
Westwood Community School District	\$330,473	Woodhaven-Brownstown School District	\$5,117,952
		School District of the City of Wyandotte	\$12,901,731
		<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$170,108,877</b>

**Authorized** administration to enter into an agreement with Barton Malow, Southfield, MI for the Data Center Power and Cooling Systems upgrade in the amount not to exceed \$86,765, which includes \$74,400 for architectural design and \$12,365 for construction management services.

**Authorized** administration to enter into an agreement with Barton Malow, Southfield, MI for the replacement of the doors and hardware across three buildings of Wayne RESA (WRESA), the Education Center, Annex, and Burger Baylor as well as upgrades to the Education Center main entry in the amount not to exceed \$1,368,590, which includes \$886,935 for construction trades, a 40% contingency of \$354,774 and \$126,881 for construction management services.

**Authorized** administration to enter into an agreement with Continental Interiors, Inc., Troy, MI for the purchase and installation of new carpeting on the third floor C Wing of the RESA Education Center in the amount not to exceed \$58,950.

**Authorized** administration to enter into an agreement with Taylor School District to support the placement of an Early Math Specialist who will assist with implementation and professional learning in an amount not to exceed \$200,334 for the period August 1, 2024 through September 30, 2025.

**Authorized** administration to enter into contracts with the following vendors to purchase Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC) devices and services in the amounts indicated, for a total amount not to exceed \$900,000 for the period November 1, 2024 through November 1, 2027.

<b>Vendors</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Prentke Romich Company dba PRC-Salttillo (PRC)	\$450,000
Tobii Dynavox (TD)	\$450,000
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$900,000</b>

**Authorized** an amendment to Board Recommendation #329-23-24 to increase contract with ParentSquare, Goleta, CA, from \$220,000 to \$300,000 for the period July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025.

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**Authorized** an amendment to Board Recommendation #122-24-25 to amend contracts previously approved for transportation allocations for the Great Start Readiness Program (GSRP) subrecipients listed below, for allocations in the amounts indicated, for a total amount not to exceed \$625,000 for the period October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2025.

<b>Subrecipient</b>	<b>Approved Amount</b>	<b>Amended Amount</b>
Detroit Community Schools	\$513,000	\$600,000
Rhema Child Care Center	\$0	\$25,000
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$513,000</b>	<b>\$625,000</b>

**Authorized** an amendment to Board Recommendation #25-24-25 to increase Wayne-Westland Community School District’s amount for the implementation of Early On activities from \$152,000 to \$252,000 for the period July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025.

**Authorized** an amendment to Board Recommendation #57-24-25 to amend the following subrecipient contracts for one-time payments for start-up funding for the Great Start Readiness Program (GSRP) in the amounts indicated, for a total amount not to exceed \$75,000 for the period July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025.

<b>Subrecipient</b>	<b>Approved Amount</b>	<b>Amended Amount</b>
Child Star Development Center	\$50,000	\$0
Kids Cottage Early Learning LLC	\$0	\$25,000
Meadowbank LLC	\$0	\$25,000
NES Teddybear Daycare and Preschool, LLC	\$0	\$25,000
New Paradigm College Prep	\$25,000	\$0
New Paradigm Glazer-Loving Academy	\$25,000	\$0
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$100,000</b>	<b>\$75,000</b>

**Authorized** an amendment to Board Recommendation #84-24-25 to amend the following subrecipient contracts for operating the Great Start Readiness Program (GSRP) in the amounts indicated, for a total amount not to exceed \$1,936,826 for the period October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2025.

<b>Subrecipient</b>	<b>Approved Amount</b>	<b>Amended Amount</b>
Child Star Development Center	\$469,325	\$563,190
Commonwealth Community Development Academy	\$312,883	\$156,994
Kids Cottage Early Learning LLC	\$0	\$136,886
Meadowbank Inc.	\$0	\$156,442
NES Teddybear Daycare and Preschool, LLC	\$0	\$156,442
New Paradigm College Prep	\$375,460	\$187,730
New Paradigm Glazer-Loving Academy	\$375,460	\$187,730
New St Paul Head Start Agency, Inc	\$1,368,902	\$391,412
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$2,902,030</b>	<b>\$1,936,826</b>

**Accepted** the following grant(s) for the terms, amounts, and purposes noted:

<b>Grant</b>	<b>Grantor</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Term</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Responsible Party</b>
23h Section 1	Michigan Department of Education through Michigan Association of Intermediate Administration	\$200,334	10/01/2023 – 09/30/2025	To support Mathematics teaching and learning through continued system development, capacity building, and networking spaces for early math specialists in districts and intermediate districts.	Educational Services

**The Board also considered and approved the following Action Items:**

1. Wayne RESA 2023-2024 Annual Financial Report
2. School District of the City of Inkster 2023-2024 Annual Financial Report
3. Henry Ford Academy Board Appointment
4. Board Policy 5003 Update – First Reading

**Superintendent’s Comments**

Dr. Daveda Colbert shared:

- The Wayne RESA Board and Administration took a moment to acknowledge that Veterans Day was November 11th. To the many colleagues who we work alongside daily inside our organization as well as the veterans throughout Wayne County, the state, the country, and the American veterans throughout the world, “thank you for your service.”
- Congratulations to all of the elected officials who were reelected and those who were newly elected, who work with and in support of Wayne County students, families, educators, and communities. RESA is a place of service and we work hand in hand with our elected officials, state and federal leaders/legislators, school board members, and city and county officials. We look forward to amazing days of collaborating and working together, as we forge ahead in 2025. We must do the work and continue to push for equity and excellence for all students, for high quality public education and in our case, for all things in Wayne County to be exceptional. Zip codes should not and in our assessment do not dictate possibilities and/or potential.
- Thank you to Assistant Superintendent of Financial Services, Drew McMechan as well as Stephanie O’Callaghan and Anna Bossidis for their leadership for a successful audit. Also thanks to the Board of Education for the policies that are in place and thanks to all departments for following the administrative regulations and staying consistent with procedures that are in place. A huge thank you to the entire RESA organization.
- Kudos to RESA’s Enhancement Millage Renewal team and a huge congratulations to everyone. Special thanks to Senior Executive Director Dana Chicklas for being a part of all things Regional Enhancement Millage Renewal including communication, public relations, marketing, and being present throughout the community at events and meetings. Thanks to Deputy Superintendent Kelly Bohl and Assistant

Superintendent Drew McMechan who stepped up in the onset working with legal counsel on the ballot language and to Executive Assistant Tiesha Hakim for support throughout the entire process.

- There was a little noise about the Enhancement Millage Renewal that may not have been in support, yet our team and our constituents in the field stayed focused on the message, and the voters recognized the impact of the millage/funding. Thanks to the MEA who stepped up and joined in press conferences and the millage renewal messaging. The MEA was also the first to come out in full support with an endorsement in their own public, written communication. Also thanks to The Michigan Chronicle for their endorsement, and the Detroit News, who made it clear that in 2016 and 2020, they had not endorsed the Wayne County Regional Enhancement Millage, but they did endorse the renewal in 2024 because of the way in which it was presented with proven results as to why it was important.
- Congratulations to each of our colleagues and Wayne County school districts for passing their respective millages.
  - Detroit Public Schools Community School District Proposal S: Operating Millage Restoration
  - Crestwood School District Bond
  - Dearborn Heights School District No. 7 Operating Millage Renewal
  - Flat Rock Community Schools Operating Millage Renewal
  - Gibraltar School District Building and Site Sinking Fund Millage Renewal
  - Gibraltar School District Operating Millage Renewal
  - Grosse Pointe Public Schools Resolution Certifying Sinking Fund Millage
  - Hamtramck School District Operating Millage Replacement
  - Harper Woods School District Operating Millage Renewal
  - Riverview Community School District Operating Millage Renewal
  - Wayne-Westland Community Schools Replacement Operating Millage
  - Wyandotte Public Schools Operating Millage Renewal

This was a huge win for Wayne County to have had a number of proposals on the ballot with the Enhancement Millage Renewal being the last proposal on a very crowded ballot, passing at 68%.

- Special thanks to former RESA superintendents Chris Wigent and Dr. Randy Liepa who sent their well wishes 24 hours in advance, in the moment and afterwards. Also thanks to former RESA Deputy Superintendent, Steve Ezikian, for sharing his pride in what he had seen and heard in terms of the Enhancement Millage Renewal awareness and information campaign.
- RESA looks forward to the Lincoln Park School District and students in the Beacon Day Treatment Program transitioning into the new Gilead/Beacon building when they return to school in January 2025 from Winter Break. Lincoln Park will be hosting a ribbon-cutting ceremony and RESA Board members will receive a save-the-date.
- Demolition is underway on the outside grounds of the Annex building property. Detailed updates and timelines will be provided to the Board in the spring.
- The Michigan Department of Education published progress on their goals and it shows that RESA's work closely aligns with the State's goals.
  - State Goal #2 – Improve early literacy achievement. Wayne County's data shows we exceeded the student growth in third grade reading. Therefore, Wayne County continues to lean into the professional development/training and more that is necessary to improve outcomes for the state of Michigan.
  - State Goal #3 – Improving the health, safety and wellness of our students. RESA facilitates/hosts the Comprehensive School Threat Assessment Guidelines (CSTAG) training. We were also one of the strongest advocates when it came to school meals (breakfast and lunch programs) being universal. Those are just two or many things that we strongly support which supports improving the health, safety and wellness of our students. We continue to serve as a

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leader in the space as it relates to school safety and mental health. We have two representatives that serve on the School Safety and Mental Health Commission which worked to create a website of resources for students, families, and educators alike and supported funding for the Michigan State Police Office of School Safety to create the School Safety Academy.

- State Goal #4 – Career and Technical Education (CTE). Career Technical Education programming in Wayne County continues to grow. The ISD-Led Collaborative Aviation and Aeronautics Program in collaboration with the Wayne County Executive’s Office is one of many initiatives that is being developed is viewed as a huge win and one of many exciting opportunities coming to Wayne County students.
- State Goal #5 – Improving the percentage of students who graduate from high school. The graduation rate in Wayne County has improved which has had an impact on the State’s graduation rate increase.
- State Goal #7 – Increasing the number of certified teachers in areas of shortage. RESA has shared information about our paraprofessional to teacher programs through partnerships with Wayne State University and Eastern Michigan University. We have also shared how involved we have been with the Talent Together Program, which offers alternative route/apprenticeship opportunities for candidates interested in becoming teachers. This allows candidates to dream big as a teacher no matter where they are on the journey of becoming a certified educator. Wayne County has the largest Talent Together cohort at one of our public school academies.
- State Goal # 8 – Providing adequate and equitable school funding. RESA continues to lead in the space of research and advocacy for school funding. With the School Finance Research Collaborative’s original report and updated numbers, we continue to use the data from those two reports as part of our advocacy efforts. RESA served as a leader on the transportation study, and now the infrastructure study.

Our intentional focus on the real and necessary work to improve student outcomes must continue, now more than ever before. All the ways that our work aligns with our goals and the state’s goals is even more reason for us to be excited about the passing of the Regional Enhancement Millage, so that our constituents can continue to serve the students that have been entrusted to them, by meeting their needs, and providing exceptional learning opportunities for all. We will continue to work together to better serve and do what’s best to improve the outcomes of the more than 260,000 Wayne County students.

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