

Minutes

282.25 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG – May

Gursirat Bhatti and Madalyn Main

Roosevelt-McGrath Elementary School, Mark Watson, Principal

283.25 ROLL CALL/ATTENDANCE – Hines

Board Members Present: LeWanna Abney-Mitchell (arrived at 6:03 p.m.),
Andrew Ambrus, David R. Cox, Melandie Hines (arrived at 6:14 p.m.),
Kimberly R. May, Shannon Rochan, Frederick L. Weaver, Th.D.

284.25a RECOGNITIONS AND PRESENTATIONS – May

- I. Renaming of Wayne Memorial High School Pool – Kimberly May, Board President

Resolved, that the board approve the renaming of the Wayne Memorial High School Pool to the James J. McPartlin Natatorium. Motion by D. Cox, support by L. Abney-Mitchell.

ROLL CALL VOTE

AYES:	6
NAYS:	0
ABSTAIN:	0
ABSENT:	1 (Hines)

MOTION PASSED

Ms. May presented the family with a plaque.

Ms. McPartlin recognized the swimming community and shared her appreciation.

Mr. Mike Grueber thanked everyone for their assistance in the renaming of the pool and shared a few words about Jim McPartlin.

- II. Building Update Roosevelt-McGrath Elementary School, Mark Watson, Principal

Mr. Watson presented a slide show highlighting Roosevelt-McGrath Elementary School focusing on School Demographics, Attendance, Student Well-Being, Student Achievement and Points of Pride.

Board members were given an opportunity to ask questions and provide comments.

285.25 ADJOURNMENT TO CLOSED SESSION – May

Resolved, that the Board of Education will adjourn to a closed session at 6:33 p.m. according to pursuant to 8(a) according to the Open Meetings Act. Motion by F. Weaver, support by L. Abney-Mitchell.

ROLL CALL VOTE

AYES:	7
NAYS:	0
ABSTAIN:	0
ABSENT:	0

MOTION PASSED

286.25 ADJOURNMENT TO AN OPEN MEETING – May

Resolved, that the Board of Education adjourn to an open meeting 7:45. Motion by D. Cox, support by F. Weaver.

ROLL CALL VOTE

AYES:	7
NAYS:	0
ABSTAIN:	0
ABSENT:	0

MOTION PASSED

284.25b RECOGNITIONS AND PRESENTATIONS CONTINUED - May

- III. Elementary Athletics – Scott Tocco, Assistant Superintendent of Administration & Operations, Maria Mitter, Supervisor of College & Career Readiness, and Jenny Johnson, Director of Communications

Mr. Tocco, Ms. Mitter and Ms. Johnson presented a slide show highlighting Elementary Athletics and the impact it has made on our students. Additionally, they recognized the contribution of Mr. Ali Sayed and Hype Athletics and their support of the program.

Board members were able to make comments and ask questions.

- IV. Bond Presentation – Scott Tocco, Assistant Superintendent of Administration & Operations, Geno Montayne, Director of Maintenance and Operations, McCarthy & Smith, and TMP Architecture

Mr. Doug Underwood, McCarthy & Smith and Ms. Gail Alleveto, TMP Architecture, presented a slide show highlighting the upcoming bond. Mr. Tocco shared that this is a zero increase bond to our community. Our focus is based on the needs of warm, safe and dry. We will also be completing the work that was not completed with the previous bond as well as classroom furniture.

Board members were able to make comments and ask questions.

287.25 CITIZEN'S COMMENTS: AGENDA ITEMS – May

G. Frettenborough addressed the board regarding the bond presentation and her concerns regarding the quality of work. She would also like teachers to be included when discussing the furniture.

288.25 CONSENT AGENDA

I. MINUTES

- a. Special Board Meeting Minutes – January 25, 2025
- b. Regular Board Meeting Minutes – January 27, 2025

II. HUMAN RESOURCE ITEMS

- a. Resignations/Terminations: Administrative, Instructional, Non-Instructional and/or Non-Affiliated Personnel

Cheryl Crawford-Gee
Antonio Wimberly
Jenna Smith

- b. Placements: Administrative, Instructional, Non-Instructional and/or Non-Affiliated Personnel

Gabriela Alvarado
Hannah Reed
Lilana Sanchez
Susan Fishaw
Alexis Johnson

Breanna Kinsey
Albert Lapurga
Jonathan Lawson
Carmen Liggins
Keith Martinez
Jennifer Morris
Eric Pettway
Jennifer Gardner
Dominic Rosa

III. BUSINESS & FINANCE ITEMS

- a. Payment of Invoices [under separate cover]
- b. Investment Report [under separate cover]

IV. CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION AND ASSESSMENT

- a. Field Trips
 - i. Schweitzer Elementary School 5th Grade Camp Field Trip
[under separate cover]
 - ii. Wayne Memorial High School Physics Field Trip
[under separate cover]
 - iii. Hicks Elementary School 5th Grade Camp Field Trip
[under separate cover]
 - iv. John Glenn High School DECA State Conference
[under separate cover]
 - v. Stevenson Middle School 8th Grade End of the Year Trip
[under separate cover]

V. DONATIONS

The following donations were made to the Family Resource Center for students and families in need:

- a. Ms. Erin Sargent – School and Art Supplies

Resolved, that the board approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion by F. Weaver support by L. Abney-Mitchell.

ROLL CALL VOTE

AYES: 7
NAYS: 0
ABSTAIN: 0
ABSENT: 0

MOTION PASSED

289.25 BOARD OF EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT – May

I. Finance Committee Report – Ambrus

Mr. Ambrus shared the following from a prepared statement:

The Financial Committee Meeting was called to order at 5:31 PM with the following in attendance:

Mr. Andrew Ambrus, Treasurer, Ms. LeWanna Mitchell, Vice President, Ms. Melandie Hines, Secretary, Ms. Jennifer Curry, Interim Superintendent, Ms. Jewell Clair, Chief Financial Officer, Mr. Geno Montayne, Director of Maintenance & Operations, and Ms. Kim Markey, Board Administrative Assistant.

After brief welcoming remarks, the committee heard from Mr. Montayne about the following proposals to be presented at the February School Board Meeting:

1. Purchasing lifts and stairs for the high schools in order to be ADA compliant.

Mr. Montayne stated that there was a public bid opening on February 4, 2025. He recommends that we purchase the equipment from Baruzzi Aquatics for \$52,495.33, with funding from the bond and/or sinking fund. The board members asked questions to Mr. Montayne regarding the construction of and materials used for the lift, and weight capacity. Mr. Montayne stated that the construction materials used would be PVC and consist of stairs and a hand rail, with a weight capacity of 400 lbs. The board also asked about the longevity of the equipment and Mr. Montayne stated it should last for 20+ years. Also, a question was asked about if the Dyer pool is not going to be reopened, would students from other schools within the district be able to use the high school pools. Mr. Montayne said that would have to be coordinated.

2. The liquidating of school district surplus equipment.

Mr. Montayne said the periodically the district will take obsolete or in need of major repair to auction. He discussed that Maintenance and Operations would like to send the following to auction: the district's old salt truck that was recently replaced and some old instruments from the district's instrumental music program. The instrumental music program in the district received over the past few months some new percussion and brass instruments and have selected some instruments that while still playable, either are not in good

shape due to age or in need of repair. He also stated that the district has used Bidergy in the past and that all proceeds from the auction would be deposited into the general fund.

The committee then heard from Ms. Clair about the following:

1. State Aid Report

Ms. Clair stated the only state aid received was due to reimbursement for board training. She also shared that 147g is the 3% health care reimbursement. The district will be reimbursing the staff who have paid into the fund/program in March and then October. The reason for the reimbursement is the health care after retirement is fully funded.

Questions were asked how the district will be affected if the Department of Education is disbanded. Both Ms. Clair and Ms. Curry stated that they are not concerned. There are legislative checks and balances and that the district is moving forward with the status quo.

Questions were also asked if students are still receiving free breakfast and lunch for all students. Ms. Clair confirmed that the students are. Follow up questions about if after school meals are still being served. Ms. Curry believes some after school activity groups may be receiving food but will follow up with Mr. Tocco to confirm.

2. Investment Report

Ms. Clair stated that the investment fund was at the time of the meeting \$57,042,274.42, which was down approximately \$1 million from the prior month. She also shared that the interest rate which was at 4.61% the month prior, is now at 4.46%.

3. Check Register

Ms. Clair stated that the district spent \$5,917,822.45 for the month of January and questions were asked about some of the expenditures.

Following Ms. Clair, the meeting then moved on to the comment portion, which started with Ms. Curry thanking everyone for being flexible with the change of the Finance Committee meeting.

Ms. Abney-Mitchell appreciated everyone's flexibility and working together.

Ms. Hines thanked Ms. Curry for attending the recent Chamber of Commerce meeting and is looking forward to the partnership.

Mr. Ambrus thanked Ms. Curry for the community events. He also stated that using online meetings for the Finance Committee should be

the exception and not the rule. His goal for the committee is to provide some level of transparency for the public.

The meeting was then adjourned at 6:00 PM.

290.25 REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF BUSINESS SERVICE & FINANCE

I. Recommendation to Purchase Handicap Lifts and Stairs for High School Pools – Tocco

Resolved, that the board approve Business Service & Finance Item I. as presented. Motion by D. Cox, support by M. Hines.

Board members were given an opportunity to ask questions and provide comments.

ROLL CALL VOTE

AYES:	7
NAYS:	0
ABSTAIN:	0
ABSENT:	0

MOTION PASSED

II. Recommendation to Liquidate District Surplus Equipment – Tocco

Resolved, that the board approve Business Service & Finance Item II. as presented. Motion by F. Weaver, support by D. Cox.

Board members were given an opportunity to ask questions and provide comments.

ROLL CALL VOTE

AYES:	7
NAYS:	0
ABSTAIN:	0
ABSENT:	0

MOTION PASSED

291.25 REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION AND ASSESSMENT ITEMS – Curry

I. Virtual Learning Instructional Days under MCL 388.1621f

Resolved, that the board approve Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment Item I. as presented. Motion by D. Cox, support by F. Weaver.

Board members were given an opportunity to ask questions and provide comments.

ROLL CALL VOTE

AYES:	7
NAYS:	0
ABSTAIN:	0
ABSENT:	0

MOTION PASSED

292.25 MICHIGAN ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL BOARDS – BOARD OF DIRECTORS – May

Ms. May nominated Dr. Anisha Hannah from Pontiac Schools for the position. Dr. Weaver seconded the nomination and Ms. Abney-Mitchell supported the nomination. All board members were in favor of the nomination.

293.25 BOARD COMMITTEES – May

I. Recommendation to Dissolve Ad hoc Property Committee - May

Resolved, that the board approve Committee Dissolution Item I. as presented. Motion by D. Cox, support by L. Abney-Mitchell.

Dr. Weaver voiced that he is against the motion as there are times the Property Committee needs to make a decision based on a timeline.

Ms. Hines shared that she is against the motion as the Property Committee provides value especially with the new bond coming up. She also shared that the Property Committee was helpful when it was time to sell Marshall.

Ms. May shared that the discussions could take place during the Finance and Facility meetings.

Mr. Cox shared he is in favor of the dissolution of the Property Committee.

Ms. Abney-Mitchell shared all discussion needs to be brought forth to the board.

ROLL CALL VOTE

AYES: 5
NAYS: 2 (Hines, Weaver)
ABSTAIN: 0
ABSENT: 0

MOTION PASSED

II. Recommendation to Dissolve Ad hoc Superintendent's Evaluation Committee - May

Resolved, that the board approve Committee Dissolution Item II. as presented. Motion by D. Cox, support by A. Ambrus.

Ms. May shared that all board members should be a part of this process.

Board members were given an opportunity to ask questions and provide comments.

ROLL CALL VOTE

AYES: 7
NAYS: 0
ABSTAIN: 0
ABSENT: 0

MOTION PASSED

III. Board of Education Discussion on Standing Board Committees

Ms. May shared that there are three standing committees:

- Finance & Facilities
- Policies & Procedures (which includes Strategic Planning)
- Student Achievement

Board members were given an opportunity to ask questions and provide comments.

294.25 REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF HUMAN RESOURCES – Ofili

I. Christine Doyle Assistant Principal of John Glenn High School

Resolved, that the board approve Human Resource Item I. as presented. Motion by F. Weaver, support by D. Cox.

Ms. May thanked Dr. Ofili for having Ms. Doyle here at the beginning of the meeting as she needed to be at her building for a sporting event.

Board members were given an opportunity to ask questions and provide comments.

ROLL CALL VOTE

AYES:	7
NAYS:	0
ABSTAIN:	0
ABSENT:	0

MOTION PASSED

295.25 CITIZEN'S COMMENTS: NON-AGENDA ITEMS (GENERAL) – May

J. Day shared that she was there in support of Melinda Harris and volunteers.

M. Harris shared her concerns surrounding volunteering in our buildings and the difficulties she has faced.

K. Kogelschatz shared that she was there in support of Ms. Harris.

296.25 INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT/COMMENTS – Curry

J. Curry shared the following comments:

Since the fall, the transportation department has made notable staffing improvements. We now have 52 drivers covering 50 routes, 2 substitute drivers, and 2 drivers in training—one set to complete training by the first week of March and the other next week. Additionally, there are 23 attendants assigned to 22 routes.

We are making strong progress in recovering from the recent cyberattack. Most systems, including the internet, cameras, copiers/printers, phones, faxing, and badge access, are now fully operational. Our investigation has not confirmed any compromise of student or staff data. We have set up a Cyber Technology Restoration Hub to keep building administrators updated and will be working with an external cybersecurity firm to audit and strengthen our security.

In celebration of Black History Month, students across the district are participating in activities such as Spirit Weeks, guest readers, and learning about historical Black figures. Schools are sharing community resources to help families engage with local events and educational materials. Classrooms are also incorporating

discussions, projects, and creative displays to highlight Black leaders, achievements, and cultural contributions.

We're proud to announce that our district is one of 19 in Michigan to be awarded the Future Proud Michigan Educator EXPLORE grant. The Michigan Department of Education (MDE) allocated \$625,869 in total, and our district will receive \$20,000. These funds will support teacher educator classes at Franklin and Stevenson Middle Schools, providing our students with valuable hands-on experience working with younger children and inspiring them to explore teaching careers in their own communities.

297.25 REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATIONS, BOARD OF EDUCATION – May

D. Cox: No comment

F. Weaver:

- He believes the board should elect Ms. Curry as the next superintendent. Interim suggests that the position is short term.

M. Hines:

- Thanked the students for leading the Pledge.
- Congratulated the new Assistant Principal of John Glenn High School.
- Thanked Ms. Curry for going out into the communities to have conversations. She is proud of the relationships that are being built.
- Shared information regarding the Kiwanis's Club and the upcoming meetings.

S. Rochon:

- Thanked the staff, administrators and volunteers for all of the hard work.
- Thanked Hype and shared that community partnerships are going to help the district grow.
- He is happy to share that he is the chair for the Student Achievement Committee and would like to focus on:
 - Curriculum Development Enhancement
 - Data-Driven Decision Making
 - Professional Development for Educators

A. Ambrus:

- Thanked the volunteers in our district.
- Shared he attended the Champions of Wayne banquet. It was great to see the mentors working with the students setting goals and working towards accomplishing those goals.

L. Abney-Mitchell:

- Thanked the students for leading the Pledge.
- Thanked Mr. Watson for his presentation.

- Thanked the Inspire Inkster group for all of the opportunities the cub scouts have received.
- Shared that the volunteers are the meat of the district and are very important.

K. May:

- Thanked everyone for their comments this evening.
- Thanked the students for leading the Pledge.
- Thanked the presenters from the evening as well as the volunteers who support our district.
- She attended the JGHS Hall of Fame Induction.
- She attended the WMHS Student Achievement Banquet where over 200 scholars received checks for reaching their academic and/or social emotional learning goals.
- Thanked Ms. Curry and her team for the community engagement session held in Canton where there was a casual atmosphere to ask questions. She strongly encourages families to attend the upcoming events.
- Shared that we have a Glenn graduate on the U of M gymnastics team.
- The board completed the mid-year progress check in with Ms. Curry and they are pleased with the progress the district is making on the two established goals.
 - 1st goal is to enhance transparent communication and strengthen relationships between families, schools and community.
 - 2nd goal is by 2025 all teachers will provide evidence of competency and implementation of MDE's Literacy Essentials (Pre-K – 5) measured by foundational skill and NWEA data as well as Disciplinary Literacy (6th – 12th) as measured by surveys, classroom observations, and data conversations.
- The meeting was concluded by adding a third mid-year goal around improving the supports on getting the students to school.

298.25 FOLLOW UP TO BOARD OF EDUCATION QUESTIONS

Ms. Curry shared the following information:

- The question surrounding the bond furniture:
 - Classroom furniture means all furniture in the classroom including staff desks.
 - Mr. Cox shared there will be engagement dates that staff will have the opportunity to share their thoughts.
- Previous question surrounding Advanced Placement classes:
 - We are looking at our offerings for Advanced Placements and Dual Enrollment. We are working with individuals to make sure we can get classes that are needed. This does not mean we can offer every class but we can look to see what is available.

299.25 ADJOURNMENT

Resolved, that the board adjourn the meeting at 9:03 p.m. Motion by D. Cox, support by L. Abney-Mitchell.

ROLL CALL VOTE

AYES:	7
NAYS:	0
ABSTAIN:	0
ABSENT:	0

MOTION PASSED

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Melandie Hines". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Melandie Hines
Board of Education Secretary
Wayne-Westland Community Schools