

Minutes

313.25 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG – May

President led the Pledge of Allegiance.

314.25 ROLL CALL/ATTENDANCE – Hines

Board Members Present: LeWanna Abney-Mitchell, Andrew Ambrus, David R. Cox, Melandie Hines, Kimberly R. May, Shannon Rochan, Frederick L. Weaver, Th.D.

315.25 ADJOURNMENT TO A CLOSED SESSION – May

Resolved, that the Board of Education will adjourn to a closed session at 6:04 p.m. according to pursuant to 8(h)...[to consider material exempt from discussion or disclosure by state or federal statute...] according to the Open Meetings Act. Motion by D. Cox, support by L. Abney-Mitchell.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

MOTION PASSED

316.25 ADJOURNMENT TO AN OPEN MEETING – May

Resolved, that the Board of Education adjourn to an open meeting at 7:04 p.m. Motion by D. Cox, support by L. Abney-Mitchell.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

MOTION PASSED

317.25 RECOGNITIONS AND PRESENTATIONS – May

- I. Student Recognition Presentation – Dr. Jennifer Page, Stottlemeyer
Preschool Principal

Dr. Page shared a video and recognized Carl Gerhardt for his outstanding achievement.

- II. High School Athletic Team Recognition – Scott Tocco, Assistant
Superintendent of Administration & Operations

Mr. Tocco introduced the Athletic Directors and congratulated the teams at both high schools.

- a. John Glenn High School – Jason Malloy, Athletic Director
- b. Wayne Memorial High School – Mark Woodson, Athletic Director

- III. Employee Recognition – Kim Pawlukiewicz, Executive Director of High
School Curriculum & Instruction and State & Federal Grants

Ms. Pawlukiewicz honored Mr. Jason Malloy, John Glenn High School, Athletic Director. He was named Region 11 Athletic Trainer of the Year.

- IV. Meridian – Vision Van – Amanda Faughnan, Supervisor of SEL, McKinney-
Vento & Foster Care Liaison

Ms. Faughnan shared a slideshow highlighting the partnership Wayne-Westland Community Schools has with Meridian and thanked them for supplying our students with eye exams and eyeglasses.

318.25 CITIZEN'S COMMENTS: AGENDA ITEMS – May

There were no citizen's comments.

319.25 CONSENT AGENDA

- I. MINUTES

- a. Regular Board Meeting Minutes – March 17, 2025

- II. HUMAN RESOURCE ITEMS

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

Katherine Brake

Amy Griffith
Koby Hileman
Roberta Widrig
Laura Black
Donny Scott
Debra Hauser
Shana Hockemeyer
Hollie Kolcz
Tyler McGrath
Teresa Worthy
Asia Berry
Sharon Calka
Tara McDonald
Deborah Moorehead

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

Annette Clarey
Tamara Gabourie
Kurt Kosky
Marc Molinaro
Thomas Wolf
Victoria Batko
Josephine Bigelow
Wade Cook
Bridget Copeland
Jamie Crum
Mary Kaminski
Tenisha McKinnie
Alisha McMillan
Edward Randall
Bridgette Tressler
Hannah Wellday
Rontrell Woodruff
Bailey Allen
Barbara Bovia
Daniel Burd
Fahnformah Clarke
Devon Hall
Noah Karson
Cody Smith
Andrea Ward

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. Hicks Elementary, STEM Field Trip [under separate cover]
- ii. John Glenn High School, Band End of the Year Field Trip [under separate cover]

Resolved, that the board approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion by D. Cox, support by A. Ambrus.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

MOTION PASSED

320.25 BOARD OF EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT – May

I. Finance & Facility Committee Report – Ambrus

Mr. Ambrus shared the following from a prepared statement:

Meeting was called to order at 5:29PM, with the following in attendance: Mr. Andrew Ambrus, Ms. Melandie Hines, Ms. Jennifer Curry, Mr. Scott Tocco, Ms. Jewel Clair, Mr. Daryl Beebe and Ms. Kim Markey. Ms. Lawanna Abney-Mitchell was excused due to attending the National School Boards Conference in Atlanta, Georgia.

The committee first heard from Mr. Beebe about the following:

1. The request for approval of new chrome books and carts for the elementary and middle schools. The board is being asked to purchase 1194 chrome books and 14 carts. \$106,823.10 would come from Title 1 funds and \$251,210.70 would be charged to Title 2 funds. These chrome books would be delivered to the district with all the software needed, ready to use on day 1.

Questions were asked if the government could rescind any of our title funds. It was stated by Ms. Clair that our funds are secure.

Questions were also asked if these chrome books would be released for home use and the length of use before replacement. Mr. Beebe stated that these chrome books will remain at the buildings to reduce wear and tear and are expected to last 5 years before replacement.

2. Mr. Beebe is requesting approval to purchase cellular boosters for 7 buildings. There are some spots in our buildings where cellular signal is weak or nonexistent. During the recent phone outage, it was difficult at times for staff to communicate using cell phones. A competitive bid process was performed. 4 bids were received, with 2 being insufficient for our needs. Mr. Beebe recommends that the board approve Moss for this project at a cost of \$315,000 with funds coming from the sinking fund.

Questions were raised about the possibility of cost increases due to tariffs and the committee was assured that the quote would be honored. Mr. Tocco said that if the district needs additional boosters, that would be covered under the new bond proposal. Also, the tariffs could affect some of the materials used for the upcoming bond. Also, if the board approves the funds for the booster upgrades to 7 buildings, work would start within 2 weeks and start with the buildings that have the most issues.

The committee then heard from Mr. Scott Tocco about assessments the district had performed on a few district owned properties in Inkster. There is a discrepancy in the property valuation between what the district was presented by our appraisers and what the City of Inkster has the property valued at. There is interest in these properties and also the Kettering property in Westland. Mr. Tocco will keep the board apprised of any future developments.

Ms. Clair then went over the state aid report and mentioned the new items for state aid are the Section 41 Bilingual and First Robotics revenue. Also, there is a section about proposals for next year's funding. We then reviewed the check register and the investment report. Per the investment report, the district has approx. \$56.8 million, which is \$1 million more than expected. With interest rates falling, she will be transferring money to a higher interest account.

Ms. Curry then shared about having some more community engagement opportunities. Also, the district, as of today, now has a district facility dog named Madden. Madden is a goldendoodle and will reside between a Hamilton teacher and Ms. Faughnan. He will be at Hamilton 4 days a week and at the district office for 1 day.

Ms. Hines stated she is working with businesses in the community to support the district including Schoolcraft College and Wayne County Community College.

The meeting was then adjourned at 6:18PM.

II. Policy & Procedure Committee Report – Weaver

Dr. Weaver shared the following:

The team met and in attendance F. Weaver, M. Hines, S. Rochon, WWCS administrators and K. Sutton. Mr. Sutton shared that there were a few tweaks with wording to ensure that we have consistency in our policy, Student Code of Conduct and Administrative Regulations for discipline hearings. Ms. Pawlukiewicz shared the VPAA courses at WWIA and the graduation requirement recommendations. She also shared that she is instituting a grading task force. The committee also talked about cell phone usage, he believes this is a hot topic for this board. The meeting adjourned at 10:53 a.m.

III. Student Achievement Committee Report – Rochon

Mr. Rochon shared the following:

The first meeting of this committee took place on April 8 at 5:00pm. In attendance were S. Rochon, K. May, and L. Abney-Mitchell, J. Curry and K. Pawlukiewicz. Mr. Rochon shared that student achievement is more than just test scores. He is aiming to lay out a strategic plan for the upcoming year. He would like to align the committee vision and goals with the existing district vision and mission. K. Pawlukiewicz shared power points focusing on high school student achievement, graduation requirements, VPAA courses, Grading Task Force. Discussion was had regarding incorporating student voices and new curriculum, community engagement to communicate these developments. The meeting adjourned at 6:16 p.m.

321.25 REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF BUSINESS SERVICE, FINANCE & FACILITIES

I. Recommendation Purchase Chromebooks & Carts for Elementary and Middle Schools - Clair

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

The board was given an opportunity to ask questions and make comments.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

MOTION PASSED

II. Recommendation to Award Contract for Cellular Boosters at Seven District Buildings – Clair

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

The board was given an opportunity to ask questions and make comments.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

MOTION PASSED

III. Marshall Property Update [under separate cover] – Tocco

Mr. Tocco shared the following from a prepared statement:

At the January 27, 2025 Board of Education meeting, the Board unanimously approved the sale of the Marshall property. I am pleased to share that the purchase agreement was officially executed on April 11, 2025. While the property sold for \$500,000, the total estimated benefit to the district is approximately \$3.5 million, due to the elimination of ongoing maintenance costs, and the avoidance of future demolition expenses.

The board was given the opportunity to ask questions and make comments.

322.25 REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION AND ASSESSMENT

I. Presentation and Recommendation to approve VPAA (Visual Performing and Applied Arts) courses at WWIA and Modify High School Graduation Requirements - Pawlukiewicz

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

The board was given an opportunity to ask questions and make comments.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

MOTION PASSED

323.25 BOARD DISCUSSION

I. Board Discussion regarding Listening Session – Rochon

Mr. Rochon shared that he attended the National Conference in Georgia and had an opportunity to have discussions with other state-wide board members. One of the items that was brought up was board members having community conversations similar to the Community Engagement sessions the Superintendent had this past year. This would provide the community a forum in which to give feedback to board members and let them know how they feel about upcoming votes. The sessions could be spread throughout the district. He wanted this opened for discussion with the other board members.

All board members were given an opportunity to ask questions and give feedback. It was determined that this be tabled for further discussion.

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

A. Ostrander shared her support of Ms. Curry.

S. Conn thanked the board for working together and gave a shout out for the para-professional group. He also shared the MEA (Michigan Education Association) support of Ms. Curry being the permanent full-time superintendent.

A. Heinicke supports community meetings with the board members and mentioned they will need to stay on topic. She also shared that the Foundation event took place on Friday and she was excited to see the board members there.

B. Parendo spoke on behalf of the WWAP (Wayne-Westland Association of Paraprofessionals) concerning their pay and what is being negotiated.

325.25 INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT/COMMENTS – Curry

Ms. Curry shared the following from a prepared statement:

Last week, our Central Office team and building administrators engaged in a professional development session centered on Artificial Intelligence (AI). Together, we explored how AI tools can simplify everyday tasks, support data-driven decision-making, and discussed best practices for using AI responsibly in education. Next, we plan to create a district AI Task Force to help foster a learning environment where AI empowers and enriches opportunities for every student.

Thank you to everyone who attended the Wayne-Westland Education Foundation event last Friday. It was a wonderful evening filled with community spirit and support for our schools. The funds raised will directly benefit classrooms and programs across the district

Lastly, our annual Culture and Diversity Festival will be held at the William D. Ford Career-Technical Center on Thursday, May 1st, from 5 to 7 p.m. Please Join us for a celebration featuring international cuisine, cultural performances, student showcases, and valuable family and parent resources.

326.25 REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATIONS, BOARD OF EDUCATION – May

M. Hines shared the following comments:

- She congratulated all the sports teams.
- Thanked Mayor Kevin Coleman and the Westland Police Department for the donations to the John Glenn High School Key Club.
- She shared information from a resource fair that was held. She is also working with Michigan Works on upcoming job fairs and will provide the district with flyers. Additionally, she shared upcoming community events.
- She shared that she has sat on the board for over 11 years and has been through lots of superintendents, superintendent searches and interviews. She gives her full support to Ms. Curry as superintendent and believes that the staff and students would like to see this as well.

F. Weaver shared the following comments:

- The policy committee has had changes in the que and the committee has not been recognized to move forward with the changes. He shared that one of the main things that the Board of Education does is consider policy and that the board is unable to vote on the changes if it is not put on the agenda.

D. Cox shared the following comments:

- He shared his appreciation for the student presentations this evening. Kids do better when they are involved in their school building. He commended the coaches, the sportsmanship and the academics.
- He would like to see a student performance report similar to what the board receives regarding the finance benchmark report.
- The district used to have a relationship with Wayne County Community College that seems to have fallen by the wayside, he would like to know what happened and what we can do to fix the relationship.
- He has been involved with 8 superintendents during his time on the board and is concerned about the comment made this evening that the Michigan Education Association has never approved of one person until Ms. Curry.

S. Rochon shared the following comments:

- He recognized the staff, teachers and students. He appreciated the presentation this evening and also recognized Stottlemeyer. He believes recognition is important and that it should be highlighted and not taken lightly.
- He attended the NSBA (National School Board Association) conference and felt it was very informative as a new school board member. He was able to get ideas on what other boards do.
- He is active in the community and that is why he ran for the board. He would like to involve the community and build partnerships to help student achievement. We will need to ensure that our communication is stellar focusing on the district marketing.
- He highlighted the importance of elevating student voices and advocated for have a student board member involved in the processes.
- He would like the board to have more workshops and/or retreats to get to know each other. He would also like to establish a district wide parent committee group.
- He is committed to working and collaborating with all.

L. Abney-Mitchell shared the following comments:

- She is thankful for the student presentations this evening. She appreciates the coaches, the parents and the students.
- She is thankful for her fellow board members and the staff.
- She shared her appreciation of Meridian.
- She also attended NSBA (National School Board Association) in Atlanta and engaged with board members from all over the world.
- She also shared that the district dog, Madden will be at the next board meeting.

A. Ambrus shared the following comments:

- Thanked Ms. Pawlukiewicz for all of her hard work and felt that this was a well thought out plan.
- The end of the school year is winding down and we need to sprint to the end.

K. May shared the following comments:

- Thanked everyone for attending the meeting.
- Congratulated Carl from Stottlemeyer and recognized his perseverance.
- She was excited to celebrate the student athletes and recognition of not only the sports but the academics as well.
- Thanked Meridian for the partnership.
- She enjoyed spending a day in the district. She spent time with Mr. Lowe's Social Studies class.
- She enjoyed the Foundation Uncorked & On Tap event and gave praise to Ms. Mitter for all of her hard work.
- She attended several sessions at the National School Board conference. She also met students who served on both local and national school boards. She would love to see students on the Wayne-Westland board.
- She clarified the process to have items added to the agenda and referred to the Board Operating Procedure page 5.

327.25 FOLLOW UP TO BOARD OF EDUCATION QUESTIONS

There were no follow up questions.

328.25 ADJOURNMENT

Resolved, that the board adjourn the meeting at 9:31 p.m. Motion by D. Cox, support by L. Abney-Mitchell.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

MOTION PASSED

Melandie Hines
Board of Education Secretary
Wayne-Westland Community Schools

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