

Minutes

329.25 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG – May

Blake Varley, Hannah Swingrum, Nicolas Boone
Wildwood Elementary School, Jana Babyak, Principal

330.25 ROLL CALL/ATTENDANCE – Hines

Board Members Present: Andrew Ambrus, David R. Cox, Melandie Hines,
Kimberly R. May, Shannon Rochon, Frederick L. Weaver, Th.D.

Board Members Absent: LeWanna Abney-Mitchell

331.25 ADJOURNMENT TO A CLOSED SESSION – May

NOTE: There may or may not be action taken by the Board following the closed session

Resolved, that the Board of Education will adjourn to a closed session at 6:35 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 S. Rochon.

AYES: 5
NAYS: 1 (Weaver)
ABSTAIN: 0
ABSENT: 1 (Abney-Mitchell)

MOTION PASSED

332.25 ADJOURNMENT TO AN OPEN MEETING – May

Resolved, that the Board of Education adjourn to an open meeting at 7:12 p.m. Motion by D. Cox, support by M. Hines.

AYES: 6
NAYS: 0
ABSTAIN: 0
ABSENT: 1 (Abney-Mitchell)

MOTION PASSED

333.25 RECOGNITIONS AND PRESENTATIONS – May

I. Building Update, Wildwood Elementary School, Jana Babyak, Principal

Ms. Babyak presented a slide show highlighting Wildwood Elementary School focusing on School Demographics, Attendance, Student Well-Being, Student Achievement and Points of Pride. She also discussed her Legacy program and presented her Legacy winners.

Board members were given the opportunity to make comments and ask questions.

II. Recognition of Franklin STEM students, Solve for Tomorrow National Competition, Sheri Grove, Executive Director of Middle School Curriculum and Instruction

Ms. Grove introduced Angela Christy, teacher at Franklin Middle School and shared the names of the students who are the State Champions for the Samsung Reach for Tomorrow contest. The teacher and the students shared their projects. They also worked with the CTC program to adapt vehicles for the SXI students at Stottlemeyer.

Board members were given the opportunity to make comments and ask questions.

III. Early Middle College Student Recognition, Wayne-Westland Innovative Academy, Chris Swanson, Assistant Principal

Ms. Swanson recognized our first two EMC graduates. She explained the process of the EMC program. We partnered with Wayne County Community College. Ms. Swanson also introduced Mr. Ted Booker, WWIA Counselor who has been the driving force of this program.

Board members were given the opportunity to make comments and ask questions.

IV. Employee Retirement Recognition, Alex Ofili, Ph.D., Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources

Dr. Ofili acknowledged the following 2025 Wayne-Westland retirees:

Laura Black
Susan Thompson
Ann Turner
Mary Jenkins-Williams

Debra Hauser
Rachelle Traux
Katherine Brake
Shana Hockemeyer
Maureen Jones
Hollie Kolcz
Maureen O'Neill
Joseph Copland
Kristena Barrett
Susan Huntley
Terri McDowell
Maureen Grim
Jeffery Szabo
Joseph Fletcher
Martha Robertson
Diana Cole
Diane Gordon
Rodger Ayers
Debra Busuito
Tammy Wiercioch
Susan Fishaw
Scott Shaw
Barbara Zak-Lew
Deborah Krywy
Deanna Beck
Jill Nichols
Dawn Kmet
Teresa Worthy
Diane Remington
Nancy Perry
Pam Pierce
Beverly Edmonds

Board members were given the opportunity to make comments and ask questions.

V. 2025 Bond Presentation, Scott Tocco, Assistant Superintendent of Administration & Operations

Doug Underwood (McCarthy & Smith) and Bill Weinrauch (TMP Architecture) shared an update on the 2025 bond and advised the board that they would be presenting to the Department of Treasury on June 11, 2025.

Board members were given the opportunity to make comments and ask questions.

VI. Suicide Coalition Presentation, Amanda Faughnan, Supervisor of SEL, McKinney-Vento & Foster Care Liaison

Ms. Faughnan introduced Brian Galdes from Growth Works. Mr. Galdes shared a slide show from the Suicide Prevention Coalition/Hope Empowerment Coalition.

Ms. Faughnan also introduced Madden, our facility dog.

Board members were given the opportunity to make comments and ask questions.

334.25 CITIZEN'S COMMENTS: AGENDA ITEMS – May

J. West – discussed the cooperative swimming and thanked Mr. Tocco for the clarification. She also shared her concerns regarding the board community conversations.

335.25 CONSENT AGENDA

I. MINUTES

- a. Regular Board Meeting Minutes – April 14, 2025
- b. Closed Session Minutes – April 14, 2025 [under separate cover]

II. HUMAN RESOURCE ITEMS

- a. Resignations/Terminations: Administrative, Instructional, Non-Instructional and/or Non-Affiliated Personnel
- b. Placements: Administrative, Instructional, Non-Instructional and/or Non-Affiliated Personnel
- c. Leave of Absence: Administrative, Instruction, Non-Instruction and/or Non-Affiliated Personnel
- d. Assistant Superintendent/Chief Financial Officer – Amended Contracts [under separate cover]

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. Adams Middle School, 8th Grade National History Day Competition – [under separate cover]
- ii. Stevenson Middle School, 8th Grade National History Day Competition – [under separate cover]
- iii. Franklin Middle School, 8th Grade End of the Year Trip – [under separate cover]

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

AYES: 6
NAYS: 0
ABSTAIN: 0
ABSENT: 1 (Abney-Mitchell)

MOTION PASSED

336.25 BOARD OF EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT – May

I. Finance & Facility Committee Report – Ambrus

Mr. Ambrus shared a summary from the Finance and Facility May Committee meeting.

II. Policy & Procedure Committee Report – Weaver

Dr. Weaver shared a summary from the Policy & Procedure May Committee meeting.

III. Student Achievement Committee Report – Rochon

Mr. Rochon shared a summary from the Student Achievement May Committee meeting.

337.25 REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF BUSINESS SERVICE, FINANCE & FACILITIES

I. Recommendation to approve Bus Replacement for 2025-2026 - Clair

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

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

ROLL CALL VOTE

AYES: 6
NAYS: 0
ABSTAIN: 0
ABSENT: 1 (Abney-Mitchell)

MOTION PASSED

II. Recommendation to purchase Secondary Math Curriculum - Curry

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

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

ROLL CALL VOTE

AYES: 6
NAYS: 0
ABSTAIN: 0
ABSENT: 1 (Abney-Mitchell)

MOTION PASSED

III. Recommendation to purchase Furniture and Sensory Room Enhancements from Act 18 – Curry

Resolved, that the board approve Business Service & Finance Item III. as presented. Motion by M. Hines, support by A. Ambrus.

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

ROLL CALL VOTE

AYES: 6
NAYS: 0
ABSTAIN: 0
ABSENT: 1 (Abney-Mitchell)

MOTION PASSED

IV. Recommendation to approve the reallocation of School Bus Funding - Clair

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

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

ROLL CALL VOTE

AYES: 6
NAYS: 0
ABSTAIN: 0
ABSENT: 1 (Abney-Mitchell)

MOTION PASSED

338.25 REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

I. Recommendation to Form and Support a Cooperative Swimming and Diving Team - Tocco

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

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

ROLL CALL VOTE

AYES: 6
NAYS: 0
ABSTAIN: 0
ABSENT: 1 (Abney-Mitchell)

MOTION PASSED

339.25 REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF POLICY AND ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS

- I. Discipline Alignment Policy 2006 – Behavior [First Read – under separate cover] – Ofili
- II. Artificial Intelligence (AI) Policy [First Read – under separate cover] – Ofili
- III. Recommended Policy and Administrative Regulations as recommended by Legal Firm [First Read – under separate cover] – Ofili

Dr. Ofili shared an overview for the board's first read of the changes and shared that they would be coming to a June meeting for approval.

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

340.25 REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF HUMAN RESOURCE ITEMS – Ofili

- I. WWAP (Wayne-Westland Association of Paraprofessionals) Contract Agreement (July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2028) – [under separate cover]

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

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

ROLL CALL VOTE

AYES: 6
NAYS: 0
ABSTAIN: 0
ABSENT: 1 (Abney-Mitchell)

MOTION PASSED

341.25 REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF WAYNE COUNTY REGIONAL EDUCATIONAL SERVICE AGENCY (WAYNE RESA) BUDGET RESOLUTION – May

Resolved, that the board approve the Wayne RESA 2025-2026 budget and waive the need to read the enclosed resolution. Motion by M. Hines, support by D. Cox.

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

ROLL CALL VOTE

AYES: 6
NAYS: 0
ABSTAIN: 0
ABSENT: 1 (Abney-Mitchell)

MOTION PASSED

342.25 REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF WAYNE COUNTY REGIONAL EDUCATIONAL SERVICE AGENCY (WAYNE RESA) ELECTION REPRESENTATIVE RESOLUTION – May

The board adopted a resolution to designate board member Melandie Hines as an electoral representative and board member Shannon Rochon as an alternate electoral representative for the June Wayne RESA Board of Education election and select James Berri and Lynda Jackson as the candidates for whom the vote should be cast.

Resolved, that the board approve the Wayne RESA Election Representative and waive the need to read the enclosed resolution. Motion by D. Cox, support by A. Ambrus.

ROLL CALL VOTE

AYES: 6
NAYS: 0
ABSTAIN: 0
ABSENT: 1 (Abney-Mitchell)

MOTION PASSED

MOTION REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF BOARD OF EDUCATION ITEMS – May

I. Initiate a series of board community conversations to begin in September.

Resolved, that the board approve the Board of Education Item I. as presented. Motion by S. Rochon, support by. D. Cox.

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

ROLL CALL VOTE

AYES: 6
NAYS: 0
ABSTAIN: 0
ABSENT: 1 (Abney-Mitchell)

MOTION PASSED

343.25 STUDENT REINSTATEMENT [under separate cover] – Tocco

Resolved, that the board not reinstate Student 2425-B according to the terms and conditions of the Resolution. Motion by F. Weaver, support by A. Ambrus.

The board members were given the opportunity to ask questions or make comments.

ROLL CALL VOTE

AYES: 6
NAYS: 0
ABSTAIN: 0
ABSENT: 1 (Abney-Mitchell)

MOTION PASSED

344.25 STUDENT REINSTATEMENT [under separate cover] – Tocco

Resolved, that the board not reinstate Student 2425-C according to the terms and conditions of the Resolution. Motion by F. Weaver, support by S. Rochon.

The board members were given the opportunity to ask questions or make comments.

ROLL CALL VOTE

AYES: 6
NAYS: 0
ABSTAIN: 0
ABSENT: 1 (Abney-Mitchell)

MOTION PASSED

345.25 STUDENT REINSTATEMENT [under separate cover] – Tocco

Resolved, that the board not reinstate Student 2425-A according to the terms and conditions of the Resolution. Motion by F. Weaver, support by A. Ambrus.

The board members were given the opportunity to ask questions or make comments.

ROLL CALL VOTE

AYES: 0
NAYS: 0
ABSTAIN: 0
ABSENT: 1 (Abney-Mitchell)

MOTION PASSED

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

M. Sample – spoke in support of Jennifer Curry and asked if a search was going to happen why it was not started in 2024. Also, asked about a stakeholder survey.

D. Jones – suggested having a child care area available during meeting times and stressed prioritizing transparency during the process of the search for a new superintendent.

H. Martinez – spoke in support of Jennifer Curry being named superintendent and voiced her concerns with a superintendent search.

M. Furca – spoke in support of Jennifer Curry being named superintendent.

J. Owens – spoke in support of Jennifer Curry being named superintendent.

A. Gridley – spoke in support of Jennifer Curry being named superintendent.

S. Martin – urged the board to have a policy regarding student cell phone use.

T. Karpinski – spoke in support of Jennifer Curry being named superintendent and voiced her concerns about stability and fiscal responsibility.

J. West – spoke in support of Jennifer Curry being named superintendent.

E. Henzi – shared his concerns regarding the new grading policy.

S. Conn – spoke in support of Jennifer Curry being named superintendent.

347.25 INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT/COMMENTS – Curry

Thank you to everyone who attended today's District Improvement Summit. Your dedication to academic growth, equity, and student well-being continues to make a meaningful impact across our schools.

As we look ahead to celebrating the Class of 2025 and their many achievements, we also look forward to year-end events like award ceremonies, field days, and clap-outs. We wish everyone a strong finish to the school year and a safe, relaxing summer!

348.25 REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATIONS, BOARD OF EDUCATION – May

M. Hines shared the following comments:

- Thanked everyone for presenting.
- Shared upcoming community events.
- Spoke in support of Jen Curry as superintendent.

A. Ambrus shared the following comment:

- A motion was presented to extend a two-year contract to Curry; multiple people were not in favor of a three year. He was in favor of keeping Curry on while they determined what they wanted in a superintendent. He is grateful for all of the communities' comments. He said Curry has a lot of great qualities. If he is going to vote for a superintendent for this district, he wants someone who is willing to come before the board and answer questions, wants to hear a future vision on how we are going to move forward. Does not think it is too much to ask.

F. Weaver shared the following comments:

- Spoke in support of Jen Curry as superintendent.

D. Cox shared the following comments:

- Thanked S. Conn for the email and shared that all conversations should take place in a public meeting.
- The board is exercising their responsibility in moving forward with a superintendent search. A two-year contract was offered and denied.
- The board focus is on the children and there are a lot of uncertainties in public education. We have given higher salaries but are not seeing higher scores. A plan is needed to move forward.
- Would like to know about equal integral grading.
- Shared that he is an ally for a cell phone policy.
- He is grateful for the mental health supports.

S. Rochon shared the following comments:

- Thanked the students for attending and leading the pledge as well as the Wildwood principal.
- Congratulated the retirees and thanked them for their hard work and dedication.
- Strong support for Jen Curry as a great candidate for superintendent. He also advocates for an interview process to hear her vision for the schools.

K. May shared the following comments:

- Thanked the Wildwood pledge students.
- Congratulated our Early Middle College students.
- Appreciated all of the presentations from this evening.
- Congratulated our retirees.
- Grateful for all in attendance tonight and for all who shared their concerns either in a meeting, via email or in person.
- Attended the Elementary Art Show and Wayne Memorial Jazz Night, great things are happening here.
- Attended the MASB Spring Institute there was a lot of learning and fellowship.

- She has a lot of admiration and respect for Ms. Curry there is no discourse between them. This decision was made by the majority of the board.

349.25 FOLLOW UP TO BOARD OF EDUCATION QUESTIONS

There was no follow up.

350.25 ADJOURNMENT

Resolved, that the board adjourn the meeting at 10:08 pm. Motion by D. Cox, support by S. Rochon.

ROLL CALL VOTE

AYES: 6
NAYS: 0
ABSTAIN: 0
ABSENT: 1 (Abney-Mitchell)

MOTION PASSED

Melandie Hines
Board of Education Secretary
Wayne-Westland Community Schools