

Minutes

- I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG – Hines
The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Dr. Weaver.
- II. ROLL CALL/ATTENDANCE – Cox

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: LeWanna Abney-Mitchell, Andrew Ambrus, David Cox, Melandie Hines, Frederick Weaver, Th.D.

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Kimberly May, Shannon Rochon
- III. RECOGNITIONS AND PRESENTATIONS - Hines
 - a. Technology Department Update – Beebe
- IV. CITIZEN'S COMMENTS - AGENDA ITEMS – Hines
There were no citizen comments.
- V. CONSENT AGENDA - Hines
 - a. MINUTES
 - i. Regular Minutes - August 17, 2026
 - b. HUMAN RESOURCE ITEMS
 - i. Resignations/Terminations: Administrative, Instructional, Non-Instructional and/or Non-Affiliated Personnel
 - ii. Placements: Administrative, Instructional, Non-Instructional and/or Non-Affiliated Personnel
 - iii. Leaves of Absence: Administrative, Instructional, Non-Instructional, and/or Non-Affiliated Personnel
 - iv. Superintendent Contract Amendment [under separate cover]
 - c. BUSINESS & FINANCE ITEMS
 - i. Payment of Invoices [under separate cover]
 - ii. Investment Report [under separate cover]
 - iii. Legal Firm Representation - 2027
 - a. Collins & Blaha, P.C. - Scholarship Grant Organization Matters
 - d. CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION AND ASSESSMENT
 - i. Field Trips
 - a. Wayne Memorial High School - Upward Bound Field Trip [under separate cover]

- b. Wayne Memorial High School - Leadership Training Institute [under separate cover]
- e. DONATIONS
The following donations were made to Wayne-Westland Community Schools for students:
 - i. ADK Sorority - School Supplies, Winter Coats & Gift Cards for Student Assistance Needs
 - ii. Bethlehem Temple of Praise - Backpacks and School Supplies
 - iii. Costco Backpack Program - Backpacks and Costco Gift Cards
 - iv. Gethsemane Missionary Baptist Church - Clothing and Gift Cards for Student Needs
 - v. Plymouth Church of Christ - Pencil Boxes with School Supplies
 - vi. US Farathane - Backpacks, Winter Items, Socks, Undergarments and Hygiene supplies to support families in need

Resolved, that the Board approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion by D. Cox, support by F. Weaver.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: 5
NAYS: 0
ABSTAIN: 0
ABSENT: 2 (May, Rochon)

MOTION PASSED

- VI. BOARD OF EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORTS - Hines
 - a. Student Achievement Committee Report – Rochon
Dr. Cost shared the September Student Achievement Committee report. Board members were given the opportunity to ask questions and share comments.
 - b. Finance & Facility Committee Report – Ambrus
Mr. Ambrus shared the September Finance Committee report. Board members were given the opportunity to ask questions and share comments.
- VII. REVIEW & APPROVAL OF BUSINESS SERVICE & FINANCE - Hines
 - a. RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVAL THE PURCHASE OF MAINTENANCE VEHICLES – Tocco

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

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: 5
NAYS: 0
ABSTAIN: 0
ABSENT: 2 (May, Rochon)

MOTION PASSED

b. RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVAL THE PURCHASE OF DISTRICT KIOSK
REPLACEMENT & AUDIO ENHANCEMENT – Ofili

Resolved, that the Board approve Business Service & Finance Items VII.b. as presented. Motion by F. Weaver, support by A. Ambrus.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: 5
NAYS: 0
ABSTAIN: 0
ABSENT: 2 (May, Rochon)

MOTION PASSED

MOTION: Dr. Weaver motioned to start all regularly scheduled Board of Education meetings at 5:30 p.m. Support by Mr. Cox.

Board members discussed the pros and cons of earlier start times.

MOTION: Ms. Abney-Mitchell motioned to table the topic of early start meetings. Mr. Cox supported to the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: 4
NAYS: 1 (Weaver)
ABSTAIN: 0
ABSENT: 2 (May, Rochon)

VIII. CITIZEN COMMENTS: NON-AGENDA ITEMS (GENERAL) – Hines

D. Lewis – Thanked the Board and Superintendent Cost for their support of her son speaking at last month's Board of Education meeting. She also spoke about Special Education accommodations.

F. Guido – Spoke regarding issues with the Transportation Department and personal experience. She is requesting to be contacted with how the issue happened and what is being done to resolve and correct the problem.

IX. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT/COMMENTS – Cost

Dr. Cost shared the following comments:

- Dr. Ofili and Dr. Cost traveled across the District to notify the staff who have been awarded the Employee of the Year honor. There will be an Employee of the Year celebration on October 21st and the Board is invited to attend.
- She also congratulated students from Adams Middle School who participated in the National History Month competition. She thanked the staff for their support and Wayne Youth Assistance for the contribution.

X. REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATIONS, BOARD OF EDUCATION – Hines

L. Abney- Mitchell shared the following comments:

- Welcomed all staff and students back to the new school year.
- She was able to visit Adams and Franklin to participate in the Constitution Day events. She is looking forward to visiting more schools.
- She shared that the policy for discipline hearings has changed for the 2026/2027 school year.
- She spoke about the attendance policy. She would like to continue to monitor attendance, policy and discipline together.
- Her goal is to support students, families and the Superintendent as she works to attain her goals.
- She attended a safety meeting that the District held at Career-Tech. She wished that more parents were aware of the meeting.

D. Cox shared the following comments:

- The Board of Education was immediately made aware of what happened in relation to the transportation issue that was spoken about this evening. There are currently many staff members handling the situation and he recognizes that this is a very serious issue. He thanked the family for being at the meeting.

A. Ambrus shared the following comments:

- He echoed Mr. Cox's statements and advised that administration will communicate to the families about what steps are going to be taken to prevent this from happening again.
- Welcomed students back to school; he enjoyed seeing the excitement in their faces and talking to them. He knows that this will be a successful school year. Our teachers are ready to challenge the students and the

students are up to the challenge. He can't wait to hear about the progress we are making.

F. Weaver shared the following comments:

- No comments.

M. Hines shared the following comments:

- Thanked everyone for coming to the meeting.
- Thanked Dr. Cost for attending the City of Westland State of the City address. It is important for the community to see her at events.
- Thanked Jewell for going to the Rosie the Riveter Tea in Norwayne over the weekend. It was a great event.
- Congratulated JGHS on the Homecoming festivities and game.
- She would like to work with our Communications Department and the City of Westland to more expand our communication between the two teams.
- Apologized to the families impacted by transportation issue.

XI. ADJOURNMENT – Hines

Resolved, that the Board adjourn the meeting at 8:02 p.m. Motion by D. Cox, support by A. Ambrus.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES:	5
NAYS:	0
ABSTAIN:	0
ABSENT:	2 (May, Rochon)

MOTION PASSED

David Cox
Board of Education Secretary
Wayne-Westland Community Schools