

Minutes

I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG – Hines

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Ann Heinicke, Sue Robertson

II. ROLL CALL/ATTENDANCE – Cox

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: LeWanna Abney-Mitchell, Andrew Ambrus, David Cox, Melandie Hines, Kimberly May, Shannon Rochon (arrived at 6:03 pm), Frederick Weaver, Th.D.

III. ADJOURNMENT TO A CLOSED SESSION - Hines

The Board of Education will adjourn to a closed session pursuant to 8(a)...[to consider a periodic personnel evaluation of, a public officer, employee, staff member, or individual agent...] according to the Open Meetings Act.

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 6:02 p.m. pursuant to 8(a) according to the Open Meetings Act. Motion by F. Weaver, support by D. Cox.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

MOTION PASSED

IV. ADJOURNMENT TO AN OPEN MEETING – Hines

Resolved, that the Board of Education adjourn to an open meeting at 6:42 p.m. Motion by D. Cox, support by F. Weaver.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

MOTION PASSED

- V. RECOGNITIONS AND PRESENTATIONS - Hines
- a. Audit Presentation - Clair & Yeo & Yeo
 - b. Strategic Plan Update – Jefferson
- VI. CITIZEN'S COMMENTS - AGENDA ITEMS – Hines
- G. Fretenborough expressed concern about ensuring new staff devices support the software needed by secondary math teachers. She also requested improved readability of presentations displayed during Board meetings.
- VII. CONSENT AGENDA - Hines
- a. MINUTES
 - i. Regular Minutes - September 21, 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
 - c. BUSINESS & FINANCE ITEMS
 - i. Payment of Invoices [under separate cover]
 - ii. Investment Report [under separate cover]
 - d. CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION AND ASSESSMENT
 - i. Field Trips
 - a. Roosevelt-McGrath Elementary - 5th grade Field Trip [under separate cover]
 - b. John Glenn High School - Leadership Training [under separate cover]
 - e. DONATIONS

The following donations were made to Wayne-Westland Community Schools for students:

 - i. Roger Barrette - Miter Saw for Construction Technology Classes
 - ii. FedEx Express Corp DETR 482 - School Supplies for students in need

- iii. Recovery Action Network - Gas Cards and Bus Passes to assist students and families in need
- iv. St. Mary Parish of Wayne - School Supplies and Backpacks to support students in need

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

- VIII. BOARD OF EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORTS - Hines
 - a. Student Achievement Committee Report – Rochon
Mr. Rochon shared the October 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 October Finance Committee report. Board members were given the opportunity to ask questions and share comments.
 - c. Policy & Procedure Committee Report – Weaver
Dr. Weaver shared the October Policy & Procedure Committee report. Board members were given the opportunity to ask questions and share comments.
- IX. REVIEW & APPROVAL OF BUSINESS SERVICE & FINANCE - Hines
 - a. RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE DISTRICT STAFF LAPTOP REPLACEMENT PURCHASE – Ofili

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

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

MOTION PASSED

X. REVIEW & APPROVAL OF HUMAN RESOURCE - Hines

- a. Felicia Forletta, Ed.D.
Franklin Assistant Principal

Resolved, that the Board approve Human Resource Item X.a. as presented. Motion by D. Cox, support by K. May.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

MOTION PASSED

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

Gail Johnson – Thanked the Board and the staff for all of the good things happening in the District. Expressed concern over her student being suspended and she has not yet received any documentation despite repeated requests. She also shared that time allotted for Special Education conferences be extended.

Chris Bejczy – expressed concern with the new Bond furniture that is being looked at.

XII. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT/COMMENTS – Cost

Dr. Cost shared the following comments:

- The closed session was to establish timeline of the Superintendent evaluation and discuss goals that are aligned with the strategic goals. She appreciates the Board's collaboration.
- Thanked Ms. Clair and her team for the successful audit.
- Reminder that the community trunk or treat is October 20th at 5:00 pm.

- Reminder that the Employee of the Year celebration on Thursday. All Board members are invited to come.

XIII. REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATIONS, BOARD OF EDUCATION – Hines

L. Abney-Mitchell shared the following comments:

- Shared that tonight's Board meeting included valuable information; student achievement, student engagement, and student attendance. She appreciates all the information she received and thanked Dr. Jefferson and her team.
- She has visited a couple of schools so far this school year and has been able to talk to some of the Attendance Monitors who are enthusiastic about the new Aim for 8 initiative. She has also witnessed staff and students utilizing the Capturing Kids Hearts hand motions.
- She misses connecting with the administration during discipline hearings so she is trying to visit schools more often.

K. May shared the following comments:

- Thanked Ms. Clair and her team for the hard work, she appreciates that we are able to learn and make improvements. She likes that Yeo & Yeo has a peer review and another set of eyes reviewing the material; she thanked Ms. Clair for initiating a change.
- Welcomed the new Franklin Assistant Principal.
- She appreciates the celebration for the Aim for 8 initiative. She also appreciates hearing the ideas of supporting and bridging versus being punitive. She is also happy we have attendance monitors back in every building.
- Wished everyone a Happy Halloween and congratulated the Employees of the Year.

S. Rochon shared the following comments:

- No Comments

D. Cox shared the following comments:

- Shared his concern regarding Board members visiting schools. He does not want the visits to be disruptive to the students or staff.
- Shared that this evening's presentation showed a remarkable audit and the shared his appreciation.
- Asked if there is any capability in BoardBook to change the way the audience sees the presentation.

A. Ambrus shared the following comments:

- Thanked Ms. Clair and her team for a great audit and shared that the budget was a projection on her part.
- This past weekend he participated in the MASB conference. The bulk of his time was spent taking finance classes, learning the Board's role in the Bond projects, budget shortfalls and oversight on the finances.
- He is looking forward to celebrating the Employees of the Year.
- Shared that there are marching band shows upcoming. He would love to see other supporting the program.

F. Weaver shared the following comments:

- Congratulated Ms. Clair on the outstanding audit.
- Shared that he has served as an ad hoc representative on the Disciplinary Committee for the past five years. However, as the committee has evolved, changes are necessary to avoid a potential conflict of interest, as Board members are responsible for voting on students' return to school.
- Expressed his appreciation for all of the staff and gave a special shout out to the Superintendent for all that she does.

M. Hines shared the following comments:

- Thanked Ms. Clair and her team for the successful audit.
- Thanked Dr. Cost and her team for the Strategic Plan update.
- Thanked the Administrative team for Capturing Kids Hearts, focusing on Social Emotional Learning and the Aim for 8 campaign.
- Congratulated and welcomed the new Assistant Principal at Franklin.
- Excited to participate in the upcoming Trunk or Treat and the Employee of the Year celebration.
- Shared that she learned a lot at the MASB conference about budgets, budget shortfall and advocacy.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT – Hines

Resolved, that the Board adjourn the meeting at 8:24 p.m. Motion by, D. Cox, support by F. Weaver.

ROLL CALL VOTE

AYES: 7

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 0

MOTION PASSED

David Cox
Board of Education Secretary
Wayne-Westland Community Schools