

Minutes

152.26 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG – May

Brooklyn Coleman, Liam Bejarano, Cameron Rembert
Edison Elementary School, Bennett Tyler, Principal

153.26 ROLL CALL/ATTENDANCE – Hines

Board Members Present: LeWanna Abney-Mitchell, Andrew Ambrus, Melandie Hines, Kimberly R. May, Shannon Rochon

Board Members Absent: David R. Cox, Frederick L. Weaver, Th.D.

154.26 RECOGNITIONS AND PRESENTATIONS – May

I. Building Update – Edison Elementary School, Bennett Tyler, Principal

Mr. Tyler along with students presented a slide show highlighting Edison Elementary School focusing on School Demographics, Attendance, Student Well-Being, Data, Student Achievement and Points of Pride.

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

II. Audit Presentation – Plante Moran

Mr. Jeff Higgins, Partner from Plante Moran presented the audit for the year ending, June 30, 2025.

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

155.26 CITIZEN'S COMMENTS: AGENDA ITEMS – May

G. Fretenborough - commented on Item 159.26, inquiring about the reason for the proposed changes to the Mission Statement and the individuals involved in that process. She also commented on Item 157.26, expressing concern that the Finance Committee discussed the potential for a budget deficit in future years.

156.26 CONSENT AGENDA

I. MINUTES

- a. Special Meeting Board Minutes – September 20, 2025
- b. Regular Minutes – September 22, 2025

- c. Closed Minutes – September 22, 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. Layoffs Administrative, Instructional, Non-Instructional and/or Non-Affiliated Personnel

III. BUSINESS & FINANCE ITEMS

- a. Payment of Invoices [under separate cover]
- b. Investment Report [under separate cover]
- c. Cooperative Education Program Agreement – (Note: The agreements for the districts listed below are all the same except for changes in the school district name and authorized representative.) William D. Ford Career-Technical Center
 - 1. Northville Public Schools

IV. CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION AND ASSESSMENT

- a. Field Trips
 - i. Wildwood Elementary School – 5th grade Field Trip [under separate cover]
 - ii. Elliott Elementary School – 5th grade Field Trip [under separate cover]
 - iii. David Hicks Elementary School – 5th grade Field Trip [under separate cover]

V. DONATIONS

The following donations were made to the Wayne-Westland School District:

- a. Hype Athletics – Monetary Donation for Employee of the Year Recognition
- b. True Credit Union - Monetary Donation for Employee of the Year Recognition
- c. Michigan Educational Credit Union - Monetary Donation for Employee of the Year Recognition
- d. Zeal Credit Union - Monetary Donation for Employee of the Year Recognition
- e. Westland Rotary Club - Monetary Donation for Employee of the Year Recognition
- f. MESSA - Monetary Donation for Employee of the Year Recognition

- g. Miller, Johnson, Attorney at Law - Monetary Donation for Employee of the Year Recognition
- h. Alternate Risk Management - Monetary Donation for Employee of the Year Recognition
- i. Arch Environmental - Monetary Donation for Employee of the Year Recognition
- j. Consumers Energy - Monetary Donation for Employee of the Year Recognition

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

ROLL CALL VOTE

AYES: 5
NAYS: 0
ABSTAIN: 0
ABSENT: 2 (D. Cox, F. Weaver)

MOTION PASSED

157.26 BOARD OF EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORTS – May

I. Finance & Facility Committee Report – Ambrus

Mr. Ambrus shared a summary from the October Finance & Facility Committee meeting.

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

II. Student Achievement Committee Report – Rochon

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

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

158.26 REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF BUSINESS SERVICE & FINANCE

I. Recommendation to approve Filter First purchase - Tocco

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

ROLL CALL VOTE

AYES: 5
NAYS: 0
ABSTAIN: 0
ABSENT: 2 (D. Cox, F. Weaver)

MOTION PASSED

- II. Recommendation to approve the renewal of Singlewire Informcast
Licensing - Ofili

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

ROLL CALL VOTE

AYES: 5
NAYS: 0
ABSTAIN: 0
ABSENT: 2 (D. Cox, F. Weaver)

MOTION PASSED

159.26 REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION, AND ASSESSMENT

- I. Recommendation to approve the District Strategic Plan, Goals, Mission, and Vision Statements – Jefferson

RECESS Resolved, that the board enter into a 5-minute recess at 7:44 p.m. while the full Strategic Plan was loaded electronically. Motion by S. Rochon, support by A. Ambrus.

ROLL CALL VOTE

AYES: 5
NAYS: 0
ABSTAIN: 0
ABSENT: 2 (D. Cox, F. Weaver)

MOTION PASSED

Resolved, that the board re-enter into Open Session at 7:49 p.m. Motion by A. Ambrus, support by L. Abney-Mitchell.

ROLL CALL VOTE

AYES: 5
NAYS: 0
ABSTAIN: 0
ABSENT: 2 (D. Cox, F. Weaver)

MOTION PASSED

Resolved, that the board approve Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment Item I. as presented. Motion by M. Hines, support by L. Abney-Mitchell

ROLL CALL VOTE

AYES: 5
NAYS: 0
ABSTAIN: 0
ABSENT: 2 (D. Cox, F. Weaver)

MOTION PASSED

160.26 REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF BOARD OF EDUCATION

I. Recommendation to approve the adoption of Board Book - May

Resolved, that the board approve Board of Education Item I. as presented. Motion by M. Hines, support by L. Abney-Mitchell.

ROLL CALL VOTE

AYES: 5
NAYS: 0
ABSTAIN: 0
ABSENT: 2 (D. Cox, F. Weaver)

MOTION PASSED

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

There were no citizen comments.

162.26 INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT/COMMENTS – Cost

Dr. Cost shared the following comments:

- Thanked Jewell and her staff for the positive audit results.
- Reminded voters of the Bond election on the ballot.
- Presented Kimberly May with a certificate and plaque from the City of Westland for being their keynote speaker at their Multi-Cultural event.

163.26 REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATIONS, BOARD OF EDUCATION – May

M. Hines shared the following comments:

- Congratulated the Wayne Memorial band for the amazing show.
- She shared community events that have happened and that are upcoming.
- Many Board members heading to the MASB conference this week. She is looking forward to learning and making additional partnerships.

S. Rochon shared the following comments:

- Shared that each month he visits different schools in the District and connects with principals and students. It is amazing to see what we are doing within our District. Today he visited Wayne Westland Innovative Academy & Franklin Middle School. He is impressed with the relationships that are being built within the buildings.
- He also had an opportunity to attend both the District Trunk or Treat and the Parent Advisory Committee meeting.

A. Ambrus shared the following comments:

- He shared that the last few weeks have been busy with exciting events including the Employee Recognition night, MSBOA event held at John Glenn, and the Trunk or Treat.
- He also had an opportunity to speak with the Canton residents regarding the upcoming Bond initiative on the ballot.
- Congratulated and thanked Ms. Clair and her team for an audit with no findings or deficiency. He credits this to their attention to detail.

L. Abney-Mitchell shared the following comments:

- She thanked her fellow board members for showing up for students and for sharing out the information.
- She shared that she is appreciative of our students. She sits on the Disciplinary Committee and is proud to share that they have had several canceled meetings.
- She thanked Ms. Clair and her Business Office team for all of the hard work.
- Thanked all of the Wayne Westland staff for showing up for the students. The job is done well and it is done better together. Our points of prides shine throughout the district.
- The past Bond work provides additional security in all of our buildings. She is proud to say our staff and students are safe.
- On November 4th, the District has a Bond consideration on the ballot and encouraged everyone to vote.

K. May shared the following comments:

- Thanked the student pledge helpers and Mr. Tyler for the presentation. She is impressed with the attendance at Edison.
- She also thanked Ms. Clair and her staff in regards to the audit and the work that has taken place in the Business Office.
- The Trunk or Treat was a great event and it was amazing to interact with the students and families.
- She thanked Jenny Johnson for her work with the Parent Advisory Committee.
- She congratulated the Employee of the Year recipients.
- She expressed her gratitude to Dr. Jefferson and her willingness to pivot so quickly during the meeting this evening.
- She also shared that she was impressed with our John Glenn choir who performed at the City of Westland Multi-Cultural breakfast; to have the students there was heartwarming.
- She also thanked her board colleagues for their support at District events.

164.26 FOLLOW UP TO BOARD OF EDUCATION QUESTIONS – May

There were no follow up questions.

165.26 ADJOURNMENT

Resolved, that the board adjourn the meeting at 8:14p.m. Motion by L. Abney-Mitchell, support by M. Hines.

ROLL CALL VOTE

AYES: 5
NAYS: 0
ABSTAIN: 0
ABSENT: 2 (D. Cox, F. Weaver)

MOTION PASSED

Melandie Hines
Board of Education Secretary
Wayne-Westland Community Schools