Monday, November 17, 2025 6:00 p.m. 36745 Marquette St, Westland, MI 48185

Minutes

173.26 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG – May

Sebastian Jasso, Brienna Schmidt, Dave Johnson Elliott Elementary School, Joseph Layne, Principal

174.26 ROLL CALL/ATTENDANCE - Hines

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

175.26 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 6:05 p.m. according to pursuant to 8(1)(h) according to the Open Meetings Act. Motion by D. Cox, support by M. Hines.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

MOTION PASSED

176.26 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

MOTION AMEND AGENDA TO ADD 31aa ACCEPTANCE OF FUNDS RESOLUTION

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

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

MOTION PASSED

 Recommendation to approve the 31aa Acceptance of Funds Resolution – May

Resolved, That the board approve amended Item I. as presented. Motion by M. Hines, support by L. Abney-Mitchell.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

MOTION PASSED

177.26 RECOGNITIONS AND PRESENTATIONS – May

I. Building Update – Elliott Elementary School, Joseph Layne, Principal

Mr. Layne presented a slide show highlighting Elliott Elementary School focusing on School Demographics, Attendance, Student Well-Being, Student Achievement and Points of Pride.

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

 District Facility Dog; Madden – Amanda Faughnan and Molly Hester, Handlers

Ms. Faughnan introduced our District Facility Dog, Madden. He has passed all of his certification testing.

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

178.26 CITIZEN'S COMMENTS: AGENDA ITEMS – May

There were no citizen comments.

179.26 CONSENT AGENDA

I. MINUTES

- a. Regular Minutes October 20, 2025
- b. Special Meeting Board Minutes November 8, 2025

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
- Leaves of Absence: Administrative, Instructional, Non-Instructional 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. William D. Ford Career Technical Center Youth Open Call Exhibit [under separate cover]
- ii. Wayne Memorial High School Basketball Competition [under separate cover]

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

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

MOTION PASSED

180.26 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.

181.26 REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF BUSINESS SERVICE & FINANCE

II. Recommendation to approve Installation and Maintenance of Speed Limit Signs Resolution – Tocco

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

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

MOTION PASSED

182.26 INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT GOAL UPDATE - May

Ms. May shared that our District uses the MASB Superintendent Evaluation Tool and as part of the process Dr. Cost provides an update on the progress of her goals.

Dr. Cost shared an update on her goals and provided the Board members with documents.

Board members were given the opportunity to ask questions and offer feedback.

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

There were no citizen comments.

184.26 INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT/COMMENTS – Cost

Dr. Cost shared the following comments:

• Thanked the community for their support in the passing of the bond.

185.26 REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATIONS, BOARD OF EDUCATION – May

L. Abney-Mitchell shared the following comments:

- She expressed that this has been a great year working on the Board with her colleagues. She also enjoys the invitations to individual school functions. She along with family attended the Thanksgiving buffet at William D. Ford Career Technical Center and the EMU Bright Futures event.
- She participated in a Special Board meeting to work on moving forward with the Superintendent Search.
- She was able to attend Coffee with the State Senator in Inkster.
- She extended her wishes for a Happy Thanksgiving to all.

A. Ambrus shared the following comments:

- He thanked the community for passing the Bond.
- He was able to visit Stottlemyer and had the opportunity to read and connect with students.
- He attended the MASB Annual Leadership Training and would like Dr. Cost and the Board to look into what could be offered at the Career-Technical Center in the way of Adult Education.

M. Hines shared the following comments:

- She thanked Mr. Layne for the presentation and the community for passing the bond initiative.
- She attended the EMU Bright Futures events and the play that was held at John Glenn High School.
- She is concerned about the decrease in our enrollment and shared she sees lots of signs promoting other districts within out boundaries.
- She also shared upcoming community events and partnerships including Kiwanis.

S. Rochon shared the following comments:

- He thanked Elliott for leading the Pledge and presentation.
- He had an opportunity to visit Roosevelt and Walker Winter today and enjoyed connecting with administration and students. He is proud of this District and the things we have to offer.
- He shared an upcoming event that is being held by the NBMSBA and will offer some free tickets to staff.

F. Weaver shared the following comments:

• Thanked the community for entrusting us with the bond monies – it is appreciated.

- He shared with board members that this district did have Adult Community Education over 10 years ago; it was stopped due to the cost and the enrollment had declined. If we can make it revenue neutral it would be a good thing.
- Thanked Dr. Cost for sharing her goals, leading the district and her continued transparency.

D. Cox shared the following comments:

- He echoed Dr. Weaver's comments regarding Dr. Cost, he also appreciates her concentrating on the Transportation Department. There have been significant decreases in the cancelled routes.
- He thanked Mr. Layne for the great energy at Elliott.
- He shared that this has been a remarkable year.

K. May shared the following comments:

- She thanked the Elliott students for leading the pledge and Mr. Layne for the presentation as well as extending thanks to the Elliott staff.
- She thanked JGHS students for the haunted house in a previous meeting and wanted to make a correction as it was WMHS students who participated in that.
- She appreciates the data that was shared by Dr. Cost and the positive things happening in the district. She had the opportunity to meeting with our Multilingual Department at Wayne RESA and shared that our 8th grade ML students outscored state and county on the M-Step.
- She thanked to the community for passing the bond, the bond committee. the board, and Ms. Hines for working in the community promoting the District.
- She thanked Dr. Cost and the Executive team for the work that has taken place and the shifts. Things are running harmoniously and the focus is on our students and achievement.
- The Board met November 8th with MLI regarding the Superintendent Search. The is a link on our website home page that includes the timeline, upcoming meetings, the process and what the board is looking for. We will have community meetings coming up to get input.
- She wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving!

186.26 FOLLOW UP TO BOARD OF EDUCATION QUESTIONS – May

There were no follow up questions.

187.26 ADJOURNMENT

Resolved, that the board adjourn the meeting at 8 17p.m. Motion by D. Cox, support by M. Hines.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

MOTION PASSED

Melandie Hines
Board of Education Secretary
Wayne-Westland Community Schools