

Minutes

100.26 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG – May

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Ambrus.

101.26 ROLL CALL/ATTENDANCE – Hines

Board members present: LeWanna Abney-Mitchell, Andrew Ambrus, David Cox, Melandie Hines, Kimberly May, Shannon Rochon, Frederick Weaver, Th.D.

102.26a RECOGNITIONS AND PRESENTATIONS – May

I. Superintendent Search Presentation – HYA (Hazard, Young, Attea Associates)

Mr. Ritchie and his team shared a presentation regarding the process for the Superintendent Search.

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

103.26 CITIZEN'S COMMENTS: AGENDA ITEMS – May

A. Parker thanked the board in advance for approving their contract. She also shared the restrictions they are under from the state in reference to their food offerings as well as the need for updated equipment.

104.26 CONSENT AGENDA

I. MINUTES

- a. Regular Board Minutes – June 16, 2025
- b. Closed Session Minutes – June 16, 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, 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. Dearborn Heights #7 School District
 - 2. Allen Park School District
 - 3. Hope Christian Academy
 - 4. Crestwood School District

IV. ORGANIZATIONAL AUTHORIZATIONS AND SIGNATORIES - 2026

- a. Signatories for School District Documents/Miscellaneous
- b. Depositories and Paying Agents for School Funds – Designation of Depositories
- c. Designations of Investing Institutions
- d. Internal Revenue Service Representation

V. LEGAL FIRM REPRESENTATION – 2026

- a. Miller Johnson, P.L.C. – General Counsel, Labor, Special Education Matters, Student Discipline/Expulsion, Special Matters, Negotiations and Board Policy
- b. Clark – Hill – General Counsel, Workman's Compensation, Bond Elections, Finance Contracts, Student Discipline/Expulsion, Environmental and Specialty Matters
- c. Thrun Law Firm, P.C. – Elections and Labor Negotiations
- d. Kelly Cawthorne – Governmental and Legislative Affairs
- e. Miller Canfield – Finance, Bonds and Miscellaneous

VI. DONATIONS

The following donations were made to the Family Resource Center for students and families in need:

- a. Sts. Constantine and Helen Græek Orthodox Church - Cereal
- b. Jannie Vallman – Shaving Kits and Jeans
- c. Carol Middel – Knitted Hats, Clothing and Boots

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

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

MOTION PASSED

102.26a RECOGNITIONS AND PRESENTATIONS - May

I. Superintendent Search Presentation – MLI (Michigan Leadership Institute)

Mr. Silveri shared a presentation regarding the process for the Superintendent Search.

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

MOTION The motion was made to offer a 5-minute recess at 8:22 p.m.

Resolved, that the board move to a recess. Motion by D. Cox, support by L. Abney-Mitchell.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

MOTION PASSED

MOTION The motion was made to return to Open Session at 8:27 p.m.

Resolved, that the board return to Open Session. Motion by D. Cox, support by L. Abney-Mitchell.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

MOTION PASSED

MOTION The motion was made to engage in discussion regarding the Superintendent Search.

Resolved, that the board engage in discussion regarding the Superintendent Search. Motion by D. Cox, support by M. Hines.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

MOTION PASSED

Board members were given the opportunity to discuss their thoughts on the Superintendent Search companies and presentations.

MOTION The motion was made to table the discussion and vote regarding moving forward with a Superintendent Search firm until the September meeting.

Resolved, that the board table the Superintendent Search vote until September. Motion by F. Weaver, support by A. Ambrus.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

MOTION PASSED

105.26 BOARD OF EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORTS – May

I. Student Achievement Committee Report – Rochon

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

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

II. Finance & Facility Committee Report – Ambrus

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

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

III. Policy & Procedure Committee Report – Weaver

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

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

106.26 REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF BUSINESS SERVICE & FINANCE

I. Pre-Audit Communication from Plante Moran – Clair

Ms. Clair shared that the board members received the pre-audit communication via email and in their packets.

II. Recommendation to approve High School Open SciEd Purchase - Tocco

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

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

MOTION PASSED

III. Recommendation to approve the purchase of NWEA renewal - Tocco

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

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

MOTION PASSED

IV. Recommendation to purchase Humanex renewal - Clair

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

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

MOTION PASSED

V. Recommendation to approve the reallocation of Bond Project funding - Clair

Resolved, that the board approve Business Service & Finance Item V. as presented. Motion by D. Cox, support by L. Abney-Mitchell.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

MOTION PASSED

VI. Recommendation to approve the Certifying School Improvement Bond Proposition - Clair

Resolved, that the board approve Business Service & Finance Item VI. and waive the need to read the enclosed resolution as presented. Motion by D. Cox, support by L. Abney-Mitchell.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

MOTION PASSED

107.26 REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF POLICY AND ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS

Recommendation to approve Resolution to Adopt Cell Phone Policy [under separate cover] - FIRST READ

Dr. Weaver shared the recommended policy, the survey results and a resolution. He shared that consequences will need to be discussed and implemented.

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

108.26 REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF HUMAN RESOURCES

- I. LOCAL 4 Contract Agreement (July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2028) – [under separate cover] – Clair

Resolved, that the board approve Human Resources Item I. as presented. Motion by D. Cox, support by M. Hines.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

MOTION PASSED

- II. WWCOAA (Wayne-Westland Central Office Administrators Association) Contract Agreement (July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2028) – [under separate cover] – Clair

Resolved, that the board approve Human Resources Item II. as presented. Motion by D. Cox, support by M. Hines.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

MOTION PASSED

- III. Bradley Smith
Walker-Winter Elementary School Principal

Resolved, that the board approve Human Resources Item III. as presented. Motion by D. Cox, support by M. Hines.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

MOTION PASSED

IV. Matthew Ceo
Adams Middle School Principal

Resolved, that the board approve Human Resources Item IV. as presented.
Motion by D. Cox, support by L. Abney-Mitchell.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

MOTION PASSED

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

G. Fretenbrough: Spoke regarding the Cell Phone recommended policy.

110.26 INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT/COMMENTS – Cost

Dr. Cost shared the following comments:

- Thanked the board members for their dedication and leadership.
- Has had the opportunity to meet staff and community members and it is evident the love they have for the school district.
- Has met with administration in each department and feels that the pieces are in place for a successful start of the school year.

111.26 REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATIONS, BOARD OF EDUCATION – May

L. Abney-Mitchell shared the following comments:

- No comments

A. Ambrus shared the following comments:

- Congratulated the bargaining committees.

D. Cox shared the following comments:

- Appreciated Food Service coming in to speak regarding Food Service and providing options. He would like to see the food choices improved.
- There may be an answer for the cell phone policy that has not yet been discussed. We should not decide until everyone is satisfied.
- Hopes for a successful year for the new principals.
- Appreciates that Policy Committee and all of the work that is being put forth.

M. Hines shared the following comments:

- Congratulated the two new principals.
- Congratulated Dr. Cost and offered her assistance with meeting city officials.
- Shared upcoming community events many of which are free to families.

K. May shared the following comments:

- Congratulated the new principals.
- Thanked the Food Service worker for sharing information.
- Appreciated the two presentations regarding the Superintendent Search and appreciated the board conversation.
- Appreciates the work of the Policy Committee and the chair. She was speaking as one voice, and expressing her thoughts and concerns regarding the policy, and will always advocate for students.
- Appreciated everyone for coming out tonight, and is looking forward to leading the Superintendent Search. It is important to have community input.
- Thanked Dr. Cost for jumping right in.

S. Rochon shared the following comments:

- Thanked both firms for their presentations.
- Would like to look into live streaming our board meetings.
- Thanked the Food Service staff for their input tonight. He would like to come and taste the food and hear the student's perspective.

F. Weaver shared the following comments:

- He agrees it is important to hear all points of views. Although he appreciates what has been said this evening in regards to a cell phone policy, he is left to wonder why he as the chair of policy committee did not receive any communication if there were questions.

112.26 FOLLOW UP TO BOARD OF EDUCATION QUESTIONS – May

There were not follow up questions.

113.26 ADJOURNMENT

Resolved, that the board adjourn the meeting at 9:53 p.m. Motion by D. Cox, support by L. Abney-Mitchell.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

MOTION PASSED

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Melandie Hines", written in dark ink. The signature is positioned above a horizontal line.

Melandie Hines
Board of Education Secretary
Wayne-Westland Community Schools