

Minutes

265.25 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG – Weaver

London Hudson, Darius Okaro, Ayden Jenkins, Easton Wade, Zoe Griffin and Julius Smith

David Hicks Elementary School, Matthew Furca, Principal

266.25 ROLL CALL/ATTENDANCE – Hines

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

267.25 SWEARING IN OF NEW BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS - Weaver

- a. Andrew Ambrus – Julie Ambrus, his wife and Frederick L. Weaver, Th.D.
- b. Shannon Rochon – Pastor Virgil Humes, New Hope Baptist Church
- c. Frederick Weaver, Th.D. – Theresa Weaver, his wife

268.25 ELECTION OF OFFICERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION – Weaver

I. Office of the President

Nomination 1: L. Abney-Mitchell nominated K. May

ROLL CALL VOTE FOR K. May

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

MOTION PASSED

II. Office of the Vice President

Nomination 1: K. May nominated L. Abney-Mitchell

ROLL CALL VOTE FOR L. Abney-Mitchell

AYES:	4
NAYS:	3 (Weaver, Rochan, Hines)

ABSTAIN: 0
ABSENT: 0

MOTION PASSED

III. Office of the Secretary

Nomination 1: D. Cox nominated M. Hines

ROLL CALL VOTE FOR M. Hines

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

MOTION PASSED

IV. Office of the Treasurer

Nomination 1: D. Cox nominated A. Ambrus

ROLL CALL VOTE FOR A. Ambrus

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

MOTION PASSED

The board took a short break to reorganize seating at 7:14 p.m.

The board meeting resumed at 7:17 p.m.

269.25 RECOGNITIONS AND PRESENTATIONS – May

I. Building Update David Hicks Elementary School – Matthew Furca, Principal

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

Board members were given an opportunity to ask questions and provide comments.

II. Building Update Stevenson Middle School – Annie Kasper, Principal

Ms. Kasper presented a slide show highlighting Stevenson Middle School focusing on School Demographics, Attendance, Student Well-Being, Student Achievement and Points of Pride.

Board members were given an opportunity to ask questions and provide comments.

III. Board Member Recognition – Jennifer Curry, Interim Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment

J. Curry expressed her appreciation for the board's dedication to the district and thanked Ms. Peck and the students of David Hicks Elementary for the thoughtful banner and bouquet. She also mentioned that cookies and cupcakes were available for everyone to enjoy as a token of appreciation for the board.

The board took a short break to enjoy a treat at 7:49 p.m.

The board meeting resumed at 7:53 p.m.

270.25 CITIZEN'S COMMENTS: AGENDA ITEMS – May

There were no public comments.

271.25 CONSENT AGENDA

I. MINUTES

- a. Regular Board Minutes – December 16, 2024

II. HUMAN RESOURCE ITEMS

- a. Resignations/Terminations: Administrative, Instructional, Non-Instructional and/or Non-Affiliated Personnel

Mary Jenkins-Williams
William Moran
Tristan DeLong
Amanda Jagod
Deborah Krywy
Scott Shaw
Joelle Summers
Tammy Wiercioch
Katherine Woods
Kiana Bauer

Jayden Cluesman
Barbara Codd
Cornelius Davidson
Jamie Paul
Kayla Phanawong
Kyle Watts

b. Placements: Administrative, Instructional, Non-Instructional and/or Non-Affiliated Personnel

Alexandra Anastasopoulos
Emma Bond
Karyn Brooks
Anisa Cekrezi
Dillon Crooks
Na'Stajia Dent
Margaret Logan
Kylie Smyth
Carly Vandamme
Willow Barnes
Danielle Ebbitt
Iris Henry
Daisy Holthus
Sasha Lux
Riley Mossburg
Christian Mullenax
Duane Thomas
Brittany Tilley
Stephen D'Angelo

c. Leave of Absence: Administrative, Instructional, Non-Instructional and/or Non-Affiliated Personnel

Julie Cloke

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. Wayne Memorial High School 9-12 Basketball Field Trip [under separate cover]
 - ii. Wayne Memorial High School 9-12 Wrestling Field Trip

- [under separate cover]
iii. Walker-Winter Elementary School 5th Grade Camp Field Trip
[under separate cover]

V. DONATIONS

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

- a. Wayne Memorial High School – Monetary Donation
- b. Wayne-Westland Association of Paras – Monetary Donation
- c. First United Methodist Church – Adult Socks
- d. Tapper's Jewelry – Coats
- e. P.D. Graham Elementary – Socks
- f. Michigan Educational Credit Union – School Supplies
- g. Jack Demmer Ford – School Supplies and Monetary Donation
- h. Ford Motor Company/Michigan Assembly Plant – School Supplies, Personal Care Items and Monetary Donation
- i. Wayne Memorial High School – Supplies
- j. Stevenson Middle School – Supplies
- k. Franklin Middle School – Supplies
- l. The Community Gal – Christmas Gifts
- m. Sunshine and Rainbows Preschool – Assorted Items
- n. Dr. Stephen Sulyi – Eye Screenings/Exams & Prescription Eyeglasses
- o. Envolve Benefit Options – Eye Screenings/Exams & Prescription Eyeglasses
- p. Meridian – Eye Screenings/Exams & Prescription Eyeglasses

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

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

MOTION PASSED

272.25 BOARD OF EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT – May

- I. Finance Committee Report – Weaver

273.25 REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF BUSINESS SERVICE & FINANCE

- I. 2024-2025 Budget Amendment All Funds Presentation – Clair

J. Clair presented a Power Point highlighting the budget amendment.

II. Recommendation to Approve 2024-2025 Budget Amendment All Funds – Clair

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

Board members were given an opportunity to ask questions and provide comments.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

MOTION PASSED

III. Resolution to Sell District Property [under separate cover] – Tocco

Resolved, that the board approve Business Service & Finance Item III. as presented. Motion by M. Hines, support by L. Abney-Mitchell.

Board members were given an opportunity to ask questions and provide comments.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

MOTION PASSED

274.25 REPRESENTATIVE DESIGNATIONS (Per Board Direction) – May

I. W.C.A.S.B. Representative

L. Abney-Mitchell volunteered to serve as the 2025 W.C.A.S.B. Representative.

There was full Board consent.

II. M.A.S.B. Representative

M. Hines and F. Weaver volunteered to serve as the 2025 M.A.S.B. Representatives.

There was full Board consent.

Resolved, that the board appoint W.C.A.S.B. and M.A.S.B. Representatives.
Motion by D. Cox, support by M. Hines.

275.25 DESIGNATION: NEWSPAPERS - May

- I. Observer & Eccentric Newspaper
- II. The Telegram Newspaper
- III. The Journal Newspaper
- IV. The Wayne Dispatch

Motion The board motioned to vote on items I. – IV. at one time. Motion by D. Cox support by M. Hines.

Board members were given an opportunity to ask questions and provide comments.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

MOTION PASSED

276.25 REVIEW AND APPROVAL – LEGAL FIRM REPRESENTATION – Curry

- I. Miller Johnson, Attorneys – General Counsel, Labor, Special Education Matters, Student Discipline/Expulsion, Special Matters, and Board Policy.
- II. Clark-Hill – General Counsel, Workman’s Compensation, Bond Elections, Finance Contracts, Student Discipline/Expulsion, Environmental and Specialty Matters.
- III. Thrun Law Firm, P.C. – Elections and Labor Negotiations
- IV. Kelley Cawthorne – Governmental and Legislative Affairs
- V. Miller Canfield – Finance, Bonds and Miscellaneous

Resolved, that the board approve Legal Firm Representation as presented. Motion by D. Cox, support by M. Hines.

Board members were given an opportunity to ask questions and provide comments.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

MOTION PASSED

277.25 REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF HUMAN RESOURCES – Ofili

I. Jewell Clair
Chief Financial Officer

Alexander Ofili, Ph.D., Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources, read Ms. Clair’s professional and educational background.

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

Board members were given an opportunity to ask questions and provide comments.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

MOTION PASSED

II. W-WEA (Wayne-Westland Educators Association) Contract Agreement
(August 1, 2024 – July 31, 2027)

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

A. Ofili presented the W-WEA Contract Agreement and mentioned that the WWEA-ECE will now be included in this contract.

Board members were given an opportunity to ask questions and provide comments.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

MOTION PASSED

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

C. Hines expressed his concerns about the discontinuation of the online AP classes at the high school.

279.25 INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT/COMMENTS – Curry

J. Curry shared the following comments:

- Congratulated Ms. Clair and welcomed her to the team.
- Expressed gratitude to the teachers and the negotiating team for reaching an agreement that supports both educators and students.
- Mentioned the special board meeting held on Saturday, January 18, 2025, which provided valuable insights into communication and behavioral tendencies, and expressed excitement to continue building on that work.
- Congratulated the newly elected board members and the new board president.

280.25 REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATIONS, BOARD OF EDUCATION – May

D. Cox shared the following comments:

- Congratulated Ms. May on her election as president and expressed appreciation for her focus on student performance.
- Congratulated the other board members on their election.
- Expressed satisfaction with the outcome of the contract.
- Mentioned that he had to leave the last meeting before he could acknowledge Mr. Neal for his service on the board.
- Thanked the new board members for their participation.

F. Weaver shared the following comments:

- Congratulated the new board members and officers.
- Expressed pleasure in having a contract in place.

L. Abney-Mitchell shared the following comments:

- Thanked David Hicks and Stevenson for their presentations.

- Congratulated the new board members and officers.
- Expressed gratitude for the vote of confidence from her colleagues.
- Shared her happiness about the contract, noting that the educators are satisfied with it.

M. Hines shared the following comments:

- Congratulated the new board members and officers.
- Shared information regarding the Kiwanis and the JGHS Key Club.
- Provided details about the wrestling tournament.
- Thanked Councilman Chisholm for attending the meeting.
- Expressed gratitude that all communities are coming together.
- Shared her happiness about the contract.
- Congratulated Ms. Clair on her position

A. Ambrus shared the following comments:

- Expressed gratitude for his elected position.
- Congratulated Ms. May and shared that he has witnessed her growth as a board member from his perspective as a community member.
- Mentioned the upcoming Solo and Ensemble Festival and wished all students good luck.

S. Rochan shared the following comments:

- Thanked everyone for his elected position and expressed excitement about working with the board

K. May shared the following comments:

- Thanked the students for leading the pledge.
- Thanked Mr. Furca and Ms. Kasper for their presentations, expressing her appreciation for hearing the positive feedback.
- Thanked the board for entrusting her with the president's position, noting that the role is not one of power but one that helps the group work together.
- Expressed gratitude for the workshop and the opportunity to learn how others work.
- Thanked Ms. Clair for her presentation, appreciated the breakdown, and congratulated her on her new position.
- Congratulated the new board members and those elected to new positions.
- Thanked Councilman Chisholm for attending.


281.25 ADJOURNMENT

Resolved, that the board adjourn the meeting at 8:46 p.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