

Minutes

The meeting was called to order by President, Bradley Gray at 5:30 p.m.

190.25 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG – Gray

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Bradley Gray.

191.25 ROLL CALL/ATTENDANCE – Hines

Board members present: LeWanna Abney-Mitchell (arrived at 5:31 p.m.), David R. Cox, Bradley Gray, Melandie Hines, Kimberly R. May, Frederick L. Weaver, Th.D.

Board members absent: Mark F. Neal,

192.25 PRESENTATIONS – Gray

I. Audit Presentation – Clair/Plante Moran

Jamie Essenmacher, Partner (via speaker phone), and Stacie Ebeling, Manager of Plante Moran, presented a PowerPoint of the Annual Audit for the 2023-2024 fiscal year. They shared that the audit resulted in an unmodified opinion, also known as a "clean" audit, meaning the financial statements were presented fairly and by the required accounting standards. Two federal programs were tested during the audit, ESSER and Service Learning Grants and no findings were reported for these programs. However, the audit identified one significant deficiency, which was related to the district's overall audit readiness. This issue was attributed to staff turnover, which affected the preparation for the audit.

II. Budget Amendment – Clair

Jewel Clair, Finance Consultant, presented a PowerPoint on the 2024-2025 General Fund Budget Amendment, explaining that the previously presented deficit budget was inaccurate. The amended budget projects the district will break even by the end of the 2024-2025 school year. This budget amendment accounts for the district's salaries, which have been returned to the general fund from ESSER. However, she emphasized the importance of remaining cautious to ensure the district stays on the right financial path.

III. Student Well-Being – Besek

John Besek, Director of Student Services; Amanda Faughnan, Supervisor of Social Emotional Learning, and Jenny Johnson, Director of Communications presented a plan focused on student well-being, safety, and community engagement. They emphasized building relationships between students and the School Resource Officers (SROs), with a suggestion to look into how to make this connection for multilingual students, ensuring visibility and approachability. The presentation highlighted a shift from expulsions to long-term suspensions and the use of restorative practices when returning from long-term suspension, as well as resolve conflict resolution. They discussed the importance of student voice, partnerships with organizations like Champions and Bright Futures, and it was suggested to involve student councils in decision-making. Additionally, they reviewed safety measures following incidents, such as the fights that took place after the John Glenn Homecoming. It was suggested to consider the possible addition of video monitoring around the field and partnerships with the auxiliary police in the community.

193.25 CITIZEN'S COMMENTS: AGENDA ITEMS – Gray

There were no public comments.

194.25 FINANCE COMMITTEE REVIEW & DISCUSSION - May

I. Informed K-12 – Beebe

Daryl Beebe, Director of Technology presented information on the Informed K-12 platform and discussed the importance of the program compared to returning to paper forms, which lack a means of tracking progress. He and the board engaged in a conversation about how to improve the Informed K-12 process.

II. Investment Report – Clair

Ms. Clair presented the investment report, noting that the amount decreased by \$30 million due to the loan being wired to the escrow account.

Brendan Walsh from Michigan Benchmark is going to be trained in SMART and the board will then start to receive the information that he was contracted to provide.

III. Check Register – Clair

Ms. Clair shared the check register.

195.25 CITIZEN’S COMMENTS: NON–AGENDA ITEMS (GENERAL) – Gray

There were no public comments.

196.25 ACTING SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT/COMMENTS – Curry

J. Curry shared that the first Coffee and Conversation event was held with the community, highlighting the great collaboration that took place. She mentioned that a FAQ would follow and announced that the district will be hosting a Trunk or Treat event on October 17, 2024, and encouraged everyone to attend.

197.25 REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATIONS, BOARD OF EDUCATION – Gray

F. Weaver had no comments.

M. Hines shared information about the Kiwanis Club, which meets on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of every month at the Westland Library. The club is now sponsoring John Glenn and is interested in collaborating with Wayne Memorial and the middle schools as well.

K. May thanked everyone for coming and for the presentations.

L. Abney-Mitchell thanked everyone for coming and for the presentations.

B. Gray thanked everyone for coming.

198.25 ADJOURNMENT

Resolved, that the board adjourn the meeting at 7:36 p.m. Motion by F. Weaver, support by M. Hines.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES:	6
NAYS:	0
ABSTAIN:	0
ABSENT:	1

MOTION PASSED

Melandie Hines
Board of Education Secretary
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