

Minutes

199.25 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG – Gray

Ellionna Konopka, Curtis Goodwin, Dean Wiley
Elliott Elementary School, Joseph Layne, Principal

200.25 ROLL CALL/ATTENDANCE – Hines

Board Members present: LeWanna Abney-Mitchell, David R. Cox, Bradley A. Gray, Melandie Hines, Kimberly R. May (arrived at 6:52 p.m.), Mark F. Neal (left at 8:17 p.m.), Frederick L. Weaver, Th.D.

201.25 ADJOURNMENT TO A CLOSED SESSION – Gray

Resolved, that the Board of Education will adjourn to a closed session at 6:00 pursuant to 8(c)... [to consult with its attorney regarding the purpose of strategy and negotiation sessions connected with a collective bargaining agreement...] and 8(h)...[to consider material exempt from discussion or disclosure by state or federal statute...] according to the Open Meetings Act. Motion by F. Weaver, support by M. Hines

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

MOTION PASSED

202.25 ADJOURNMENT TO AN OPEN MEETING – Gray

Resolved, that the Board of Education reconvened to an open meeting at 7:52 p.m. Motion by D. Cox, support by F. Weaver.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

MOTION PASSED

MOTION The board motioned to vote to name Ms. Jennifer Curry as Interim Superintendent until such a time that a permanent Superintendent is named. Motion by F. Weaver, support by M. Hines.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

MOTION PASSED

MOTION The board motioned to accept the draft outlining the supplemental pay that was negotiated with the attorney and presented to the board to begin immediately. Motion by F. Weaver, support by D. Cox.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

MOTION PASSED

203.25 RECOGNITIONS AND PRESENTATIONS – Gray

I. Audit Presentation – Clair/Plante Moran

Ms. Jamie Essenmacher, partner from Plante Moran, presented the June 30, 2024 audit.

II. Budget Amendment Presentation – Clair

Jewel Clair, Finance Consultant, shared the general fund budget amendment providing accurate data. She will be doing a mid-year budget for all funds in December-January.

Mr. Gray shared with the community that both of these items were presented at a previous finance meeting.

204.25 CITIZEN'S COMMENTS: AGENDA ITEMS – Gray

G. Frettenborough – Shared her concerns regarding the Informed K-12 platform and questioned if any other platforms were looked at? She also shared that she is the secondary social studies lead and would be happy to discuss curriculum resources.

J. Crane – Shared concerns regarding the Informed K-12 platform.

S. Conn – WWEA president; emphasized the excellence of the district's PreK-12 education and urged the community and board not to overlook this. He also congratulated Ms. Curry on her new role and mentioned that the MEA supports the proposed budget.

205.25 CONSENT AGENDA

I. MINUTES

- a. Regular Board Minutes – September 23, 2024
- b. Closed Session Minutes – September 23, 2024 (under separate cover)
- c. Special Board Meeting Minutes – September 24, 2024
- d. Special Board Meeting Minutes – October 10, 2024

II. HUMAN RESOURCE ITEMS

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

Sarah Bicanich
Martin Castellon
Emily Jennings
Natalie Knight
Diane Calderon-Stidham
Diana Cole
Martha Robertson
Michelle Williams
Kristen Wrase
John Garrett
Cierra Hampton
Tina Jones
Andito Skinner

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

Corinne Albrecht
Amanda Blanchette
Cheryl Alcorn
Annie Bushnell
Kameron Climie
Jonathan Evans
Damon Favors
Angela Frost
Curtis Guyton
Julie Judd
Matthew Sauter

Christopher Smith
Tammy Spadacini
Jacqueline Varga
Kendall Wynn
Anthony Chicko
Aaron Rieder
Bruce Wood

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

Pamela Butki

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. Canton Preparatory High School
 - 2. Crestwood School District
 - 3. Northville Public School District
 - 4. Plymouth-Canton School District

IV. CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION AND ASSESSMENT

- a. Field Trips
 - i. Wayne Memorial High School Upward Bound – Field Trip – [under separate cover]
 - ii. Roosevelt Elementary – 5th Grade Camp – [under separate cover]
 - iii. Wildwood Elementary – 5th Grade Camp – [under separate cover]

V. DONATIONS

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

- a. Michigan Educational Credit Union – Ms. Socola and Ms. Perez: School supplies
- b. St. Mary's Church of Wayne – Father Sean Bonner: School supplies

The following donations were made to Wayne-Westland Community Schools in recognition of Employees of the Year:

- a. NVA – Meghan Meischke: Monetary donation

- b. Game One – Monetary donation
- c. TRUE Community Credit Union: Janelle Merritt: Monetary donation
- d. McCarthy and Smith – Deborah McCarthy: Monetary donation
- e. The ASU Group – Chad Johnson: Monetary donation
- f. Champions – Andrew Lavendusky: Monetary donation
- g. Risk Management – Fred Holland: Monetary donation
- h. Lombardo Homes – Gregory Windingland: Monetary donation
- i. MI Educational Credit Union – Jenna Perez: Monetary donation

The following donations were made to Wayne-Westland Community Schools to support the district Trunk or Treat event:

- a. MUST Construction Careers: Monetary donation
- b. My Food Truck Event – Julie Cassens: Monetary donation
- c. Rotary Club of Westland: Monetary donation
- d. Juenemann Insurance Agency: Monetary donation
- e. AKA Sports- Rachel Johnson: Monetary donation

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

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

MOTION PASSED

206.25 BOARD OF EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT – Gray

I. Property Committee Report – Weaver

Dr. Weaver shared the following comments from a prepared statement:

The Wayne-Westland Community Schools Board of Trustees held a Property Committee meeting on Tuesday, October 8, 2024, at 11:00 a.m.

The Property Committee discussed the following:

The City of Inkster administration continues to reach out to our district regarding the property known as Blanchette which is located in the City of Inkster. They want our district to cede them this property. Our response has been and will continue to be that in no uncertain terms, will the Blanchette property be ceded to the City of Inkster. However, the city may acquire said property through purchase.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:19 p.m.

II. Finance Committee Report – May

Ms. May shared the following comments from a prepared statement:

The Finance Board Workshop Meeting was held on Thursday, October 10, 2024, beginning at 5:30 p.m.

Ms. May, Mrs. Abney-Mitchell, Dr. Weaver, Ms. Hines, Mr. Gray and Mr. Cox was present.

Plante Moran presented the Annual Audit for the 2023-2024 fiscal year.

Mrs. Clair presented the 2024-2025 budget amendment.

Mr. Besek, Ms. Faughnan, and Mrs. Johnson presented a plan focused on student well-being, safety, and community engagement.

Mr. Beebe shared information regarding the usage and purchase of Informed K-12.

Mrs. Clair presented both the Investment Report and Check Register.

Acting Superintendent, Mrs. Curry shared comments.

Board members shared comments.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:36 pm.

III. Policy Committee Report – Weaver

Dr. Weaver shared the following comments from a prepared statement:

The Wayne-Westland Community Schools Board of Trustees held a Policy Committee meeting on Tuesday, October 14th, 2024, at 10:00 a.m.

Dr. Weaver and Ms. Hines were present.

The Policy Committee is continuing to work on Board Policies and Bylaws. A full presentation of Board Operating procedures and Board Bylaws will be shown at a future date.

Future meetings were agreed upon by the committee.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:29 a.m.

207.25 REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF BUSINESS SERVICE & FINANCE

- I. Recommendation to Approve 2024-2025 General Fund Budget Amendment Resolution - Clair

Resolved, that the board approve Business Service & Finance Item I. as presented and waive the need to read the enclosed resolution. Motion by D. Cox, support by F. Weaver.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

MOTION PASSED

- II. Recommendation to Renew Informed K-12 License - Ofili

Resolved, that the board approve Business Service & Finance Item II. as presented. Motion by B. Gray, support by K. May.

Ms. May shared that some things that were just raised in regards to Informed K-12 and she would like to give Dr. Ofili or Mr. Beebe an opportunity to respond. Were other systems looked into?

Mr. Beebe and Dr. Ofili provided some history regarding Informed K-12 and offered that there would be training that the company will provide.

Ms. May shared that she believes the training should be mandatory to those using and approving within the platform.

ROLL CALL VOTE

AYES: 5
NAYS: 1 (Weaver)
ABSTAIN: 0
ABSENT: 1 (Neal)

MOTION PASSED

208.25 REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF HUMAN RESOURCES – Ofili

- I. Mark Woodson
Wayne Memorial High School Assistant Principal & Athletic Director

Alexander Ofili, Ph.D., Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources, read Mr. Woodson's professional and educational background.

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

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

MOTION PASSED

209.25 CITIZEN'S COMMENTS: NON-AGENDA ITEMS (GENERAL) – Gray

S. Martin – English teacher Wayne Memorial High School implored the board to look into a district mandated cell phone policy.

J. Everard – Inkster Delegate offered congratulations to Ms. Curry. He also shared his frustration with the transportation issues and cancellations within the City of Inkster and the district.

O. Farmer – Senior President at Wayne Memorial High School shared her concerns regarding the changes in the football game spectator's rules.

N. Wright – Wayne Memorial student and participant of Student Council and Upward Bound also shared concerns regarding the changes in the football game spectator's rules.

210.25 ACTING SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT/COMMENTS – Curry

J. Curry shared the following comments from a prepared statement:

Thank you to the students and staff who spoke tonight. We hear you, and we are committed to working together to move forward.

Thank you to Plante Moran and Ms. Clair for your presentations tonight. We will also be sending out an update this week to our community regarding our current financial status.

The District Trunk or Treat was a huge success! We extend our gratitude to our community partners and staff who helped make it happen.

Our next Community Coffee will be held on November 7th at 9:30 am. The meeting will be held at the Career-Tech Center and the focus will be Student Well-Being.

Lastly, looking forward to working together and being the Interim Superintendent.

211.25 REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATIONS, BOARD OF EDUCATION – Gray

D. Cox shared the following comments:

- Congratulated Ms. Curry and added his thanks for a remarkable job under difficult circumstances.
- He appreciates all of the comments tonight and agrees that there needs to be an answer for the student cell phone usage.
- We will need to continue to look into the issues in regards to the service that we purchased.

L. Abney-Mitchell shared the following comments:

- Thanked the Elliott students and principal for leading the pledge.
- Thanked everyone for all of the comments, she likes to promote everyone to share comments as that is how we solve things.
- The first district Trunk or Treat was a huge success.
- Congratulated and thanked Ms. Curry and she looks forward to the continued work.
- Recognized this month is Breast Cancer and Domestic Violence month.

K. May shared the following comments:

- Thanked Plante Moran and Ms. Clair for their presentations.
- Thanked the Wayne Memorial students for speaking to the board and sharing their concerns.
- Thanked the staff for their comments; the board appreciates hearing from the staff because it allows the board to then ask questions.
- Thanked and congratulated Ms. Curry.
- Enjoyed the Trunk or Treat event.
- Asked if there would be communication coming out regarding the spectator changes for events and why the decisions were made.
 - J. Curry responded stating that Central Office Administration met with Wayne Memorial's Administration and staff and that they will all be meeting with the Student Senate at both of the comprehensive high schools.
- Appreciates the time that was taken at the finance workshop regarding the student wellbeing and what is taking place in the schools. She recommends if you have not seen it to watch the video to see the work being done and the efforts being made.

M. Hines shared the following comments:

- Congratulated Ms. Curry on an amazing job. She enjoyed the Community Coffee where bus drivers were allowed to share their perspectives.
- She appreciated the Trunk or Treat event and it was well attended.
- Congratulated Mr. Woodson on his position at Wayne Memorial.

- Listed the upcoming community events including the upcoming monthly meetings for the Kiwanis Club.
- She, as well as some of her board member colleagues, will be attending the MASB conference coming up.

F. Weaver shared the following comments:

- Echoed the comments regarding Interim Superintendent, Jennifer Curry. She has done a fine job.
- He is 100% behind the issue of cell phones.

B. Gray shared the following comments:

- Echoed all of the comments regarding Ms. Curry in her role.
- Thanked the Elliott students for leading the pledge.
- Thinks we need to explore a possible policy regarding student cell phone usage.

212.25 ADJOURNMENT

Resolved, that the board adjourn the meeting at 8:55 p.m. Motion by D. Cox, support by K. May

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

MOTION PASSED

Melandie Hines
Board of Education Secretary
Wayne-Westland Community Schools