



**WASHTENAW INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES**

Tuesday, February 11, 2025

The Washtenaw Intermediate School District Board of Education held a regular board meeting on Tuesday, February 11, 2025 in Washtenaw ISD's Teaching and Learning Center Board Room at 1819 South Wagner Road in Ann Arbor, Michigan.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 PM by President Diane Hockett.

ATTENDANCE

The following members were present:

Diane Hockett, President
Mary Jane Tramontin, Vice President
Steve Olsen, Secretary
Sarena Shivers, Treasurer
Dorcas Musili, Trustee

The following member was absent:

Quorum was met.

Also present:

Naomi Norman, Superintendent
Cherie Vannatter, Deputy Superintendent
Brian Marcel, Associate Superintendent
Ryan Rowe, Director of Career and Technical Education
Sherri Papazoglou, Director of Finance
Holly Heaviland, Executive Director of Achievement Initiatives
DarNesha Green, Mental Health Clinical Supervisor
Sarah Levar, Mental Health Practitioner
TJ Greggs, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Mary Jane Tramontin moved, Sarena Shivers seconded, to moved item A in New Business to before the presentation in the agenda, as presented.

Ayes: Diane Hockett, Mary Jane Tramontin, Sarena Shivers, Steve Olsen, Dorcas Musili

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS: There were no communications.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: There was no public participation.

NEW BUSINESS - Drone Certification State-Approved CTE Program in Washtenaw County: Director of Career and Technical Education Dr. Ryan Rowe addressed the Board regarding the contract with Aerospace Career Pathways who will provide coordination/facilitation of several core program objectives/deliverables.

Steve Olsen moved, Dorcas Musili seconded, that the Board of Education authorizes administration to contract with Aerospace Career Pathways for a cost not to exceed \$600,000, as presented.

Voting yes: Diane Hockett, Mary Jane Tramontin, Sarena Shivers, Steve Olsen, Dorcas Musili

Voting no: None.

Motion carried.

PRESENTATION: Mental Health Clinical Supervisor DarNesha Green and Mental Health Practitioner Sarah Levar presented the operations and goals of the Bridge Team to the Board.

EQUITY, INCLUSION, AND SOCIAL JUSTICE DIALOGUE: Superintendent Naomi Norman facilitated the Equity, Inclusion, and Social Justice (EISJ) discussion, sharing about the following:

- Superintendent Naomi Norman shared about what the WISD has been doing to support staff furthering their advancements with certifications and education.
- Superintendent Naomi Norman shared about the information regarding the executive order passed by the president and clear any misinformation.

CONSENT AGENDA

Dorcas Musili moved, Steve Olsen seconded, that the Board of Education approve the minutes and Superintendent’s recommendations in the Consent Agenda, as presented.

Voting yes: Diane Hockett, Mary Jane Tramontin, Sarena Shivers, Steve Olsen, Dorcas Musili

Voting no: None.

Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

The Board approved the minutes of the January 28, 2025, regular meeting.

077-24-25

The Board approved the following employment recommendations:

- Jonathan Mustapha as a School Social Worker position with Court Involved Youth

078-24-25

The Board approved the following staff resignations:

- Roy Ellison, effective January 29, 2025

079-24-25

The Board authorized the administration to approve to contract with Dr. Bettina Love and B. Love Media & Publishing, LLC for an additional amount of \$25,000.00, totaling \$45,834.27, as presented.

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The Board authorized the administration to approve to contract with Laurel Manor for an additional \$20,834.27 for an amount of \$41,764.00, as presented.

NEW BUSINESS – 2024-2025 Budget Amendments: Director of Finance Sherri Papazoglou and Associate Superintendent Brian Marcel presented the amendments to the following budgets: General Education, Special Education, Food Service, and Cooperative Activities.

Sarena Shivers moved, Steve Olsen seconded, that the Board of Education adopt the 2024-2025 Budget Amendments for the following funds: General Education, Special Education, Food Service, and Cooperative Activities, as presented.

Voting yes: Diane Hockett, Mary Jane Tramontin, Steve Olsen, Sarena Shivers, Dorcas Musili

Voting no: None.

Motion carried.

OTHER ITEMS OF BUSINESS – Vision Statement: The Board reviewed the choices for the vision statement.

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORTS:

- Trustee Diane Hockett reminded the board about voting for the next Board of Director position in the Michigan Association of School Boards (MASB).
- Trustee Tramontin shared about the Annual Washtenaw Association of School Board's Annual Meeting that will be held March 13, 2025.
- TJ Greggs shared some information on the Open Meetings Act training with Thrun Law.

Mary Jane Tramontin moved, Steve Olsen seconded, that the Board of Education support Guillermo Lopez for the Region 7 MASB board of Directors position, as presented.

Voting yes: Diane Hockett, Mary Jane Tramontin, Steve Olsen, Sarena Shivers, Dorcas Musili

Voting no: None.

Motion carried.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS - Superintendent's Report:

- Superintendent Naomi Norman shared about the county-wide CTE Summit March 18th from 10AM-2PM.
- Superintendent Naomi Norman shared updates on the Driving Possibilities partnership.
- Superintendent Naomi Norman shared updates on MAISA and the direction it is going.
- Superintendent Naomi Norman shared about the WISD E Teams meeting held on Wednesday, February 5th.
- Superintendent Naomi Norman discussed the Region 8 MISTEM meeting held on Friday, February 7th.
- Superintendent Naomi Norman shared about the MISTEM Educator of the Year ceremony that will be held Thursday, February 27th at the Morris Lawrence Building at WCC.
- Superintendent Naomi Norman shared about the state of the Washtenaw Health Initiative.

ADJOURNMENT.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:17 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Olsen, Secretary
Washtenaw ISD Board of Education