



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

Tuesday, August 27, 2024

The Washtenaw Intermediate School District Board of Education held a regular board meeting on Tuesday, August 27, 2024 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 5:04 PM by President Diane Hockett.

ATTENDANCE

The following members were present:

Diane Hockett, President
Mary Jane Tramontin, Vice President
Theresa Saunders, Secretary
Steve Olsen, Trustee

The following member was absent:

Sarena Shivers

Quorum was met.

Also present:

Naomi Norman, Superintendent
Cherie Vannatter, Deputy Superintendent
Brian Marcel, Associate Superintendent
Jennifer Banks, Director of Instruction
Matthew Cook, Chief of Information Officer
Edward Manuszak, Executive Director, Early Childhood Programs
Omobola Akintunde, Special Education Supervisor
TJ Greggs, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Steve Olsen moved, Mary Jane Tramontin seconded, to approve the agenda, as presented.

Ayes: Diane Hockett, Mary Jane Tramontin, Theresa Saunders, Steve Olsen

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS: Secretary of the Board of Education Dr. Theresa Saunders presented a letter that was read by President of the Board of Education Diane Hockett stating that Dr. Saunders will be resigning as a member of the Board of Education effective October 8, 2024.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: There was no public participation.

EQUITY, INCLUSION, AND SOCIAL JUSTICE DIALOGUE: Superintendent Naomi Norman facilitated the

Equity, Inclusion, and Social Justice (EISJ) discussion, sharing about the following:

- Superintendent Norman shared that there have been some community members questioning ISD services to YCS related to special education. Superintendent Norman and Superintendent Zachery-Ross will be sending a joint letter detailing the substantial list of collaborative special education-related efforts of the WISD and YCS.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mary Jane Tramontin moved, Theresa Saunders 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, Theresa Saunders, Steve Olsen

Voting no: None.

Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

The Board approved the minutes of the August 20, 2024, regular meeting and retreat.

019-24-25

The Board approved the following employment recommendations:

- Gabriele Paul as a Home-Based Parent Educator.
- Rana Kanafani as an Adaptive PE Teacher for ESY.

020-24-25

The Board approved the following reclassification requests:

- Melissa Pinsky, Preschool Education Manager, .80 FTE, 210 Workdays, Non-Affiliated to Preschool Education Manager, .85 FTE, 230 Workdays, Non-Affiliated.

021-24-25

The Board approved the following staff resignations:

- Edna Janice Womack, effective August 15, 2024.
- Lakeshia Diarra, effective August 19, 2024.
- Nathan Konyndyk, effective August 14, 2024.
- Waylen Dottery, effective August 7, 2024.

022-24-25

The Board authorized the administration to utilize capital project funds to purchase equipment and furniture at the Young Adult Out Center Programs for the cost not to exceed \$25,895, as presented.

023-24-25

The Board authorized administration to accept \$140,000 to support a Coordinator of Early Math position from MAISA, as presented.

NEW BUSINESS – Saginaw Valley State University 2024/25 Contract: Director of Instruction Jennifer Banks addressed the Board regarding the Saginaw Valley State University (SVSU) for implementation of the MiSTEM Advisory Council’s Science & Engineering for Michigan Collaborative Youth Advisory Council using the Chief Science Officer (“CSO”) framework.

Steve Olsen moved, Theresa Saunders seconded, that the Board of Education approve the contract with Saginaw Valley State University (“SVSU”) for a cost not to exceed \$311,500.00, as presented.

Voting yes: Diane Hockett, Mary Jane Tramontin, Theresa Saunders, Steve Olsen

Voting no: None.

Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS – Michigan State University’s CREATE for STEM Institute Contract Amendment: Director of Instruction Jennifer Banks addressed the Board regarding the Michigan State University’s CREATE for STEM Institute Contract Amendment. This contract amendment increases the contract by \$118,900.00 for amount not to exceed \$146,900.00.

Mary Jane Tramontin moved, Theresa Saunders seconded, that the Board of Education approve the contact amendment with Michigan State University’s CREATE for STEM Institute for amount not to exceed \$146,900.00, as presented.

Voting yes: Diane Hockett, Mary Jane Tramontin, Theresa Saunders, Steve Olsen

Voting no: None.

Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS – 2024/25 Great Start Readiness Program Contract: Executive Director for Early Childhood Edward Manuszak addressed the Board regarding 2024/25 Great Start Readiness contract. The Michigan Department of Education (MDE) stated that we were awarded funding for 908 children for the Great Start Readiness Program (GSRP) slots for FY24-25.

Steve Olsen moved, Mary Jane Tramontin seconded, that the Board of Education approve the 2024-25 (October 1, 2024-September 30, 2025) GSRP contract amounts for our existing GSRP sub-recipients, as presented.

Voting yes: Diane Hockett, Mary Jane Tramontin, Theresa Saunders, Steve Olsen

Voting no: None.

Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS – Authorization of Closed Session

Theresa Saunders moved, Steve Olsen seconded, the Board of Education convene in closed session under Section 8(1)(k) of the Open Meetings Act to discuss and approve the 2024 Emergency Operation Plans (EOPs) for the Teaching and Learning Center and WISD student programs, as presented.

Voting yes: Diane Hockett, Mary Jane Tramontin, Theresa Saunders, Steve Olsen

Voting no: None.

Motion carried.

RECESS

The Board went into recess for Closed Session at 6:03 PM under Section 8(1)(k) to discuss the 2024 Emergency Operation Plans (EOPs) for the Teaching and Learning Center and WISD student programs.

RECONVENE

The board reconvened at 6:18 PM to continue open session.

OTHER ITEMS OF BUSINESS – 2024 Emergency Operation Plans: Deputy Superintendent Cherie Vannatter recommended that the Board of Education approve of the 2024 Emergency Operation Plans (EOPs) for the Teaching and Learning Center and WISD student programs. A committee of administrators from several departments/programs met, reviewed, and updated our current EOPs per the requirements of the Michigan Department of Education.

Steve Olsen moved, Theresa Saunders seconded, the Board of Education approve the 2024 Emergency Operation Plans (EOPs) for the Teaching and Learning Center and WISD student programs, as presented.

Voting yes: Diane Hockett, Mary Jane Tramontin, Theresa Saunders, Steve Olsen

Voting no: None.

Motion carried.

OTHER ITEMS OF BUSINESS – 2024 Board Goals: Superintendent Naomi Norman addressed the board with the board goals along with the drafted objectives, strategies, and benchmarks for the 2024/25 school year.

Mary Jane Tramontin moved, Steve Olsen seconded, the Board of Education approve the Board Goals for the 2024/25 school year, as presented.

Voting yes: Diane Hockett, Mary Jane Tramontin, Theresa Saunders, Steve Olsen

Voting no: None.

Motion carried.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS - Superintendent's Report: Superintendent Naomi Norman addressed the Board, speaking about the following:

- Highlights from the first week of students returning for the 2024/25 school year.
- WISD received a \$5M grant for consolidation of the 4 regional Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs in the county. The funding will be used to support community and stakeholder committees that will work on three countywide career pathways, preK-12 applied and experiential learning, capstone experiences, and governance for the CTE consortium. These areas of focus were finalized at the Washtenaw County Superintendent's retreat in August.

ADJOURNMENT.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:02 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Theresa Saunders, Secretary
Washtenaw ISD Board of Education