



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

Tuesday, September 24, 2024

The Washtenaw Intermediate School District Board of Education held a regular board meeting on Tuesday, September 24, 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 5:00 PM by President Diane Hockett.

ATTENDANCE

The following members were present:

Diane Hockett, President
Mary Jane Tramontin, Vice President
Steve Olsen, Trustee

The following member was absent:

Theresa Saunders, Secretary
Sarena Shivers, Treasurer

Quorum was met.

Also present:

Naomi Norman, Superintendent
Cherie Vannatter, Deputy Superintendent
Matthew Cook, Chief of Information Officer
LaDawn White, Early Childhood Grant Manager
Jennifer Banks, Director of Instruction
Alicia Kruk, Assistant Director of Preschool and Family Services
Jacqueline Coluccy, Teacher Consultant
Gwendolyn McGee, Social Worker
Deborah Hester-Washington, Executive Director of Special Education
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, Steve Olsen

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS: There were no communications.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: There was no public participation.

FINANCIAL REPORTS –Superintendent Naomi Norman reviewed the financial reports for August 2024 and Early Childhood Grant Manager LaDawn White reviewed the Head Start financial report for July and August 2024.

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

Ayes: Diane Hockett, Mary Jane Tramontin, Steve Olsen

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

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 discussed about the upcoming 2024 National Summit for Courageous Conversations.
- Superintendent Naomi Norman and the Board of Education discussed the training dates with the equity team.

CONSENT AGENDA

Steve Olsen moved, Mary Jane Tramontin 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, Steve Olsen

Voting no: None.

Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

The Board approved the minutes of the September 10, 2024, regular meeting.

028-24-25

The Board approved the following employment recommendations:

- Brandi Valerio as a Teacher Consultant.
- Kara Lilly as a Mental Health Practitioner.

029-24-25

The Board approved the following reclassification requests:

- Brandon Thacker, Intern, 1.0 FTE, 210 Workdays, Non-Bargaining to Level 1 Support, 1.0 FTE, 230 Workdays, Non-Bargaining.
- Jessica Fonville, General Education Social Worker, 1.0 FTE, 205 Workdays, Unit II to General Education Social Worker, 1.0 FTE, 205 Workdays, Non-Affiliated.
- Kara Williams, Social Worker, 1.0 FTE, 205 workdays, Unit II to Social Worker, 1.0 FTE, 205 workdays, Unit II.
- Simonne Mildenstein, Teacher Consultant- WL, 1.0 FTE, 185 workdays, Unit II to Teacher of students with severe cognitive impairments- Young Adult (205 days), 1.0 FTE, 205 workdays, Unit II.

030-24-25

The Board authorized the administration to approve 2024 renewal agreement between Hanover and Washtenaw ISD, as presented.

031-24-25

The Board authorized the administration to approve contracts with Ann Arbor Public Schools, Chelsea School District, Dexter Community Schools, Lincoln Consolidated School District, Manchester Community Schools, Milan Area Schools, Saline Area Schools, Whitmore Lake Public Schools, and Ypsilanti Community Schools to provide an early literacy coach to each district for the 2024-2025 school year at a cost not to exceed \$50,000.00, as presented.

NEW BUSINESS – MDE Future Proud Educator Grow Your Own Grant: Director of Instruction Dr. Jennifer Banks addressed the Board regarding the increase of the Future Proud Michigan Educator Grow Your Own initiative grant funds from \$700,811.00 to \$4,929,035.00 and what those funds will be used for.

Mary Jane Tramontin moved, Steve Olsen seconded, that the Board of Education authorize administration to accept funds from MDE in the amount of \$4,228,224.00 to implement phase 3 of the Future Proud Michigan Educator Grow Your Own initiative, as presented.

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

Voting no: None.

Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS – TLC Building Virtual Machine Infrastructure - VM Host Upgrade/Replacement: Chief Information Officer Matthew Cook addressed the Board regarding the continued stability and security of our virtual servers and the need to upgrade the older M4 hosts.

Steve Olsen moved, Mary Jane Tramontin seconded, that the Board of Education authorize administration to approve the purchase of 3 Cisco M6 Rack servers, along with infrastructure-related materials, licenses, and a service warranty, in the amount not to exceed \$73,663.00, as presented.

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

Voting no: None.

Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS – WISD Head Start Awareness Month Resolution 2024: Assistant Director of Preschool and Family Services Alicia Kruk addressed the board regarding the WISD's Head Start Awareness month resolution. The proclamation outlines our agencies support for the children and families that are served by this program.

Mary Jane Tramontin moved, Steve Olsen seconded, that the Board of Education approve the Head Start Awareness Month Resolution, as presented.

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

Voting no: None.

Motion carried.

OTHER ITEMS OF BUSINESS: There were no other items of business.

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORTS: The Board of Education had nothing to report.

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

- Adapting the Head Start policies into the WISD's policies.
- Millage information (interviews, yard signs, promotion).
- Lockdown in Ypsi the previous week.
- Dyslexia Bill

ADJOURNMENT.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:34 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Theresa Saunders, Secretary
Washtenaw ISD Board of Education