

Minutes

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Barbara Carreon-Haworth
Victoria Akinboboye
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III. BUSINESS & FINANCE ITEMS

- a. Payment of Invoices [under separate cover]
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Resolved, that the board approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion by F. Weaver, support by M. Hines.

ROLL CALL VOTE

AYES: 6
NAYS: 0
ABSTAIN: 0
ABSENT: 1 (Abney-Mitchell)

MOTION PASSED

253.24 BOARD OF EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT – Gray

I. Finance Committee Report – May

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

The Finance Committee Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Wayne-Westland Community Schools met Thursday, February 8, 2024, beginning at 4:31 pm via Zoom Platform.

Ms. Abney-Mitchell and Ms. May were present.

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Mrs. Pawlukiewicz explained RFPs to purchase band instruments for the middle and high schools.

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Mrs. Campbell presented information regarding a document that detailed district subscriptions and renewal dates. It was requested that funding sources be added to the document and that this information be shared with the entire board upon completion.

Mrs. Campbell presented the Investment Report and the Check Register.

Dr. Dignan shared closing comments.

Ms. May and Mrs. Abney-Mitchell shared closing comments as well.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:24 pm. Complete minutes should be available on the district website. The next meeting will take place on March 7, 2024 at 4:30 pm via Zoom.

Motion The board motioned to add an agenda item that should be referred to as agenda item 253.24(a) to ask for Request for Proposals (RFPs) for a Forensic Audit.

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254.24 REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF BUSINESS SERVICE & FINANCE – Tocco

I. Recommendation to Purchase Band Instruments

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M. Hines shared that band is very important for the students.

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- The district is paving the way to bring driver's education back into the school districts across the state.
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- Thanked Jason Malloy and Brittany Hilton for hosting the first annual John Glenn High School Hall of Fame dinner and game.
- The Wayne-Westland Early College application has been extended
 - Cohort 1 has earned 190 college credit hours in the first semester.
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- Thanked the team that attended the Michigan School Testing Conference and thanked Joe Orban for spearheading this effort.
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- Thanked Deloitte for funding the opportunity for 16 Wayne-Westland teachers to attend the Laying the Foundation Stem Program in Texas this summer.
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- Mentioned that Ms. Campbell will be sharing the min-year budget amendment in March. This will be the amended budget for this year. This does not amend the fund balance. The year-end budget will be presented during the June meeting and encompass all district funds. The audits are typically completed by October and the auditors will present our fund balance for the upcoming year at that board meeting. Until that time our fund balance remains at 6.2% until that time.
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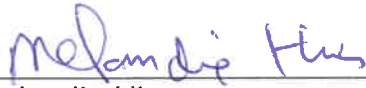
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