Monday, August 21, 2023 5:30 p.m. 36745 Marquette, Westland MI 48185

#### Minutes

This meeting was called to order at 5:40 p.m.

- 112.24 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG Cox
- 113.24 ROLL CALL/ATTENDANCE Hines

Board members present: John F. Albrecht, David R. Cox, Melandie Hines, Mark F. Neal (joined the meeting at 6:07), Frederick L. Weaver, Th.D.

Board members absent: LeWanna Abney-Mitchell, Kimberly R. May

114.24 CITIZEN'S COMMENTS: AGENDA ITEMS – Cox

There were no public comments.

- 115.24 RECOGNITIONS AND PRESENTATIONS Dignan
  - Michigan Merit Curriculum, Standards, Earning Credit, and Personal Curriculum – Rashell Bowerman
    - Dr. Dignan introduced Ms. Rashell Bowerman to discuss the Michigan Merit Curriculum, Standards, Earning Credit, and Personal Curriculum

Ms. Rashell Bowerman, Instructional Consultant for the Michigan Department of Education, presented a PowerPoint explaining the Michigan Merit Credit and Personal Curriculum.

Michigan Merit Credit is legislation specifying that all students awarded a diploma have demonstrated proficiency with the content outlined by the state academic standards, benchmarks, or guidelines. The credit can be earned in traditional courses, integrated courses, career-technical education courses, outside-of-school activities and by testing out.

Personal Curriculum individualizes the rigor and relevance of the educational experience and provides a tool to help all students succeed with the Michigan

Merit Curriculum. It is used as a tool to focus on the student's individual needs.

## 116.24 SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT/COMMENTS – Dignan

Dr. Dignan thanked Ms. Bowerman for coming and shared that the district is embedding the Michigan Merit Curriculum Standards into courses.

## 117.24 CITIZEN'S COMMENTS: NON-AGENDA ITEMS (GENERAL) - Cox

Michelle Smith, Paraprofessional at Roosevelt-McGrath, mentioned that when developing the police cadet program, she feels that the students should be informed that they cannot become police officers in some states if they are color blind. Some states do allow for color corrective lenses, but Michigan is not one of them.

#### 118.24 REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATIONS, BOARD OF EDUCATION – Cox

M. Hines asked what happens to a student with an IEP after high school.

Ms. Smith shared that her student had an IEP and Schoolcraft College honored the same accommodations outlined in the IEP and the student was successful.

- F. Weaver had no comments.
- M. Neal shared about a senior project that may have been considered a Michigan Merit Credit.
- J. Albrecht had no comments.
- D. Cox had no comments.

#### 119.24 ADJOURNMENT

Resolved, that the board adjourn the meeting at 6:40 p.m. Motion by J. Albrecht, support by M. Neal.

# **ROLL CALL VOTE**

AYES: 4
NAYS: 0
ABSTAIN: 0
ABSENT: 2

MOTION PASSED

Melandie Hines
Board of Education Secretary
Wayne-Westland Community Schools