

Minutes

120.24 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG – Cox

Karen Truesdell, Secretary at William D. Ford Career-Technical Center led the Pledge of Allegiance.

121.24 ROLL CALL/ATTENDANCE – Hines

Board members present: LeWanna Abney-Mitchell, John F. Albrecht, David R. Cox, Melandie Hines, Mark F. Neal, Frederick L. Weaver, Th.D.

Board members absent: Kimberly R. May

122.24 RECOGNITIONS AND PRESENTATIONS – Dignan

I. Wayne County Suicide Prevention Coalition – Brian Galdes

Dr. Dignan introduced Brian Galdes

Brian Galdes, Wayne County Suicide Prevention Coalition, shared a PowerPoint presentation about the Wayne County Suicide Prevention Coalition. The coalition comprises 7 school districts and two hospitals across Wayne County with a mission to battle adolescent depression and suicide and the stigma associated with mental health. He highlighted the national and state data on youth suicide risk. The coalition supports the school districts with the hope of preventing suicide.

Dr. Dignan thanked Brian for presenting and Amanda Faughnan and Daryl Beebe for representing the district in this mission.

II. Strategic Plan - Schultz

Dr. Dignan introduced Nancy Schultz

Nancy Schultz, Director of Professional Development and School Improvement, shared a PowerPoint highlighting the Strategic Plan. Michigan Continuous Improvement Process (MICIP) is the platform in which the district submits to the state. The continuous process is aligned with best practices and allows for growth and change as time progresses. The areas previously focused on goals were to assess needs, develop a gap statement, and a challenge statement. The district has begun to work on measuring goals and will focus on the implementation plan this school year.

123.24 CITIZEN'S COMMENTS: AGENDA ITEMS – Cox

There were no public comments

124.24 CONSENT AGENDA

I. MINUTES

a. Regular Meeting Minutes – July 24, 2023

II. HUMAN RESOURCE ITEMS

a. Resignations: Instructional, Non-Instructional and Non-Affiliated Personnel

Jennifer Brunner  
Lauren Evans  
Nanette Gozowsky-Fabrey  
Carol Green  
Anisa Haxhij  
Diamond Johnson  
John Winston  
Terri Andrews  
John Collop  
Mary Davis  
Linda Goodin  
Mary (Bridget) Kelly  
Laura Sterling  
Kathy Wilson  
Emma Robinson  
Tanesha Foreman  
Michael Schulte

b. Placements: Instructional, Non-Instructional, Non-Affiliated Personnel

De Andre Barnes  
Nathan Brow  
Lisa Farkas  
Sherry Green  
Shannon Kenny  
Patrick McBride  
Sammy Oliver  
Kristine Rosenberry  
Jessica Southern  
Danielle Snyckerski  
Jake Taylor  
Jennifer Weaver  
Michael Woodcock  
Sarah Bedolla

Alexandra Marr  
Rachel Murillo  
Kyler Owenby  
Cheyanne Berry  
Haley Eby  
Isaiah Henzel  
Julie Parks  
Michael Slone  
Wayne Stallworth  
Kelly Wilson  
Qiana Whitley

### III. BUSINESS & FINANCE ITEMS

- a. Payment of Invoices [under separate cover]
- b. Investment Report [under separate cover]
- c. Cooperative Education Program Agreement –  
William D. Ford Career-Technical Center Plymouth-Canton School District

### IV. HEAD START MONTHLY REPORT [under separate cover]

### V. CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION AND ASSESSMENT

- a. Wayne RESA Parent Advisory Committee Nomination

Resolved, that the board approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion by J. Albrecht, support by F. Weaver.

### ROLL CALL VOTE

AYES: 6  
NAYS: 0  
ABSTAIN: 0  
ABSENT: 1

### MOTION PASSED

## 125.24 BOARD OF EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT – Cox

### I. Finance Committee Report – May

Mr. Neal shared the following comments from a prepared statement on behalf of Ms. May

The Finance Committee Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Wayne-Westland Community Schools met on Thursday, August 10, 2023, beginning at 4:30 p.m. via Zoom Platform.

Mrs. Markey shared the bids for the purchase of salt for the 2023-2024 school year.

Mr. Spisak explained the relocation of some bond funds from Marshall to cover the construction costs at Graham, Taft, Wildwood, and Walker-Winter.

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

Dr. Dignan and the board committee members shared closing remarks.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:47 p.m.

126.24 REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF BUSINESS SERVICE & FINANCE – Clair

I. Recommendation to Purchase Road Salt

Resolved, that the board approve Business Service & Finance Item I. as presented. Motion by M. Neal, support by F. Weaver.

ROLL CALL VOTE

AYES:	6
NAYS:	0
ABSTAIN:	0
ABSENT:	1

MOTION PASSED

127.24 REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF HUMAN RESOURCE ITEMS – Ofili

I. Assistant Superintendent of Business  
Julie Campbell

Dr. Alexander Ofili, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources, shared Ms. Campbell's academic and professional background.

Resolved, that the board approve Human Resource Item I. as presented. Motion by M. Neal, support by J. Albrecht.

ROLL CALL VOTE

AYES: 6  
NAYS: 0  
ABSTAIN: 0  
ABSENT: 1

MOTION PASSED

Ms. Campbell feels very welcome and thinks that Wayne-Westland Community Schools will be a great fit.

II. Principal William D. Ford Career-Technical Center  
Stephanie Bigelow

Dr. Ofili shared Ms. Bigelow's academic and professional background.

Resolved, that the board approve Human Resource Item II. as presented. Motion by F. Weaver, support by M. Neal.

ROLL CALL VOTE

AYES: 6  
NAYS: 0  
ABSTAIN: 0  
ABSENT: 1

MOTION PASSED

Ms. Bigelow thanked the board, Dr. Dignan and the district. She shared that the difference that Career-Tech offers the students is incredible. She is grateful for the opportunity to lead such amazing teachers.

128.24 REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF BOARD POLICY REVISIONS/UPDATES – Dignan

Resolved, that the board approve updates to Board Policy as presented. Motion by J. Albrecht, support by M. Hines.

ROLL CALL VOTE

AYES: 6  
NAYS: 0  
ABSTAIN: 0  
ABSENT: 1

MOTION PASSED

## 129.24 SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT/COMMENTS – Dignan

Supt. Comments – August 21st, 2023:

- We want to welcome back our staff and students.
- Strategic Plan Implementation: We spent the last year meeting with stakeholders and creating a strategic plan that will serve as our guide to serving the whole child. Our goals and challenge statements focus on Curriculum and Instruction, College and Career Readiness, Communications and Social Emotional Learning.
- Escot Youth Development and Kronk Gym (they are located at the old Jefferson Barnes building in Westland). They do amazing things with/for kids in providing life skills, training, community, tutoring, etc. with no cost to our kids and families.
- We will have 59 teachers go through the WW Grow Your Program this coming year to access a path to additional certifications. This is possible because of a 1-million-dollar grant from the MDE.
- We had over 3,000+ people at the Back-to-School Fair last week. It was a great event. A special "thank you" to Jenny Johnson and the Back-to-School Fair committee for all the planning and logistical work they did especially behind the scenes. The team did an amazing job with the planning and the execution for the event today. We want to thank Mary Browe and our members of the Dyer Senior Center, who helped us stuff backpacks that were distributed to our students.
- We would like to thank Lombardo Homes for their donation to support our Teacher of Year winners for classroom supplies.
- Meridian Furniture Donation: Much of our existing office furniture dates to the 1980's, so we jumped at the opportunity to receive the gently used furniture from Meridian. At the time, we couldn't have imagined the enormous impact this donation would have for our district. We were able to completely furnish our technology department offices, special education offices, business offices, instruction department offices, HR offices, early childhood offices and innovative academy offices. This donation will truly benefit the district for decades to come.
- School Based Health Clinic: We will hold on August 24 the ribbon cutting for second school-based health clinic in the district. Corewell Health will now see students at Adams Middle School and John Glenn High School. The Corewell Health John Glenn Teen Health Center will offer various services to address students' physical and mental health needs, including primary care, preventive care, immunizations, mental health counseling, and health education. By providing these services within the school setting, the clinic aims to minimize barriers to healthcare access and ensure timely support for students in need. Healthcare services are available to adolescents ages 10-21.
- BUSTing with Learning: The bus made stops at all our elementary schools over the summer. Over 1,600+ students were able to get literacy materials in their

hands. There were also College & Career Readiness and Social Emotional Learning tables as well as partners with the Ann Arbor HandsOn Museum.

- Driver's Education Grant: This summer the district received a \$250,000 grant from the state of Michigan for a Driver's license pilot program for our high school students. Through our work-based learning program, we can offer students the opportunity to take drivers education classes for free. We will have more details coming out after our meeting with MDE and MI Secretary of Transportation in the near future. We are looking to launch this program next summer.

130.24 CITIZEN'S COMMENTS: NON-AGENDA ITEMS (GENERAL) – Cox

There were no public comments.

131.24 REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATIONS, BOARD OF EDUCATION – Cox

M. Hines shared the following comments:

- Thanked Brian Galdes for his presentation

F. Weaver shared the following comments:

- Congratulated Julie Campbell and Stephanie Bigelow on their new positions
- Thanked Brian Galdes for his presentation
- Welcomed back to the employees and students

M. Neal had no comments

J. Albrecht shared the following comments:

- Thanked Karen Truesdell for leading the Pledge
- Thanked Brian Galdes for his presentation
- Congratulated Julie Campbell and Stephanie Bigelow on their new positions

D. Cox shared the following comments:

- Shared that there was an excellent presentation at the 5:30 study session outlining how to help target our students.
- Thanked Brian Galdes for his presentation.
- He was excited to enter the new school year with the finance department's new leader, Julie Campbell.

132.24 ADJOURNMENT

Resolved, that the board adjourn the meeting at 7:39 p.m. Motion by M. Hines, support by F. Weaver.

## ROLL CALL VOTE

AYES:	6
NAYS:	0
ABSTAIN:	0
ABSENT:	1

## MOTION PASSED

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Melandie Hines  
Board of Education Secretary  
Wayne-Westland Community Schools