

## AGENDA

### 165.23 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG – Cox

Elliott Elementary School, Andrea Griffin, Principal

Axely Hernandez  
Adrean Njankwe

### 166.23 ROLL CALL/ATTENDANCE – Hines

Board members present: John F. Albrecht, Tom Buckalew, David R. Cox, Kimberly R. May, Mark F. Neal, Melandie Hines

Board members absent: Frederick L. Weaver, Th.D.

### 167.23 RECOGNITIONS AND PRESENTATIONS – Dignan

#### I. Wayne Memorial Student Representatives – Junia Williams and Dinah Smith

Junia Williams, Class Senator and senior at Wayne Memorial High School shared information about fundraising events and announced that the drama department will be performing the play Clue on November 10,11, and 12.

Dinah Smith, Class Senator and a Freshman at Wayne Memorial High School shared the exciting news that over 700 students attended the homecoming dance, the theme was the Wizard of Oz and they had food trucks for snacks and refreshments.

#### II. Section 98c Learning Loss Grant – Nathan

Dr. Dignan introduced Ms. Adrienne Nathan, Director of Community Partnerships and Outreach. Ms. Nathan discussed the intent to apply for the Section 98c-Learning Loss grant. This grant is an extension of the Governor's and Federal Educational Emergency Relief funds, the district's current Continuity of Learning plan, and ESSER learning loss strategies. Upon approval, the district will receive an amount based on our per-pupil membership and will use the funds to implement evidence-based activities, assist educators in meeting the needs of all students, and provide assistance to families on ways to support students. All detailed plans and reports will be made available on the district website under our transparency reporting section.

### III. Walker-Winter Update – Curry

Dr. Dignan introduced Ms. Jennifer Curry, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment. Ms. Curry offered an update on Walker-Winter. Two committees were formed to discuss the future of Walker-Winter. The Central Steering Committee was designed to steer the process and the Stakeholder Committee including staff and community members with the intent to make a recommendation to the board on December 12, 2022. The Stakeholders Committee will be recommending that the board vote to keep Walker-Winter open, dissolve the TAG Program, approve the bond updates, grade configurations, and boundaries.

#### 168.23 CITIZEN'S COMMENTS: AGENDA ITEMS – Cox

There were no public comments.

#### 169.23 CONSENT AGENDA

##### I. MINUTES

- a. Regular Meeting Minutes – September 26, 2022

##### II. HUMAN RESOURCE ITEMS

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

Christina Lee  
Sarah Tyler  
Lisa Valente  
Alyson Vallely  
Myron Gray  
Christopher Moore

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

William Moran  
Denis McBride  
Jesse Gandley  
Kathleen Keenmon  
Alia Lawera  
Cari Littlefield  
Noelle Matusiewicz  
Emily Merrett  
Anthony Patterson  
Cassandra Reed

Angela Rochow  
Taura Sadvery  
Laurie Swick-Eicholtz  
Danielle Walton  
Ayah Abboud  
Ted Booker  
Fadwa Boulos  
Imani Bowers  
Rebecca Chapman-Williams  
Ann Duff  
Maureen Grim  
Bobbie Harper  
Sabiha Jafry  
Keenan King  
Tracy Lahay  
Caitlyn Miller  
Karen Mormando  
Brittany Orteiz  
Sherei Peters  
Kathy Smith  
Diamond Taylor  
Mya Tooson  
Kelleen Villa  
Crystal Williams  
Tamara Busick  
Imani Evans-Crawford  
Brett Foerster  
Kayla Jarrells  
Brandon Rodriguez  
Nicholas Schulz

### III. BUSINESS & FINANCE ITEMS

- a. Payment of Invoices (under separate cover)
- b. Investment Report

### IV. HEAD START MONTHLY REPORT (under separate cover)

### V. DONATIONS

The following donation was made to the Family Resource Center for students and families in need:

- a. Veteran's Haven: Menstrual care products

The following donation was made to the Family Resource Center for Suicide Prevention Month Student Poster Contest Winners:

a. Canton Rotary Club: Gift cards

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

#### ROLL CALL VOTE

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

#### MOTION PASSED

#### 170.23 BOARD OF EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT – Cox

##### I. Finance Committee Report - May

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

The Finance Committee met Tuesday, October 11, 2022, at 4:30 pm via Zoom.

Ms. Brohl shared the need for the district to purchase headphones to support the implementation of the program Amira.

Mr. Wenzel informed the committee of the renewal and expansion of Informed K-12 licensing.

Mrs. Nathan shared with the committee information regarding the Student Spaceflight Experiments Program also known as SSEP. Our district is the only district in Michigan and one of 40 districts across the country that has reserved a spot on the International Space Station.

Mr. Spisak and Mr. Underwood provided an update regarding the Student Health Clinic at John Glenn.

Mrs. Cleaves presented both the Investment Report and Monthly Check Register.

Mr. Dignan shared district highlights.

Mr. Buckalew inquired about the SRO grant as well as the safety and mental health grants. Ms. May thanked the staff for their hard work and shared excitement regarding the student health clinic.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:01 pm.

## II. Policy Committee Report – Albrecht

Mr. Albrecht shared the following comments from a prepared statement:

A Policy Committee Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Wayne-Westland Community Schools was held on October 11, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

Dr. Dignan introduced the document provided by Miller Johnson which reflected the latest changes in the law. The committee read and discussed the changes. The committee recommends that the board proceed with Option A.

Dr. Weaver suggested that the conference meal reimbursement policy be reviewed. It was suggested that the meal reimbursement be adjusted from \$40.00 to \$60.00. Dr. Dignan is going to ask the business department to review the policy and offer their opinion on this matter.

Dr. Dignan mentioned some of the great things happening in the district such as the John Glenn Clinic being on track to be completed with the help of Corewell Health (formerly Beaumont), the district will be hosting the Behavioral Threat Assessment and Management (BTAM) at William D. Ford Career-Technical Center and Miller Johnson will continue to update the board policy and administrative regulations instead of making the switch to NEOLA.

Ms. Hines mentioned that she is building a relationship with Natasha Lee and will have the opportunity to help send kids to see the Detroit Pistons.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:19 p.m.

T. Buckalew expressed his opinion that meal reimbursement was ridiculous and that it should not be discussed any further.

## 171.23 REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF BUSINESS SERVICE & FINANCE – Cleaves

### I. Recommendation to Purchase Microphone Headsets

Resolved, that the board approve Business Service & Finance Item I. as presented. Motion by M. Hines, support by K. May.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

II. Recommendation Regarding Bid Pack #9 – John Glenn High School Health Clinic

Resolved, that the board approve Business Service & Finance Item II. as presented. Motion by M. Hines, support by J. Albrecht.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

III. Recommendation to Purchase Informed K–12 Platform Licensing

Resolved, that the board approve Business Service & Finance Item III. as presented. Motion by M. Hines support by K. May.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

172.23 REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF HUMAN RESOURCE ITEMS – Ofili

I. Director of Special Education  
Denis McBride

Dr. Alex Ofili shared Mr. McBride's academic and professional background.

Mr. McBride thanked everyone for allowing him the opportunity to work at Wayne-Westland Community Schools.

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

## ROLL CALL VOTE

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

### 173.23 REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF BOARD POLICY REVISIONS/UPDATES – Albrecht

Resolved, that the board approve the proposed Policy Revision/Updates Item I. as presented. Motion by M. Hines, support by J. Albrecht.

## ROLL CALL VOTE

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

### 174.23 SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT/COMMENTS – Dignan

Dr. Dignan congratulated Mr. McBride, the pledge students and the Wayne Memorial High School student representatives.

Dr. Dignan read from a prepared statement:

I want to thank our staff, students and administrators for a great launch during the school year. Everyone is working hard. I also want to honor our administrators for National Principal Month.

We held our WW NFL Flag games at EMU Rynearson Stadium (The Factory) on Saturday. The turnout was incredible and more importantly, the kids had a blast. Thank you to everyone involved, especially the coaches, activity coordinators, teachers and elementary administrators.

We launched our WW [Connections Newsletter](#). This newsletter will be sent out twice a month and include highlights across Wayne-Westland Community Schools.

The Wayne Memorial Yearbook will be receiving a Gallery of Excellence Award for the 2022 Yearbook. Congrats to Ms. Jennifer Crane and her Yearbook staff. We will honor them at the November Board Meeting.

Middle School Career Cluster Experience-Fall 2022 at the WDFCTC: We want to thank the CTC leadership team, staff and middle school staff for bringing this to fruition. Eighth-grade students from the middle schools in the district will spend

approximately 1.5 hours exploring the various career clusters offered at William D. Ford Career Technical Center. This event will allow students to see demonstrations and engage in short activities and gain clarity regarding the different types of careers that exist. We have to be intentional in exposing students to the Career Tech Center.

ECF Grant: We are excited to announce that Wayne-Westland Community School District was awarded a grant through the FCC's Emergency Connectivity Fund to address the device and connectivity shortcomings experienced by our students, we were awarded 3.3 million. This funding provides all K-4th grade students with an iPad and nearly 1,700 5<sup>th</sup> - 12th grade students in need with a Chromebook equipped with built-in cellular data capability. This will help us cut the digital divide as we will get 5,000 devices (LTE iPads/Laptops) with built-in Wi-Fi. The devices have been hitting buildings over the last few weeks.

WDFCTC - Cisco Net Academy: We launched the Cisco-Cybersecurity this fall at CTC. Our students will get both high school credit and industry certification; we will eventually build a middle college to the program. Cisco Net Academy, which all districts (CTC's) are using for their building blocks for coding and cybersecurity (students can get the certifications as they take the courses). People that get all the Cisco certifications can walk into jobs at 85k. A special thank you to Mr. Josh Rychlicki, Ms. JaCinda Sumara and Clydene Stangvik (Cisco's Midwest Networking Academy Manager) for bringing this opportunity to WWCS for our students.

- October 26, 2022 - WCC Safety & Security Symposium at the Ted Scott Campus
- October 28, 2022 - Field Trip to Eastern Michigan University to explore STEM learning and career preparation at the college level
- October 28, 2022 - Future Teachers and Sunshine and Rainbows Preschool Halloween Parade
- November 2, 2022 - HBCU Fair
- November 4, 2022 - Welding students to compete in Washtenaw Welding Invitational
- November 8, 2022 - District Professional Development (No Students)
- November 14, 2022 - Trades Week in partnership with John Glenn High School

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

Amy Conners – Spirit gear

Alica Rodriguez – Spirit gear



176.23 REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATIONS, BOARD OF EDUCATION – Cox

T. Buckalew – thanked the pledge and high school students for their contributions to the board meeting. He commented on Ms. Nathans's presentation and expressed that there was no question that the pandemic and poverty have taken a toll on education and 98C will help to correct the issues. He mentioned that Ms. May, Ms. Hines, and himself attended the MASB Annual Leadership Conference and received all good feedback about the district. He had the opportunity to speak with three of Wayne RESA's trustees and attend classes about volunteerism and attracting and retaining teachers.

K. May – thanked all of the student participants. She was delighted to announce that she witnessed how well-behaved the John Glenn students who attended a field trip at Eastern Michigan University were and that the staff was completely engaged with the students. She mentioned that she was able to attend the MASB Annual Leadership Conference and highlighted a few things that she learned about ethical decision-making, 7 lenses, strategic planning (which the district is already doing), legal issues, changes in Title IX, and advocating for public schools.

M. Hines – thanked the students and congratulated Mr. McBride. She thanked all of the staff members at Wayne-Westland Community Schools. She was excited about the information she received at the MASB Annual Leadership Conference such as managing a construction project, high school and beyond and creating trust. She will be hosting a Steam literacy and virtual reality round table with Natasha Lee.

J. Albrecht – thanked Ms. Nathan and felt the board needed to hear about the 98c learning loss grant. He thanked the parents for coming and speaking up and welcomed Mr. McBride. He mentioned that he was happy to be able to attend the two high school homecoming tailgating events.

M. Neal – had no comments.

D. Cox – mentioned that he is also opposed to changing the amount of meal reimbursement, while Dr. Weaver did have a point that there has been a change in the value of money, the board of education addressed that by adding a cost of living rider to the board members' stipends. He expressed his opinion that with today's technology, out-of-state travel is unnecessary and a policy should be made to prevent it. He expressed the respect he has for the parents that addressed the board and explained that it was never the board's intention to inhibit parents from supporting their students/schools. Mr. Cox shared that the board had the opportunity to eat the same meal that the students are fed, and feels that it could be a lot better.

177.23 ADJOURNMENT

Resolved, that the board adjourn the meeting at 7:58. Motion by M. Hines, support by M. Neal.

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