

MINUTES

189.23 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG – COX

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Creighton Andrew Buckalew

190.23 ROLL CALL/ATTENDANCE – Hines

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Melandie Hines, Frederick L. Weaver, Th.D.

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193.23 CONSENT AGENDA

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- b. Investment Report

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195.23 REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF BUSINESS SERVICE & FINANCE – Cleaves

I. Recommendation to Purchase Title I Technology

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ROLL CALL VOTE

AYES:	5
NAYS:	0
ABSTAIN:	0
ABSENT:	2

MOTION PASSED

II. Recommendation for Digital Signage

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

ROLL CALL VOTE

AYES:	5
NAYS:	0
ABSTAIN:	0
ABSENT:	2

MOTION PASSED

III. Recommendation Regarding Bid Pack #8 – Addition and Remodeling Projects for Elliott, Hicks & Roosevelt-McGrath Elementary Schools

Resolved, that the board approve Business Service & Finance Item III. as presented. Motion by F. Weaver, support by J. Albrecht.

ROLL CALL VOTE

AYES:	5
NAYS:	0
ABSTAIN:	0
ABSENT:	2

MOTION PASSED

IV. Recommendation to Purchase Meraki Network Switches and Licensing

Resolved, that the board approve Business Service & Finance Item IV. as presented. Motion by F. Weaver, support by J. Albrecht.

ROLL CALL VOTE

AYES:	5
NAYS:	0
ABSTAIN:	0
ABSENT:	2

MOTION PASSED

V. Recommendation to Award Humanex Ventures Contract

Resolved, that the board approve Business Service & Finance Item V. as presented. Motion by J. Albrecht, support by F. Weaver.

ROLL CALL VOTE

AYES:	5
NAYS:	0
ABSTAIN:	0
ABSENT:	2

MOTION PASSED

VI. Recommendation to Purchase Design for Change

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

ROLL CALL VOTE

AYES:	5
NAYS:	0
ABSTAIN:	0
ABSENT:	2

MOTION PASSED

VII. Recommendation to Approve Out-of-State Conference

Was removed and will be discussed by the policy committee.

196.23 REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION AND ASSESSMENT ITEMS – Curry

I. New Program or Course Proposal

a. Advanced Placement Pre-Calculus

Resolved, that the board approve Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment Item a. as presented. Motion by M. Hines, support by F. Weaver.

ROLL CALL VOTE

AYES:	5
NAYS:	0
ABSTAIN:	0
ABSENT:	2

MOTION PASSED

b. Financial Math Literacy

Resolved, that the board approve Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment Item b. as presented. Motion by M. Hines, support by F. Weaver.

ROLL CALL VOTE

AYES:	5
NAYS:	0
ABSTAIN:	0
ABSENT:	2

MOTION PASSED

197.23 REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF HUMAN RESOURCE ITEMS – Ofili

I. Assistant Principal of John Glenn High School
Scott Kelley

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

Mr. Scott Kelley - Thanked everyone, very excited and cannot wait to start building relationships.

Resolved, that the board approve Human Resource Item I. as presented. Motion by F. Weaver, support by T. Buckalew.

ROLL CALL VOTE

AYES: 5
NAYS: 0
ABSTAIN: 0
ABSENT: 2

MOTION PASSED

II. Assistant Principal of Wayne-Westland Innovative Academy Kelleen Villa

Dr. Alex Ofili shared Ms. Villa's academic and professional background.

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

ROLL CALL VOTE

AYES: 5
NAYS: 0
ABSTAIN: 0
ABSENT: 2

MOTION PASSED

199.23 BOARD OFFICER INTERESTS – Hines

Board trustees were reminded that now is the time to think about whether or not they would like to hold an officer seat for the upcoming calendar year. If board trustees are interested in holding a specific position, they should notify Ms. Melandie Hines of their interests.

200.23 SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT/COMMENTS – Dignan

Dr. Dignan shared the following comments from a prepared statement:

- Thank you to the Walker-Winter Committee that has been meeting the last few months.
- The Communications Department has reviewed our internal and external communications methods. Here is an update on how we share district information with staff and our families.
 - The **Wayne-Westland Wrap-Up**- A digital newsletter emailed to all staff, secondary students and our families every other week.
 - **Connections Newsletter**- A printed newsletter mailed to the entire community three times a year in January, June and August

- Superintendent Letters- As needed based on topics.
- I wish everyone the best over the holidays. Second semester starts on January 17th.

Tonight - we are honored to pay tribute to Mr. Tom Buckalew's service on the WWCS Board of Education, Mr. Buckalew not only spent many years serving WWCS as a board member, but was also a teacher in the district and we know that his service here is just one example of his lifetime of service.

He was proud of our school system and he was dedicated to making us the best we could be. His life blessed ours, and will remind us to be cheerful, encouraging, and to put children first as we lead WWCS. Thank you for everything you have done.

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

Eric Cleereman, City of Wayne Council Member, asked the district to contact Wayne County to request a school zone posted speed limit on Newburgh near Marquette.

Shanna Hartwell, parent, staff member, and union president for the paraprofessional's union - introduced herself.

202.23 REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATIONS, BOARD OF EDUCATION – Cox

F. Weaver: Welcomed Mr. Kelley and Ms. Villa, thanked Ms. Cleaves and staff and gave a special thank you to Mr. Buckalew for everything.

M. Hines: Thanked Mr. Buckalew for being an amazing mentor. She mentioned being able to attend the basketball game at Wayne Memorial High School. She thanked Ms. Cleaves and her team for their hard work on the audit. She was happy to hear that Walker-Winter will remain open. She loves having Dr. Dignan on staff and the things happening in the district. She is thankful to be a board member and congratulated the new staff.

J. Albrecht: Congratulated Mr. Kelley and Ms. Villa, and thanked Thomas and Creighton Buckalew for leading the pledge. He reminisced about his time spent working with Mr. Buckalew as an educator, administrator and fellow board member. He mentioned being awed by Mr. Buckalew's commitment to the community and his integrity.

D. Cox: Mentioned that he and Mr. Buckalew first met at a parent-teacher conference for his child. He commented that all of the wonderful things that have been said about Mr. Buckalew are absolutely true, that he is unflappable and has always maintained an attitude to listen and see the point of the person speaking before responding. He expressed a warm welcome to Ms. LeWanna Abney-

Mitchell on being the newest elected board member. Mr. Cox mentioned the loss of a dear friend of the district Mr. Andrew Spisak.

Mr. Cox also shared the following comments from a prepared statement on behalf of Ms. May:

Mr. Buckalew, I consider you a colleague, a confidante, and a friend. You welcomed me to the board with open arms. You took the time to get to know me, to share and listen to multiple perspectives and ask questions, and most importantly, we have laughed! Over the last two years, we have established a genuine friendship built upon respect and love.

You have a genuine love for Wayne-Westland Community Schools and you disseminate that love to all that you encounter. Your dedication is never in question and I thank you for sharing that with me. Because of you I understand the importance of pausing thus allowing me to be more thoughtful and thorough in my decision-making, not to be afraid to ask questions and to extend myself to others.

While I know this is not goodbye because you can't get rid of me! I want to take this moment to say, thank you for being you, thank you for being ALL that you have been to Wayne-Westland Community Schools; a teacher, coach, board member, supporter, and most importantly a friend. P.S. I will miss my buddy kicking my butt with his closing comments!

Buckalew: Mentioned that the county may want to consider a pedestrian light at Newburgh and Marquette. He expressed that the district is committed to the students and taxpayers and the audit shows that the district does it well. He applauded Ms. Cleaves and the business staff for their work. He has enjoyed hearing all of the nice things about himself. He expressed that he has taken far more away from his experience as a board member. His takeaway is that he has been able to work with over 12 board members, dealt with serious issues and developed some lasting friendships. During his time on the board of education, the district has seen 4 superintendents and 3 interim superintendents. He mentioned that Dr. Dignan has been a pleasure to work with. He has had the opportunity to participate in learning opportunities at MASB, which was probably the equivalent of another master's degree. Mr. Buckalew loved being a part of the school board and felt that it had been truly rewarding, he appreciated that the pledge for this meeting was led by his grandsons and the support of his family. He mentioned serving on the finance committee and learning from the staff members why and how things get done. Tony Spisak, Chanda Cleaves, Yvonne Scott and Kim Markey as a group are invaluable. Wayne-Westland is a team and a family and he was proud to have been a part of it.

203.23 ADJOURNMENT

Resolved, that the board adjourn the meeting at 8:23 pm. Motion by T. Buckalew, support by J. Albrecht.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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MOTION PASSED

V. Recommendation to Award Humanex Ventures Contract

Resolved, that the board approve Business Service & Finance Item V. as presented. Motion by J. Albrecht, support by F. Weaver.

ROLL CALL VOTE

AYES:	5
NAYS:	0
ABSTAIN:	0
ABSENT:	2

MOTION PASSED

VI. Recommendation to Purchase Design for Change

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

ROLL CALL VOTE

AYES:	5
NAYS:	0
ABSTAIN:	0
ABSENT:	2

MOTION PASSED

VII. Recommendation to Approve Out-of-State Conference

Was removed and will be discussed by the policy committee.

196.23 REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION AND ASSESSMENT ITEMS – Curry

I. New Program or Course Proposal

a. Advanced Placement Pre-Calculus

Resolved, that the board approve Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment Item a. as presented. Motion by M. Hines, support by F. Weaver.

ROLL CALL VOTE

AYES:	5
NAYS:	0
ABSTAIN:	0
ABSENT:	2

MOTION PASSED

b. Financial Math Literacy

Resolved, that the board approve Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment Item b. as presented. Motion by M. Hines, support by F. Weaver.

ROLL CALL VOTE

AYES:	5
NAYS:	0
ABSTAIN:	0
ABSENT:	2

MOTION PASSED

197.23 REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF HUMAN RESOURCE ITEMS – Ofili

I. Assistant Principal of John Glenn High School
Scott Kelley

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

Mr. Scott Kelley - Thanked everyone, very excited and cannot wait to start building relationships.

Resolved, that the board approve Human Resource Item I. as presented. Motion by F. Weaver, support by T. Buckalew.

ROLL CALL VOTE

AYES: 5
NAYS: 0
ABSTAIN: 0
ABSENT: 2

MOTION PASSED

II. Assistant Principal of Wayne-Westland Innovative Academy Kelleen Villa

Dr. Alex Ofili shared Ms. Villa's academic and professional background.

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

ROLL CALL VOTE

AYES: 5
NAYS: 0
ABSTAIN: 0
ABSENT: 2

MOTION PASSED

199.23 BOARD OFFICER INTERESTS – Hines

Board trustees were reminded that now is the time to think about whether or not they would like to hold an officer seat for the upcoming calendar year. If board trustees are interested in holding a specific position, they should notify Ms. Melandie Hines of their interests.

200.23 SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT/COMMENTS – Dignan

Dr. Dignan shared the following comments from a prepared statement:

- Thank you to the Walker-Winter Committee that has been meeting the last few months.
- The Communications Department has reviewed our internal and external communications methods. Here is an update on how we share district information with staff and our families.
 - The **Wayne-Westland Wrap-Up**- A digital newsletter emailed to all staff, secondary students and our families every other week.
 - **Connections Newsletter**- A printed newsletter mailed to the entire community three times a year in January, June and August

- Superintendent Letters- As needed based on topics.
- I wish everyone the best over the holidays. Second semester starts on January 17th.

Tonight - we are honored to pay tribute to Mr. Tom Buckalew's service on the WWCS Board of Education, Mr. Buckalew not only spent many years serving WWCS as a board member, but was also a teacher in the district and we know that his service here is just one example of his lifetime of service.

He was proud of our school system and he was dedicated to making us the best we could be. His life blessed ours, and will remind us to be cheerful, encouraging, and to put children first as we lead WWCS. Thank you for everything you have done.

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

Eric Cleereman, City of Wayne Council Member, asked the district to contact Wayne County to request a school zone posted speed limit on Newburgh near Marquette.

Shanna Hartwell, parent, staff member, and union president for the paraprofessional's union - introduced herself.

202.23 REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATIONS, BOARD OF EDUCATION – Cox

F. Weaver: Welcomed Mr. Kelley and Ms. Villa, thanked Ms. Cleaves and staff and gave a special thank you to Mr. Buckalew for everything.

M. Hines: Thanked Mr. Buckalew for being an amazing mentor. She mentioned being able to attend the basketball game at Wayne Memorial High School. She thanked Ms. Cleaves and her team for their hard work on the audit. She was happy to hear that Walker-Winter will remain open. She loves having Dr. Dignan on staff and the things happening in the district. She is thankful to be a board member and congratulated the new staff.

J. Albrecht: Congratulated Mr. Kelley and Ms. Villa, and thanked Thomas and Creighton Buckalew for leading the pledge. He reminisced about his time spent working with Mr. Buckalew as an educator, administrator and fellow board member. He mentioned being awed by Mr. Buckalew's commitment to the community and his integrity.

D. Cox: Mentioned that he and Mr. Buckalew first met at a parent-teacher conference for his child. He commented that all of the wonderful things that have been said about Mr. Buckalew are absolutely true, that he is unflappable and has always maintained an attitude to listen and see the point of the person speaking before responding. He expressed a warm welcome to Ms. LeWanna Abney-

Mitchell on being the newest elected board member. Mr. Cox mentioned the loss of a dear friend of the district Mr. Andrew Spisak.

Mr. Cox also shared the following comments from a prepared statement on behalf of Ms. May:

Mr. Buckalew, I consider you a colleague, a confidante, and a friend. You welcomed me to the board with open arms. You took the time to get to know me, to share and listen to multiple perspectives and ask questions, and most importantly, we have laughed! Over the last two years, we have established a genuine friendship built upon respect and love.

You have a genuine love for Wayne-Westland Community Schools and you disseminate that love to all that you encounter. Your dedication is never in question and I thank you for sharing that with me. Because of you I understand the importance of pausing thus allowing me to be more thoughtful and thorough in my decision-making, not to be afraid to ask questions and to extend myself to others.

While I know this is not goodbye because you can't get rid of me! I want to take this moment to say, thank you for being you, thank you for being ALL that you have been to Wayne-Westland Community Schools; a teacher, coach, board member, supporter, and most importantly a friend. P.S. I will miss my buddy kicking my butt with his closing comments!

Buckalew: Mentioned that the county may want to consider a pedestrian light at Newburgh and Marquette. He expressed that the district is committed to the students and taxpayers and the audit shows that the district does it well. He applauded Ms. Cleaves and the business staff for their work. He has enjoyed hearing all of the nice things about himself. He expressed that he has taken far more away from his experience as a board member. His takeaway is that he has been able to work with over 12 board members, dealt with serious issues and developed some lasting friendships. During his time on the board of education, the district has seen 4 superintendents and 3 interim superintendents. He mentioned that Dr. Dignan has been a pleasure to work with. He has had the opportunity to participate in learning opportunities at MASB, which was probably the equivalent of another master's degree. Mr. Buckalew loved being a part of the school board and felt that it had been truly rewarding, he appreciated that the pledge for this meeting was led by his grandsons and the support of his family. He mentioned serving on the finance committee and learning from the staff members why and how things get done. Tony Spisak, Chanda Cleaves, Yvonne Scott and Kim Markey as a group are invaluable. Wayne-Westland is a team and a family and he was proud to have been a part of it.

203.23 ADJOURNMENT

Resolved, that the board adjourn the meeting at 8:23 pm. Motion by T. Buckalew, support by J. Albrecht.

ROLL CALL VOTE

AYES:	5
NAYS:	0
ABSTAIN:	0
ABSENT:	2

MOTION PASSED

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Melandie Hines", written in dark ink.

Melandie Hines
Board of Education Secretary
Wayne-Westland Community Schools