



**WASHTENAW INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES**

Tuesday, November 12, 2024

The Washtenaw Intermediate School District Board of Education held a regular board meeting on Tuesday, November 12, 2024 in Washtenaw ISD's Teaching and Learning Center Board Room at 1819 South Wagner Road in Ann Arbor, Michigan.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:10 PM by President Diane Hockett.

ATTENDANCE

The following members were present:

Diane Hockett, President
Mary Jane Tramontin, Vice President
Steve Olsen, Secretary
Sarena Shivers, Treasurer
Dorcas Musili, Trustee

The following member was absent:

Quorum was met.

Also present:

Naomi Norman, Superintendent
Cherie Vannatter, Deputy Superintendent
Brian Marcel, Associate Superintendent
Edward Manuszak, Executive Director of Early Childhood
Althea Wilson, Early Child Family Services Coordinator
Jennifer Banks, Director of Instruction
Matthew Cook, Chief Information Officer
Melissa Paschall, Special Education Supervisor
Theresa Harrington, Head Start Quality Assurance Specialist
Zahra Yusuf, Associate Teacher
TJ Greggs, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent
Yusuf Family, Members of the public

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Steve Olsen moved, Mary Jane Tramontin seconded, to approve the agenda, as presented.

Ayes: Diane Hockett, Mary Jane Tramontin, Sarena Shivers, Steve Olsen, Dorcas Musili

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS: There were no communications.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: There was no public participation.

PRESENTATION: Dr. Eddie Manuszack shared a presentation about the PreK for All initiative.

HEAD START AWARDS: Two Head Start individuals were recognized for their incredible service to Head Start and its students and families. The two were Ms. Teresa Harrington, Early Childhood Quality Assurance Specialist, Washtenaw ISD and Ms. Zahra Yusuf, Associate Teacher, Ypsilanti Community Schools.

EQUITY, INCLUSION, AND SOCIAL JUSTICE DIALOGUE: Superintendent Naomi Norman facilitated the Equity, Inclusion, and Social Justice (EISJ) discussion, sharing about the following:

- A meeting was held with agencies and members of the community for a drone and aviation pathway within the PreK-12 education system. Washtenaw County Government is willing to help with seed funding to do the initial planning for the program since it has tremendous potential as a component of their economic development efforts. It will start with a focus on the east side of the county and grow to being a countywide initiative as part of our CTE efforts.
- On November 19, 2024 cabinet members and approximately 40 staff members will have a day-long session with our Kriseles facilitators to discuss the results of the culture survey. 335 staff members took the survey.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mary Jane Tramontin moved, Steve Olsen seconded, that the Board of Education approve the minutes and Superintendent's recommendations in the Consent Agenda, as presented.

Voting yes: Diane Hockett, Mary Jane Tramontin, Sarena Shivers, Steve Olsen, Dorcas Musili

Voting no: None.

Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

The Board approved the minutes of the October 29, 2024, regular meeting.

047-24-25

The Board approved the following employment recommendations:

- Alexis Correa as a General Ed. Social Worker

048-24-25

The Board approved the following new position requests:

- Communications Specialist III, 1.0 FTE, 230 Workdays, Worksite: TLC, Non-Affiliated
- School Social Worker - WEOC, 1.0 FTE, 185 Workdays, Worksite: Other, Unit II
- Speech Language Pathologist - WEOC, 1.0 FTE, 185 Workdays, Worksite: Other, Unit II

049-24-25

The Board approved the following staff resignations:

- Thomas Anderson, effective November 15, 2024

050-24-25

The Board authorized the administration to approve an additional contract with Laurel Manor in Livonia, Michigan for building use and food services at a cost not to exceed \$17,218.94, as presented

051-24-25

The Board authorized the administration to approve the amended contract with Pediatric Therapy Associates for a cost not to exceed \$67,815.00, as presented

052-24-25

The Board authorized administration to accept the \$17,500.00 35i Family Engagement Grant from Jackson ISD, as presented.

NEW BUSINESS – 2025 Summer Tax Resolution: Associate Superintendent Brian Marcel shared the 2025 Summer Tax Resolution to continue collection of summer taxes for Washtenaw Intermediate School District in those areas where a summer tax collection has been authorized by our constituent local districts.

Sarena Shivers moved, Steve Olsen seconded, that the Board of Education adopt the resolution authorizing the collection of 100% of Washtenaw Intermediate School District taxes in the summer of 2025 in those areas of the District where summer tax collections have been authorized by constituent local school districts, as presented.

Voting yes: Diane Hockett, Mary Jane Tramontin, Sarena Shivers Steve Olsen, Dorcas Musili

Voting no: None.

Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS – Insulin Litigation Resolution and Agreement: Associate Superintendent Brian Marcel shared a letter from the WISD's attorneys at Thrun Law Firm, P.C. about joining a nationwide lawsuit against various insulin manufacturers, pharmacy benefit managers, and other defendants accused of artificially inflating insulin prices at the expense of employers and health plan entities.

Steve Olsen moved, Dorcas Musili seconded, that the Board of Education authorize administration to sign the Attorney-Client Fee Contract on behalf of the Washtenaw ISD and to take such other action as necessary to obtain monetary damages for the Washtenaw ISD in the Lawsuit, as presented.

Voting yes: Diane Hockett, Mary Jane Tramontin, Sarena Shivers Steve Olsen, Dorcas Musili

Voting no: None.

Motion carried.

OTHER ITEMS OF BUSINESS: There were no other items of business.

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORTS: Board President Diane Hockett congratulated administration for the passing of the Special Education Millage. She also discussed scheduling Superintendent Norman's evaluation.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS - Superintendent's Report:

- Superintendent Norman shared her experience at the 100-year celebration of Lincoln Consolidated Schools.
- Superintendent Norman spoke about the results of the interviews for the executive director position for Talent Together
- Superintendent Norman shared her experience at the MAISA General Membership meeting the previous week including the focus on seclusion and restraint data statewide.
- Superintendent Norman met with the Bridge Team and community leaders and agencies to discuss plans for the Youth Assessment Center.

- Superintendent Norman informed the board about speaking at an upcoming press conference in Lansing later in the week.

ADJOURNMENT.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Olsen, Secretary

Washtenaw ISD Board of Education