

# Regular Meeting of the Board of Education (Rescheduled January)

Monday, February 9, 2026 7:00 PM

Board Room, 36745 Marquette, Westland, MI 48185

## I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - May

Bryce Tiller, Janasia Murphy, Leona Minneboo,  
Jayden Baldwin, Brian Woodruff

Wayne-Westland Innovative Academy, Kent'e  
Rosser, Principal and  
Christine Swanson, Supervisor of Virtual  
Program

## II. ROLL CALL/ATTENDANCE - Hines

## III. ELECTION OF OFFICERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION - May

III.a. Office of the President

III.b. Office of the Vice President

III.c. Office of the Secretary

III.d. Office of the Treasurer

## IV. RECOGNITIONS AND PRESENTATIONS - Newly Elected Board President

IV.a. Building Update - Wayne-Westland  
Innovative Academy  
Kent'e Rosser, Principal and Christine Swanson,  
Supervisor of Virtual Programs

IV.b. Budget Amendment  
Jewell Clair, Chief Financial Officer

IV.c. Board Member Appreciation Month -  
Catherine Cost, Ed.D., Interim Superintendent

## V. CITIZEN'S COMMENTS: AGENDA ITEMS - Newly Elected Board President

## VI. CONSENT AGENDA

VI.a. MINUTES

VI.a.i. Regular Minutes - December 15, 2025

VI.a.ii. Closed Session Board Minutes - December  
15, 2025 [under separate cover]

VI.b. HUMAN RESOURCE ITEMS

VI.b.i. Resignations/Terminations:  
Administrative, Instructional, Non-  
Instructional and/or Non-Affiliated Personnel

VI.b.ii. Placements: Administrative,  
Instructional, Non-Instructional and/or Non-  
Affiliated Personnel

VI.b.iii. Leaves of Absence: Administrative,  
Instructional, Non-Instructional and/or Non-  
Affiliated Personnel

VI.c. BUSINESS & FINANCE ITEMS

VI.c.i. Payment of Invoices [under separate  
cover]

VI.c.ii. Investment Report [under separate cover]

VI.d. CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION AND ASSESSMENT

VI.d.i. Field Trips

VI.d.i.a. William D. Ford Career Technical Center-  
ProStart Culinary Competition [under separate  
cover]

VI.d.i.b. William D. Ford Career Technical Center -  
Skills USA State Culinary Competition [under  
separate cover]

VI.d.i.c. Schweitzer Elementary School - 5th Grade  
Camp [under separate cover]

VI.d.i.d. John Glenn High School - Wrestling  
Tournament [under separate cover]

VII. **DONATIONS**

**The following donations were made to Wayne-  
Westland Community Schools for students:**

VII.a. Annette Swider - Clothing

VII.b. Wayne-Westland Associationh of  
Paraprofessionals - Monetary Donation

VII.c. Golling Chevrolet, Inc. - Monetary  
Donation to support the Elementary Athletic  
Program

VII.d. Jack Demmer Ford - School Supplies,  
Office Supplies and Monetary Donation

VII.e. Zeal Credit Union - Hygiene Kits &  
Supplies

VII.f. ADK Sorority - Food Pantry Items

VII.g. McCarthy & Smith, Inc. - Monetary  
Donation to support the Elementary Athletic  
Program

VII.h. Westland Rotary Club - Monetary Donation  
to support the purchase of Timekettle X1 AI  
Interpreter Hub devices

VII.i. EMUrgent Care Clinic - Monetary Donation  
to support the Elementary Athletic Program

VIII. **BOARD OF EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORTS -  
Newly Elected Presidents**

VIII.a. Student Achievement Committee Report -  
Rochon

VIII.b. Finance & Facility Committee Report -  
Ambrus  
District Audit Firm - First Discussion

VIII.c. Policy & Procedure Committee Report -  
Weaver

District Cell Phone Policy - First Discussion

**IX. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF BUSINESS SERVICE & FINANCE**

IX.a. Recommendation to approve 2025-2026 Budget Amendment Resolution/All Funds - Clair

IX.b. Recommendation to award the contract for Security Replacement - Tocco

**X. REPRESENTATIVE DESIGNATIONS - Newly Elected Board President**

X.a. WCASB Representative

X.b. MASB Representative

**XI. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF BOARD OF EDUCATION ITEMS - Newly Elected Board President**

XI.a. Recommendation to approve Student Advisory Group - Rochon

**XII. CITIZEN'S COMMENTS: NON-AGENDA ITEMS (GENERAL) - Newly Elected Board President**

**XIII. INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT/COMMENTS - Cost**

**XIV. REVIEW AND RECOMMENATIONS, BOARD OF EDUCATION - Newly Elected Board President**

**XV. FOLLOW UP TO BOARD OF EDUCATION QUESTIONS - Newly Elected Board President**

**XVI. ADJOURNMENT - Newly Elected Board President**

**Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency  
Board of Education**

**Local School District Board of Education  
Recognition Resolution**

**January 2026**

**WHEREAS**, the promise of education shapes the future of the 43 communities across Wayne County and strengthens the prosperity of our state and nation; and the Boards of Education entrusted with the education of more than 260,000 students play an essential role in ensuring excellence, equity, and opportunity for every student; and

**WHEREAS**, these committed public servants give generously of their time and expertise in service to the students, families, educators, and communities of Wayne County, exercising thoughtful leadership in shaping policies, programs, and resources that ensure educational excellence; and

**WHEREAS**, as local leaders, Wayne County School Board members provide steadfast leadership and advocacy on behalf of students, working collaboratively with policymakers in Lansing and Washington, D.C., to advance educational priorities; and

**WHEREAS**, understanding the critical importance of access, opportunity, equity, and excellence, Wayne County School Boards work diligently to advance student achievement, promote student well-being, and uphold safe, supportive, and inclusive learning environments; and

**WHEREAS**, Boards of Education across Wayne County, through strategic partnerships with families, community organizations, local industries, and higher education institutions, have expanded opportunities, strengthened career pathways, and prepared students to excel in a complex and competitive global economy; and


**WHEREAS**, the mission of public education is to honor the diverse strengths and needs of all students, empowering them to become informed, engaged, and productive citizens in a dynamic and ever-changing world; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of Michigan and the State Board of Education recognize January 2026 as School Board Recognition Month, acknowledging, celebrating, and honoring the commitment, vision, and resilience of school board members across the state; and

**WHEREAS**, School Board Recognition Month celebrates the champions serving on Wayne County Boards of Education, whose oversight of Pre-K through 12th grade and beyond helps ensure that all students are prepared to excel in a globally connected and competitive society;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency Board of Education, in celebration of School Board Recognition Month, expresses its deep appreciation for the commitment, vision, and exemplary leadership of the Wayne County School Boards of Education.

**PRESENTED AND ADOPTED** this 17th day of December, 2025, by the Wayne RESA Board of Education.



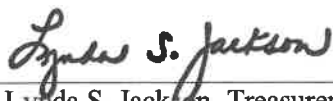
Mary E. Blackmon, President



Danielle Funderburg, Vice-President



James S. Beri, Secretary



Lynda S. Jackson, Treasurer



James Petrie, Trustee

Minutes

188.26 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG – May

Zoe Fuqua and Eva Fuqua  
Franklin Middle School, Deena Pringle, Principal

189.26 ROLL CALL/ATTENDANCE – Hines

Board Members present: LeWanna Abney-Mitchell, Andrew Ambrus,  
David R. Cox, Melandie Hines, Kimberly R. May, Shannon Rochon,  
Frederick L. Weaver, Th.D.

190.26 RECOGNITIONS AND PRESENTATIONS – May

I. Building Update – Franklin Middle School, Deena Pringle, Principal

Ms. Pringle presented a slide show highlighting Franklin Middle School  
focusing on School Demographics, Attendance, Student Well-Being, Student  
Achievement and Points of Pride.

Board members were given the opportunity to make comments and ask  
questions.

191.26 ADJOURNMENT TO A CLOSED SESSION – May

NOTE: There may or may not be action taken by the Board following the closed  
session.

Resolved, that the Board of Education will adjourn to a closed session at 6:58 p.m.  
pursuant to 8(a)...[to consider a periodic personnel evaluation of, a public officer,  
employee, staff member, or individual agent...] according to the Open Meetings  
Act. Motion by L. Abney-Mitchell, support by A. Ambrus.

ROLL CALL VOTE

AYES: 7  
NAYS: 0  
ABSTAIN: 0  
ABSENT: 0

MOTION PASSED

192.26 ADJOURNMENT TO AN OPEN MEETING – May

Resolved, that the Board of Education adjourn to an open meeting at 7:36 p.m.  
Motion by D. Cox, support by L. Abney-Mitchell.

ROLL CALL VOTE

AYES: 7  
NAYS: 0  
ABSTAIN: 0  
ABSENT: 0

MOTION PASSED

193.26 CITIZEN'S COMMENTS: AGENDA ITEMS – May

There were no citizen comments.

194.26 CONSENT AGENDA

I. MINUTES

- a. Regular Minutes – November 17, 2025
- b. Closed Session Board Minutes – November 17, 2025 [under separate cover]

II. HUMAN RESOURCE ITEMS

- a. Resignations/Terminations: Administrative, Instructional, Non-Instructional and/or Non-Affiliated Personnel
- b. Placements: Administrative, Instructional, Non-Instructional and/or Non-Affiliated Personnel

III. BUSINESS & FINANCE ITEMS

- a. Payment of Invoices [under separate cover]
- b. Investment Report [under separate cover]

IV. CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION AND ASSESSMENT

- a. Field Trips
  - i. John Glenn High School – Women in Sports Leadership Conference [under separate cover]
  - ii. Graham Elementary School – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Camp [under separate cover]
  - iii. Edison Elementary School – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Camp [under separate cover]
  - iv. Wayne Memorial High School – Student Council State Conference [under separate cover]

- v. John Glenn High School – Student Leadership Conference [under separate cover]

V. DONATIONS

The following donations were made to Wayne-Westland Community Schools for students:

- a. Melinda Harris – Halloween Buckets

VI. 2026 BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING SCHEDULE

Resolved, that the Board approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion by F. Weaver, support by M. Hines.

ROLL CALL VOTE

AYES: 7  
NAYS: 0  
ABSTAIN: 0  
ABSENT: 0

MOTION PASSED

195.26 BOARD OF EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORTS – May

I. Student Achievement Committee Report – Rochon

Mr. Rochon shared a summary from the November Student Achievement Committee meeting.

Board members were given the opportunity to ask questions and make comments.

a. Student Advisory Committee – First Discussion

Mr. Rochon shared the different options that were presented to the Student Advisory Committee regarding student participation with the Board. The committee narrowed the options down to two; having a student advisory committee or having students participate in Board committee meetings.

The Board members had an opportunity to make comments and ask questions.

The Board will vote on creating a Student Advisory Committee at the January Board of Education meeting.

II. Finance & Facility Committee Report – Ambrus

Mr. Ambrus shared a summary from the December Finance & Facility Committee meeting.

Mr. Ambrus also shared that each Board member received proposals from two different audit firms to review. This is considered a first read and will be voted on at the January 2026 Board of Education meeting.

Board members were given the opportunity to ask questions and make comments.

III. Policy & Procedure Committee Report – Weaver

Dr. Weaver shared a summary from the December Policy & Procedure Committee meeting.

Board members were given the opportunity to ask questions and make comments.

196.26 REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF BUSINESS SERVICE & FINANCE

I. Recommendation to approve High School ELA Resource Adoption - Jefferson

Resolved, that the Board approve Business Service & Finance Item I. as presented. Motion by M. Hines, support by D. Cox.

ROLL CALL VOTE

AYES:	7
NAYS:	0
ABSTAIN:	0
ABSENT:	0

MOTION PASSED

II. Recommendation approve Classlink Licensing – Ofili

Resolved, that the Board approve Business Service & Finance Item II. as presented. Motion by D. Cox, support by A. Ambrus.

ROLL CALL VOTE

AYES:	7
NAYS:	0
ABSTAIN:	0
ABSENT:	0

MOTION PASSED

III. Recommendation to approve Roosevelt Adaptive Playground - Tocco

Resolved, that the Board approve Business Service & Finance Item III. as presented. Motion by D. Cox, support by M. Hines.

ROLL CALL VOTE

AYES: 7  
NAYS: 0  
ABSTAIN: 0  
ABSENT: 0

MOTION PASSED

197.26 REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING 2026 SCHOOL BUILDING AND SITE BONDS – Clair

Resolved, that the Board approve the Resolution Authorizing 2026 School Building and Site Bonds and waive the need to read the enclosed resolution. Motion by M. Hines, support by D. Cox.

ROLL CALL VOTE

AYES: 7  
NAYS: 0  
ABSTAIN: 0  
ABSENT: 0

MOTION PASSED

198.26 REVIEW OF BOARD OF EDUCATION ITEMS – May

I. Board Officer Position Interest – May

Melandie Hines is interested in the President's position.  
Frederick Weaver, Th.D. is interested in any of the four chaired positions.  
LeWanna Abney- Mitchell is interested in the Vice-President's position.  
Andrew Ambrus is interested in the Treasurer's position.  
Kimberly May is interested in the President's position.

II. Superintendent Search Update – May

Ms. May shared her thanks to the staff and community for participating in the Superintendent Search survey and attending the community meetings held by Michigan Leadership Institute. She also shared the profile that was created from the feedback.

Ms. May opened the discussion for the salary for this position to the Board members.

MOTION Resolved, that the Board approve the salary at \$235,000 with a \$15,000 range. Motion by D. Cox, support by M. Hines.

ROLL CALL VOTE

AYES: 6  
NAYS: 0  
ABSTAIN: 0  
ABSENT: 1 (F. Weaver)

MOTION PASSED

199.26 STUDENT REINSTATEMENT [under separate cover] – Tocco

Resolved, that the Board reinstate Student 2526-A according to the terms and conditions of the Resolution. Motion by M. Hines, Support by K. May.

ROLL CALL VOTE

AYES: 5  
NAYS: 0  
ABSTAIN: 1 (A. Ambrus)  
ABSENT: 1 (F. Weaver)

MOTION PASSED

200.26 CITIZEN'S COMMENTS: NON-AGENDA ITEMS (GENERAL) – May

M. Harris complimented the Board on their work sharing that each one is important and special. She gave special shout outs to Ms. May, Mr. Rochon and Ms. Abney-Mitchell. She thanked the staff of Wayne-Westland including Geno Montayne for their hard work. She also thanked Ms. Babyak for designing her own volunteer pamphlet and Kate Brohl for her advocacy skills and kindness. She encouraged staff to share that the Parent Advisory Committee is open and that all parents and committee members are equally impressive.

201.26 INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT/COMMENTS – Cost

Dr. Cost shared the following comments:

- She thanked Ms. Pringle and the Franklin students for the presentation.
- She was able to attend the 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> grade choir performance at Hicks today.
- She shared that January is Board Recognition Month and we are excited to celebrate our Board members.
- She wished everyone a safe and happy holiday.

202.26 REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATIONS, BOARD OF EDUCATION – May

M. Hines shared the following comments:

- She shared that 2025 has been an amazing year and she is looking forward to 2026. She is excited about Dr. Cost being here and the new marketing that is forthcoming.
- She shared several community events that are upcoming.
- She also shared several community service projects that students can participate in for service hours.

A. Ambrus share the following comments:

- He shared that during the Finance Committee meeting the team had a conversation regarding publicity. He voiced his concern regarding our Communications Department not having enough resources to keep up with all the amazing things in our District.
- He thanked the Board for all the hard work this year as well as the staff and the difference they make in our student's lives.
- He wished everyone a Happy Holiday and hopes everyone is able to spend time with family and reconnect.

D. Cox shared the following comments:

- He requested information regarding items he saw on the November check register as well as information regarding the conversation surrounding Plante Moran.
- He appreciated Franklin's presentation and the highlights of the after-school programs which are so important to the activity of the students.
- He had the opportunity to meet with a former graduate of our District who recently graduated from Brown University. She is developing the Wayne Literary Project and he shared information regarding the same.
- He shared the sad news of Tom Taylor's passing; this is a huge loss to our cities.

S. Rochon shared the following comments:

- He thanked the pledge helpers for their outstanding leadership and their participation in academics and athletics.
- He thanked Ms. Pringle for the presentation and the work she does; her strong leadership is reflected in her building.
- He thanked those who were able to attend the Sneaker Ball.
- He wished everyone a Happy Holiday with wishes to be safe, get rest and reconnect with family.

L. Abney-Mitchell shared the following comments:

- She is thankful to close the year with great gratitude for students, educators, community partners and fellow Board members.
- She acknowledged the students who will be attending Leadership Conferences.
- She wished everyone a happy and safe holiday.

K. May shared the following comments:

- She thanked the Franklin pledge helpers for their leadership this evening as well as Ms. Pringle for her work and the work of her team.
- She thanked Ms. Harris for consistently remaining positive and her kind words in regards to the District.
- She shared the upcoming music concerts at both John Glenn and Wayne Memorial High Schools this week.
- She shared with the Board members that the Board Book implementation begins in January. The Board will receive both a printed and electronic copy of the Board agenda and documents. Beginning in February, only electronic copies will be provided.
- She also shared that based on the minutes from the Policy Committee she wanted to provide an update regarding the livestreaming of the Board of Education meetings. We are not moving forward with this due to the barriers of ADA compliance and lack of two-way communication.
- She wished everyone a Happy Holiday and hopes all are able to enjoy their families, take care of self, and reflect on your year.

203.26 FOLLOW UP TO BOARD OF EDUCATION QUESTIONS – May

There were no follow up questions.

204.26 ADJOURNMENT

Resolved, that the Board adjourn the meeting. Motion by D. Cox, support by M. Hines.

ROLL CALL VOTE

AYES: 6  
NAYS: 0  
ABSTAIN: 0  
ABSENT: 1 (F. Weaver)

MOTION PASSED

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Melandie Hines  
Board of Education Secretary  
Wayne-Westland Community Schools



# Human Resource Items

## January 2026

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### Resignations/Terminations

#### Administrative Personnel

Yvonne Scott	Staff Accountant/Business Office	12/31/2025
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#### Instructional Personnel

Ashley Speirs	EI Teacher/Hamilton	12/19/2025
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#### Non-Instructional Personnel

Angel Epps	Social Worker/Adams	01/08/2026
Rachael Isaacson	ASD PS ParaPro/ PD Graham	01/21/2026
Robin Mercer	Occupational Therapist/Stottlemeyer	12/31/2025
Leslie Sharick	F6 Kitchen Helper/ Roosevelt Mcgrath	12/10/2025
Catherine Shecter	Middle School Counselor/Stevenson	01/16/2026
Mekayla Williams	Attendance Monitor/ Franklin	12/09/2025
Nathan Yorke	C-1/ B&G Roosevelt McGrath	12/19/2025

#### Non-Affiliated Personnel

Kylie Bedard	Marching Band Assistant/ WMHS	12/16/2025
Zachary Boland	Sub Custodian	01/07/2026
Randall Ferguson	Swimming Coach/ JGHS	01/08/2026
James Hall	Boys Track & Cross Country Coach/ JGHS	12/18/2025
Dennis O'Connor	Sub Custodian/ B&G	12/09/2025
Brook Sebring	Lunch Supervisor/ Edison	12/08/2025
Ryan Young	Marching Band Assistant/ WMHS	12/16/2025

### Placements

#### Instructional Personnel

Delanie Dixon	Resource Program Teacher	12/15/2025
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#### Non-Instructional Personnel

Talise Banks	Student Support Para/ Adams	12/17/2025
Lailiana Bow	ECP Parapro/ Stottlemeyer	01/16/2026
Tierra Brown	POHI PS Parapro/ Elliott	12/16/2025

Jourdan May	ASD PS Parapro/ Graham	12/12/2025
Janelle Wheeler	Gr 6/52 Wk Counseling Secretary/ WMHS	01/20/2026
Barbara Zak-Lew	ASD PS Parapro/ Adams	01/05/2026

**Non-Affiliated Personnel**

Bert Chavis	Sub Custodian/ B&G	12/15/2025
Brittany Daniel	Lunch Supervisor/ Walker-Winter	01/05/2026
Nicholas Eicher	Varsity Baseball Coach/ JGHS	12/17/2025
Kennedy Israel	ASD PS ParaPro/ Graham	01/12/2026
Amber Rains	Sub Bus Driver/ Transportation	12/17/2025

**Leaves of Absence**

**Non-Instructional Personnel**

Andrew Sorgatz	Act 18 ASD ParaPro/ JGHS	01/05/2026
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Student Achievement Committee Meeting  
Wednesday, December 17, 2025, 5:00 p.m.  
Wayne-Westland Community Schools

Minutes

Attendance: Shannon Rochon, LeWanna Abney-Mitchell, Kimberly May, Catherine Cost, Ed.D., Nancy Schulz, Angela Jefferson, Ed.D., Dorothy (community member), Kim Markey (note-taker)

1. WELCOME – Rochon

Mr. Rochon welcomed the committee and guests at 4:03 pm

2. FOUNDATIONAL SCOPE OF LTRS/IMPLEMENTATION/LTRS DATA – Schulz/Jefferson

Ms. Schulz shared a presentation titled “Early Literacy Update”, and shared that they are in year three of the literacy roll out in Pre-K through 5<sup>th</sup> grades.

The Board members were given the opportunity to have discussion, make comments and ask questions.

The Board members were appreciative of the presentation and found it to be helpful.

3. READ 180/MATH 180 – Cost

Dr. Cost shared a document with Read and Math 180 information.

Board members were given the opportunity to have discussion, make comments and ask questions.

The CIA Department and Administration will work on getting the additional requested information.

4. CITIZEN’S COMMENTS – Rochon

Dorothy – She appreciates the new ideas that are being implemented and suggested Level Up Philly

5. INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS – Cost

Dr. Cost shared the following comments:

- She thanked the Board members for the feedback. She believes that the last two months we are beginning to find our stride.

## 6. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS – Rochon

Ms. Abney-Mitchell shared the following comments:

- She thanked the team for the presentation and for all the work on the committee as well as Mr. Rochon for leading.
- She wished everyone a happy holiday break.

Ms. May shared the following comments:

- She thanked Ms. Schulz for the information and appreciated that she presented in a way that all can understand the information. She feels very positive, thanked the team and believes that the Board is part of the team.

Mr. Rochon shared the following comments:

- He also believes that team work makes the dream work; He feels like a team and believes that the committee and the Board are getting on the same page.
- He also thanked Ms. May for her leadership and her participation on the committee.

## 7. ADJOURNMENT – Rochon

Mr. Rochon adjourned the meeting at 5:40 pm.



Finance & Facility Committee Meeting  
Thursday, January 15 2026, 5:30 p.m.  
Wayne-Westland Community Schools

Minutes

VIRTUAL ATTENDANCE: Andrew Ambrus, LeWanna Abney-Mitchell, Melandie Hines, Geno Montayne, Catherine Cost, Ed.D., Jewell Clair, Dorothy Grace (community member), Kim Markey (note-taker)

1. WELCOME – Ambrus

Mr. Ambrus welcomed the committee at 5:30 p.m.

2. EVERON SECURITY CONTRACT APPROVAL – Montayne

Mr. Montayne presented the contract from Everon in the amount of \$152,645.52 for the installation of a new alarm system. The current system was originally installed in 1998 and has begun to fail. This will be presented to the Board at the January meeting and will be charged to the Sinking Fund.

The Board members were given the opportunity to ask questions and share comments.

3. CITY OF INKSTER PROPERTY DISCUSSION – Cost

Dr. Cost shared an update regarding the Inkster properties with the committee. Currently, we have two vacant properties that are listed for sale with our broker. Mayor Nolen from the City of Inkster met with a Wayne-Westland team. He expressed his interest in WWCS returning the properties back to the City of Inkster. Mayor Nolen will be attending the February Finance committee meeting. Our team is also working with our attorney regarding the request.

The Board members were given the opportunity to ask questions and share comments. There will also be an update on the Kettering property as requested. Additionally, there was a request to see if any other District properties were “given” back to cities previously.

4. AUDIT FIRM PROPOSALS DISCUSSION – Clair

Ms. Clair is requesting guidance from the committee on how they would like to proceed with audit firms. It was decided that Mr. Ambrus will reach out to Ms. May to determine if this can be added to the January agenda for a vote as the first read was done in December. The team concurred that they agree to move forward with Yeo & Yeo as they are more comprehensive and are able to offer additional services.

5. BUDGET AMENDMENT PRESENTATION – Clair

Ms. Clair shared the budget amendment with the committee. This will also be shared with all Board members at the January Board of Education meeting.

This budget will be shared at the January Board of Education meeting.

Board members were given the opportunity to ask questions and share comments. The Board has expressed interest in a document with bullet points as well as a District plan.

6. STATE AID REPORT – Clair

Ms. Clair shared the December State Aid Status Report and Update.

7. CHECK REGISTER – Clair

Ms. Clair shared that in the month of December expenses totaled \$3,584,885.04 across all funds.

8. INVESTMENT REPORT – Clair

Ms. Clair shared the Investment Report for the period ending December 31, 2025. The balance is higher than November as December was a shorter month. The interest rate has gone down slightly.

9. CITIZEN'S COMMENTS – Ambrus

There were no citizen comments.

10. INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS – Cost

Dr. Cost shared the following comments:

- Thanked everyone for pivoting to a virtual meeting due to the inclement weather.

11. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS – Ambrus

Ms. Abney-Mitchell shared the following comments:

- Wished everyone a Happy New and welcomed everyone back.
- She thanked Ms. Clair for all of her hard work on the budget.

Ms. Hines shared the following comments:

- Shared some community events and positivity.
- Looking for marketing to bring students back to the District.

Mr. Ambrus shared the following comments:

- He appreciated all the work that went into the meeting tonight.
- The Board is united in purpose of doing what is best for the District and the students that we educate.
- He appreciates the team that has worked together for this past year.

## 12. ADJOURNMENT – Ambrus

Mr. Ambrus adjourned the meeting at 6:19 p.m.



Policy Committee Meeting  
Thursday, January 8, 2026, 9:00 a.m.  
Wayne-Westland Community Schools

Minutes

Attendance: Frederick Weaver, Th.D., Shannon Rochon (virtual), Catherine Cost, Ed.D., Alex Ofili, Ph.D., Kim Markey (note-taker)

Absent: Melandie Hines (excused)

1. WELCOME – Weaver

Dr. Weaver welcomed the committee at 9:01 a.m.

2. BOARD TRAVEL AND CONFERENCE BOARD OPERATING POLICY – Weaver

Dr. Weaver referenced the Board Operating Procedures and the Policy regarding Board Travel and Training opportunities. He also shared the history of Board conference attendance.

Mr. Rochon shared that he feels this should be an ongoing conversation and that all educational opportunities for the Board members should be taken advantage of. He believes all members should be given the opportunity to attend every year.

Dr. Weaver shared that we need to come up with a schedule of conference opportunities to remain within the budget allowance.

The members discussed different ways of staying within the budget. One suggestion was to take the budget allowance and divide it seven ways. That would allow each Board member to determine which conferences they would like to attend.

This will be an ongoing conversation with the Policy Committee.

3. INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS – Cost

Dr. Cost shared the following comments:

- Thanked everyone for attending the Policy Committee meeting.
- Ms. Markey will follow up with Mr. Rochon regarding the Advocacy conference that takes place the beginning of February.

4. CITIZEN'S COMMENTS – Weaver

There were no citizen comments.

5. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS – Weaver

Mr. Rochon shared the following comments:

- Shared that the time of this meeting is no longer working for his schedule and would like to explore other time options.

Dr. Weaver shared the following comments:

- No comments.

6. ADJOURNMENT – Weaver

Dr. Weaver adjourned the meeting at 9:27 a.m.





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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO: Catherine Cost, Ed.D., Interim Superintendent**

**FROM: Jewell Clair, Chief Financial Officer**

**DATE: January 26, 2026**

**SUBJECT: 2025 - 2026 Budget Amendment Resolution**

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Based on the information previously provided, I am requesting that the Board of Education approve the 2025–2026 budget amendment resolution as presented this evening.



**All Funds  
Amended Budget Adoption  
2025-2026**

**Recommended to the  
Wayne-Westland Community Schools'  
Board of Education for adoption  
at its regular meeting on  
January 27, 2026**

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**Resolution for the Original Budget Adoption by the  
Board of Education for Wayne-Westland Community School District**

**GENERAL FUND**

RESOLVED, that this resolution shall be the general appropriations of the  
**Wayne-Westland Community School District** for the fiscal year **July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026**,  
a resolution to make appropriations; and to provide for the disposition of all revenue received by the  
**Wayne-Westland Community School District**.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the total revenues and unappropriated fund balance estimated  
to be available for appropriation in the **General Fund** of the **Wayne-Westland Community  
School District** for the fiscal year **July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026** which includes **18.000 mills** of  
ad valorem tax to be levied on the non-homestead and non-qualified agricultural property to be used  
for operating purposes as follows:

Revenue:		
1xx Local	\$	26,749,716
3xx State	\$	101,693,114
4xx Federal	\$	313,000
5xx Interdistrict	\$	8,756,698
6xx Fund Modifications	\$	<u>2,413,902</u>
Total Revenue		139,926,430
Beginning Fund Balance at July 1	\$	33,765,259
Total Available to Appropriate	\$	173,691,689

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the total available to appropriate in the general fund is hereby  
appropriated in the amounts and for the purposes set forth below:

Expenditures:		
1xx Instruction		
11x - Basic Programs	\$	64,999,951
12x - Added Needs	\$	18,910,651
13X - Adult Education	\$	
19x - Other Instruction	\$	-
2xx Support Services		
21x - Pupil Support	\$	9,749,284
22x - Instructional Staff Support	\$	4,778,936
23x - General Administration	\$	2,496,307
24x - School Administration	\$	9,031,096
25x - Business Services	\$	2,500,112
26x - Operations and Maintenance	\$	17,305,792
27x - Transportation	\$	8,442,250
28x - Central	\$	7,025,078
29x - Support Services	\$	2,429,221
3xx - Community Service	\$	302,752
4xx - Facilities, Construction, Improvements	\$	-
5xx - Debt Service	\$	-
6xx - Fund Modifications	\$	<u>1,332,916</u>
Total Expenditures	\$	149,304,346
Revenue Over (Under) Expenditures	\$	(9,377,916)
Estimated Fund Balance at June 30th	\$	24,387,343

Further Resolved, that no board of education member or employee of the district shall expend any  
funds or obligate the expenditure of any funds except pursuant to appropriations made by the board  
of education and in keeping with the budgetary policy statement hitherto adopted by the board.  
Changes in the amount appropriated by the board shall require approval of the board.

**Resolution for the Original Budget Adoption by the  
Board of Education for Wayne-Westland Community School District**

**SPECIAL EDUCATION**

RESOLVED, that this resolution shall be the **Special Education Fund** appropriations of the **Wayne-Westland Community School District** for the fiscal year **July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026**, a resolution to make appropriations; and to provide for the disposition of all revenue received by the **Wayne-Westland Community School District**.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the total revenues estimated to be available for appropriation in the **Special Education Fund** of the **Wayne-Westland Community School District** for the fiscal year **July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026** to be used as follows:

Revenue:		
1xx Local	\$	-
3xx State	\$	9,066,742
4xx Federal	\$	-
5xx Interdistrict	\$	14,677,435
6xx Fund Modifications	\$	-
Total Revenue		<u>23,744,177</u>
Beginning Fund Balance at July 1	\$	696,294
Total Available to Appropriate	\$	24,440,471

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the total available to appropriate in the **Special Education Fund** is hereby appropriated in the amounts and for the purposes set forth below:

Expenditures:		
1xx Instruction		
11x - Basic Programs	\$	
12x - Added Needs	\$	13,301,881
13X - Adult Education	\$	
19x - Other Instruction	\$	
2xx Support Services		
21x - Pupil Support	\$	7,782,433
22x - Instructional Staff Support	\$	995,087
23x - General Administration	\$	
24x - School Administration	\$	
25x - Business Services	\$	
26x - Operations and Maintenance	\$	
27x - Transportation	\$	944
28x - Central	\$	
29x - Support Services	\$	
3xx - Community Service	\$	
4xx - Facilities, Construction, Improvements	\$	
5xx - Debt Service	\$	
6xx - Fund Modifications	\$	<u>2,360,126</u>
Total Expenditures	\$	24,440,471
Revenue Over (Under) Expenditures	\$	(696,294)
Estimated Fund Balance at June 30th	\$	-

Further Resolved, that no board of education member or employee of the district shall expend any funds or obligate the expenditure of any funds except pursuant to appropriations made by the board of education and in keeping with the budgetary policy statement hitherto adopted by the board. Changes in the amount appropriated by the board shall require approval of the board.

**Resolution for the Original Budget Adoption by the  
Board of Education for Wayne-Westland Community School District**

**FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL GRANTS FUND**

RESOLVED, that this resolution shall be the **Federal, State, and Local Grants Fund** appropriations of the **Wayne-Westland Community School District** for the fiscal year **July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026**, a resolution to make appropriations; and to provide for the disposition of all revenue received by the **Wayne-Westland Community School District**.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the total revenues estimated to be available for appropriation in the **Federal, State, and Local Grants Fund** of the **Wayne-Westland Community School District** for the fiscal year **July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026** to be used as follows:

Revenue:		
1xx Local	\$	164,079
3xx State	\$	18,721,257
4xx Federal	\$	14,606,720
5xx Interdistrict	\$	3,319,617
6xx Fund Modifications	\$	<u>1,332,916</u>
Total Revenue		38,144,589
Beginning Fund Balance at July 1	\$	-
Total Available to Appropriate	\$	38,144,589

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the total available to appropriate in the **Federal, State, and Local Grants Fund** is hereby appropriated in the amounts and for the purposes set forth below:

Expenditures:		
1xx Instruction		
11x - Basic Programs	\$	6,269,474
12x - Added Needs	\$	9,719,977
13X - Adult Education	\$	-
19x - Other Instruction	\$	-
2xx Support Services		
21x - Pupil Support	\$	11,422,752
22x - Instructional Staff Support	\$	6,043,980
23x - General Administration	\$	102,817
24x - School Administration	\$	
25x - Business Services	\$	-
26x - Operations and Maintenance	\$	2,737,716
27x - Transportation	\$	273,719
28x - Central	\$	205,570
29x - Support Services	\$	22,124
3xx - Community Service	\$	1,203,074
4xx - Facilities, Construction, Improvements	\$	-
5xx - Debt Service	\$	-
6xx - Fund Modifications	\$	<u>143,386</u>
Total Expenditures	\$	38,144,589
Revenue Over (Under) Expenditures	\$	-
Estimated Fund Balance at June 30th	\$	-

Further Resolved, that no board of education member or employee of the district shall expend any funds or obligate the expenditure of any funds except pursuant to appropriations made by the board of education and in keeping with the budgetary policy statement hitherto adopted by the board. Changes in the amount appropriated by the board shall require approval of the board.

**Resolution for the Original Budget Adoption by the  
Board of Education for Wayne-Westland Community School District**

**FOOD SERVICE FUND**

RESOLVED, that this resolution shall be the Grant Fund appropriations of the **Wayne-Westland Community School District** for the fiscal year **July 1, 2025- June 30, 2026**, a resolution to make appropriations; and to provide for the disposition of all revenue received by the **Wayne-Westland Community School District**.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the total revenues estimated to be available for appropriation in the **Food Service Fund** of the **Wayne-Westland Community School District** for the fiscal year **July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026** to be used as follows:

Revenue:		
1xx Local	\$	220,000
3xx State	\$	426,000
4xx Federal	\$	7,477,582
5xx Other Financing Sources	\$	
6xx Fund Modifications	\$	116,178
Total Revenue		<u>8,239,760</u>
Beginning Fund Balance at July 1	\$	1,117,892
Total Available to Appropriate	\$	9,357,652

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the total available to appropriate in the **Food Service Fund** is hereby appropriated in the amounts and for the purposes set forth below:

Expenditures:		
1xx Instruction		
11x - Basic Programs	\$	
12x - Added Needs	\$	
13X - Adult Education	\$	
19x - Other Instruction	\$	
2xx Support Services		
21x - Pupil Support	\$	
22x - Instructional Staff Support	\$	
23x - General Administration	\$	
24x - School Administration	\$	
25x - Business Services	\$	
26x - Operations and Maintenance	\$	
27x - Transportation	\$	
28x - Central	\$	
29x - Support Services	\$	8,162,000
3xx - Community Service	\$	
4xx - Facilities, Construction, Improvements	\$	
5xx - Debt Service	\$	
6xx - Fund Modifications	\$	
Total Expenditures	\$	<u>8,162,000</u>
Revenue Over (Under) Expenditures	\$	77,760
Estimated Fund Balance at June 30th	\$	1,195,652

Further Resolved, that no board of education member or employee of the district shall expend any funds or obligate the expenditure of any funds except pursuant to appropriations made by the board of education and in keeping with the budgetary policy statement hitherto adopted by the board. Changes in the amount appropriated by the board shall require approval of the board.

**Resolution for the Original Budget Adoption by the  
Board of Education for Wayne-Westland Community School District**

**2022 SINKING FUND**

RESOLVED, that this resolution shall be the **2022 Sinking Fund** appropriations of the **Wayne-Westland Community School District** for the fiscal year **July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026**, a resolution to make appropriations; and to provide for the disposition of all revenue received by the **Wayne-Westland Community School District**.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the total revenues and unappropriated fund balance estimated to be available for appropriation in the **2022 Sinking Fund** of the **Wayne-Westland Community School District** for the fiscal year **July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026** which includes **.9944 mills** of ad valorem tax to be levied on the commercial and personal property to be used as follows:

Revenue:		
1xx Local	\$	2,686,771
3xx State	\$	
4xx Federal	\$	-
5xx Other Financing Sources	\$	-
6xx Fund Modifications	\$	-
Total Revenue		2,686,771
Beginning Fund Balance at July 1	\$	8,432,011
Total Available to Appropriate	\$	11,118,782

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the total available to appropriate in the **2022 Sinking Fund** is hereby appropriated in the amounts and for the purposes set forth below:

Expenditures:		
1xx Instruction		
11x - Basic Programs	\$	-
12x - Added Needs	\$	-
13X - Adult Education	\$	-
19x - Other Instruction	\$	-
2xx Support Services		
21x - Pupil Support	\$	-
22x - Instructional Staff Support	\$	-
23x - General Administration	\$	-
24x - School Administration	\$	-
25x - Business Services	\$	-
26x - Operations and Maintenance	\$	-
27x - Transportation	\$	2,619,000
28x - Central	\$	1,000,000
29x - Support Services	\$	-
3xx - Community Service	\$	-
4xx - Facilities, Construction, Improvements	\$	1,000,000
5xx - Debt Service	\$	-
6xx - Fund Modifications	\$	-
Total Expenditures	\$	4,619,000
Revenue Over (Under) Expenditures	\$	(1,932,229)
Estimated Fund Balance at June 30th	\$	6,499,782

Further Resolved, that no board of education member or employee of the district shall expend any funds or obligate the expenditure of any funds except pursuant to appropriations made by the board of education and in keeping with the budgetary policy statement hitherto adopted by the board.  
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**Resolution for the Original Budget Adoption by the  
Board of Education for Wayne-Westland Community School District**

**DEBT RETIREMENT FUND**

RESOLVED, that this resolution shall be the **Debt Retirement Fund** appropriations of the **Wayne-Westland Community School District** for the fiscal year **July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026**, a resolution to make appropriations; and to provide for the disposition of all revenue received by the **Wayne-Westland Community School District**.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the total revenues and unappropriated fund balance estimated to be available for appropriation in the **Debt Retirement Fund** of the **Wayne-Westland Community School District** for the fiscal year **July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026** which includes **4.4800** mills of ad valorem tax to be levied on the commercial and personal property to be used as follows:

Revenue:					
	1xx Local		\$		11,440,000
	3xx State		\$		-
	4xx Federal		\$		-
	5xx Other Financing Sources		\$		-
	6xx Fund Modifications		\$		-
	<b>Total Revenue</b>				<b>11,440,000</b>
	<b>Beginning Fund Balance at July 1</b>		\$		<b>4,854,710</b>
	<b>Total Available to Appropriate</b>		\$		<b>16,294,710</b>

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the total available to appropriate in the **Debt Retirement Fund** is hereby appropriated in the amounts and for the purposes set forth below:

Expenditures:					
	1xx Instruction				
	11x - Basic Programs		\$		-
	12x - Added Needs		\$		-
	13X - Adult Education		\$		-
	19x - Other Instruction		\$		-
	2xx Support Services				
	21x - Pupil Support		\$		-
	22x - Instructional Staff Support		\$		-
	23x - General Administration		\$		-
	24x - School Administration		\$		-
	25x - Business Services		\$		-
	26x - Operations and Maintenance		\$		-
	27x - Transportation		\$		-
	28x - Central		\$		-
	29x - Support Services		\$		-
	3xx - Community Service		\$		-
	4xx - Facilities, Construction, Improvements		\$		-
	5xx - Debt Service		\$		10,473,171
	6xx - Fund Modifications		\$		-
	<b>Total Expenditures</b>		\$		<b>10,473,171</b>
	<b>Revenue Over (Under) Expenditures</b>		\$		<b>966,829</b>
	<b>Estimated Fund Balance at June 30th</b>		\$		<b>5,821,539</b>

Further Resolved, that no board of education member or employee of the district shall expend any funds or obligate the expenditure of any funds except pursuant to appropriations made by the board of education and in keeping with the budgetary policy statement hitherto adopted by the board. Changes in the amount appropriated by the board shall require approval of the board.

**Resolution for the Original Budget Adoption by the  
Board of Education for Wayne-Westland Community School District**

**SCHOOL ACTIVITY INTERNAL SPECIAL REVENUE FUND**

RESOLVED, that this resolution shall be the **School Activity Internal Special Revenue Fund** appropriations of the **Wayne-Westland Community School District** for the fiscal year July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026, a resolution to make appropriations; and to provide for the disposition of all revenue received by the **Wayne-Westland Community School District**.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the total revenues and unappropriated fund balance estimated to be available for appropriation in the **School Activity Internal Special Revenue Fund** of the **Wayne-Westland Community School District** for the fiscal year **July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026** to be used as follows:

Revenue:			
	1xx Local	\$	499,464
	3xx State	\$	
	4xx Federal	\$	
	5xx Interdistrict	\$	
	6xx Fund Modifications	\$	
Total Revenue			499,464
Beginning Fund Balance at July 1		\$	1,063,797
Total Available to Appropriate		\$	1,563,261

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the total available to appropriate in the **School Activity Internal Special Revenue Fund** is hereby appropriated in the amounts and for the purposes set forth below:

Expenditures:			
	1xx Instruction		
		11x - Basic Programs	\$
		12x - Added Needs	\$
		13X - Adult Education	\$
		19x - Other Instruction	\$
	2xx Support Services		
		21x - Pupil Support	\$
		22x - Instructional Staff Support	\$
		23x - General Administration	\$
		24x - School Administration	\$
		25x - Business Services	\$
		26x - Operations and Maintenance	\$
		27x - Transportation	\$
		28x - Central	\$
		29x - Support Services	\$
			353,371
	3xx - Community Service		\$
	4xx - Facilities, Construction, Improvements		\$
	5xx - Debt Service		\$
	6xx - Fund Modifications		\$
Total Expenditures		\$	353,371
Revenue Over (Under) Expenditures		\$	146,093
Estimated Fund Balance at June 30th		\$	1,209,890

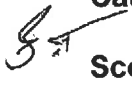
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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Board of Education of Wayne-Westland Community Schools  
Catherine Cost, Ed.D., Interim Superintendent

**FROM:**  Scott Tocco, Assistant Superintendent of Administration and Operations

**DATE:** January 26, 2026

**SUBJECT:** Recommendation to Approve Replacement of Security Alarm System

As presented at the January Finance & Facility Committee meeting on behalf of Geno Montayne, Executive Director of Maintenance & Operations, I am requesting approval to replace the current security alarm system throughout the District.

The current alarm system was originally installed in 1998 and has begun to fail making a full replacement necessary. The new system will allow for remote monitoring enabling our security team or local law enforcement to be dispatched quickly and efficiently when needed.

The cost of the replacement was achieved through the OMNIA Partners consortium. The total cost of the replacement is \$152,645.52 through Everon and will be charged to the Sinking Fund.

I recommend that the Board of Education approve the purchase as outlined above.

Thank you for your consideration.

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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO: Fellow Board of Education of Wayne-Westland Community Schools**

**FROM: Shannon Rochon, Student Achievement Committee Chair**

**DATE: January 26, 2026**

**SUBJECT: Recommendation to create a Student Advisory Group**

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I am requesting support from my fellow Board members in regards to creating a Student Advisory Group.

The proposed Student Advisory Group would consist of a representative group of students who would meet periodically with designated Board members to discuss matters related to student experience, school climate, academic programming, and other topics relevant to District decision-making.

The intent of this group is to strengthen student voice within the District and provide the Board with firsthand insight into issues impacting students across the District. The advisory group would service in a consulting capacity only and would not have decision-making authority.

Approval of this request will allow the District to move forward with the creation of the Student Advisory Group and begin implementation.

Thank you for your consideration.