



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

Tuesday, October 29, 2024

The Washtenaw Intermediate School District Board of Education held a regular board meeting on Tuesday, October 29, 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 5:00 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

The following member was absent:

Quorum was met.

Also present:

Naomi Norman, Superintendent
Cherie Vannatter, Deputy Superintendent
Brian Marcel, Associate Superintendent
Ashley Kryscynski, Director of Communications and Public Relations
Edward Manuszak, Executive Director of Early Childhood
LaDawn White, Early Childhood Grant Manager
Patricia Dignan, Trustee Candidate
Jason Towler, Trustee Candidate
Beth Kubitskey, Trustee Candidate
Dorcas Musili, Trustee Candidate
Sadaf Ali, Trustee Candidate
TJ Greggs, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent

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

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS: There were no communications.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: There was no public participation.

FINANCIAL REPORTS – Associate Superintendent Brian Marcel reviewed the financial reports for September 2024 and Grant Manager of Early Childhood LaDawn White reviewed the Head Start financial reports for September 2024.

Mary Jane Tramontin moved, Sarena Shivers seconded, that the Board of Education approve the September 2024 Head Start financial report, as presented.

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

Voting no: None.

Motion carried.

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

- Importance of attending to our new mission, values, and equity policy when going through the board member candidate interviews later in the meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

Steve Olsen moved, Mary Jane Tramontin 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

Voting no: None.

Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

The Board approved the revision of the minutes of the October 15, 2024, regular meeting.

040-24-25

The Board approved the following employment recommendations:

- Cathryn Smoot as a Speech Pathologist.
- Katy Czarnecki as a Head Start/GSRP Early Childhood Specialist.
- Kara Lily as a Mental Health Practitioner.
- LaKeisha Floyd as a General Ed Social Worker.
- Ayowale Oladipo as a Student Worker for the Dishwashing position at High Point.

041-24-25

The Board approved the following reclassification requests:

- Alyssa Nicol, Coordinator, Early Literacy and English Learner Initiatives, 1.0 FTE, 210 Workdays, Non-Affiliated to Coordinator of Early Math, 1.0 FTE, 210 Workdays, Non-Affiliated.

042-24-25

The Board approved the following new position requests:

- Certified Nurse Assistant (CNA), 1.0 FTE, 205 workdays, Worksite: High Point, Unit I bargaining.
- Special Education Teacher Consultant, 1.0 FTE, 185 workdays, Worksite: WAVE, Unit II bargaining.

043-24-25

The Board authorized administration to approve the WCCMH Millage Mental Health and Public Safety Proposal for \$2,312,658, as presented.

044-24-25

The Board authorized administration to approve contract amendment with JD Learning Partners for a cost not to exceed \$10,000.00, as presented.

045-24-25

The Board of Education authorized administration to approve the \$66,000 per year contract with the Washtenaw County Sheriff's Office for the continued provision of educational services in the Washtenaw County Jail, as presented.

046-24-25

The Board of Education authorized administration to approve the contract with the Student Advocacy Center to provide a statewide helpline for families in educational crisis, for a cost not to exceed \$100,000.00, as presented.

NEW BUSINESS – WISD Board of Education Candidate Interviews: The WISD Board of Education interviewed the 5 candidates who applied for the position of Trustee on the WISD Board of Education. After all 5 candidates were interviewed, the Board of Education deliberated and came to a decision on the final candidate and a back-up candidate for the position of Trustee.

Mary Jane Tramontin moved, Sarena Shivers seconded, that the Board of Education appoint Dorcas Musili for the position as Trustee pending address verification with Beth Kubitskey being appointed in the event that the first candidate withdraws.

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

Voting no: None.

Motion carried.

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

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORTS:

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS - Superintendent's Report:

ADJOURNMENT.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:54 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Olsen, Secretary
Washtenaw ISD Board of Education