



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

Tuesday, December 10, 2024

The Washtenaw Intermediate School District Board of Education held a regular board meeting on Tuesday, December 10, 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 5:01 PM by Vice President Mary Jane Tramontin.

ATTENDANCE

The following members were present:

Mary Jane Tramontin, Vice President
Steve Olsen, Secretary
Dorcas Musili, Trustee

The following member was absent:

Diane Hockett, President
Sarena Shivers, Treasurer

Quorum was met.

Also present:

Naomi Norman, Superintendent
Cherie Vannatter, Deputy Superintendent
Brian Marcel, Associate Superintendent
Edward Manuszak, Executive Director of Early Childhood
Jennifer Banks, Director of Instruction
Tanner Rowe, Director of Operations
TJ Greggs, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Steve Olsen moved, Dorcas Musili seconded, to approve the agenda, as presented.

Ayes: Mary Jane Tramontin, Steve Olsen, Dorcas Musili

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS: There were no communications.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: There was no public participation.

PRESENTATION: Antonio Saunders of Kriseles shared the results of the WISD's culture survey and discussed the next steps with the Board.

EQUITY, INCLUSION, AND SOCIAL JUSTICE DIALOGUE: Superintendent Naomi Norman facilitated the

Equity, Inclusion, and Social Justice (EISJ) discussion, sharing about the following:

- Superintendent Norman and the Board discussed the details of the Kriseles survey.

CONSENT AGENDA

Steve Olsen moved, Dorcas Musili seconded, that the Board of Education approve the minutes and Superintendent’s recommendations in the Consent Agenda, as presented.

Voting yes: Mary Jane Tramontin, Steve Olsen, Dorcas Musili

Voting no: None.

Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

The Board approved the minutes of the November 26, 2024, regular meeting.

062-24-25

The Board approved the following reclassification requests:

- Elizabeth Bottai, TA - Washtenaw News Young Adult, 1.0 FTE, 185 workdays, Unit I to TA – Chelsea YA, 1.0 FTE, 185 workdays, Unit I.
- Gina Pope, Teacher - DT Ypsi Young Adult Program, 1.0 FTE, 185 workdays, Unit II to TC - YAP, Young Adult Project, 1.0 FTE, 185 workdays, Unit II.
- Maggie Valle, Special Ed Teacher at Red Oak, 1.0 FTE, 185 workdays, Unit II to Teacher Consultant WAVE WEOC, 1.0 FTE, 185 workdays, Unit II.

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The Board approved the following new position requests:

- Grow Your Own Program Coordinator - Culturally Responsive and Place-Based Teacher Talent Pipeline, 1.0 FTE, 210 Workdays, Worksite: TLC, Non-Affiliated

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The Board approved the following staff retirements:

- Michael Corley, effective August 31, 2025

NEW BUSINESS – Revised Ypsilanti Community Schools (YCS) Head Start Contract: Executive Director for Early Childhood Dr. Edward Manuszak shared the revised Ypsilanti Community Schools Head Start contract with the Board.

Steve Olsen moved, Dorcas Musili seconded, that the Board of Education authorize the administration to approve the revisions to the YCS Head Start contract, as presented.

Voting yes: Mary Jane Tramontin, Steve Olsen, Dorcas Musili

Voting no: None.

Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS Contract with Calhoun Intermediate School District/Michigan Department of Education:

Director of Instruction Dr. Jennifer Banks addressed the Board regarding the contract with Calhoun Intermediate School District (CISD) to receive year one funds to implement the TriCounty Culturally Responsive Mathematics Institute with educators in Washtenaw, Wayne, & Oakland counties.

Dorcas Musili moved, Steve Olsen seconded, that the Board of Education authorize the administration to contract with Calhoun Intermediate School District (CISD) for an amount not to exceed \$300,000.00 for the Tri-County Culturally Responsive Mathematics Institute, as presented.

Voting yes: Mary Jane Tramontin, Steve Olsen, Dorcas Musili

Voting no: None.

Motion carried.

OTHER ITEMS OF BUSINESS – Revisit Updated Vision Statement: Postponed until the remaining board members return.

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORTS:

- The Board discussed their experiences and breakout sessions at the 2024 AESA Annual Conference.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS - Superintendent's Report:

- Director of CTE Ryan Rowe worked with Lincoln Consolidated Schools to apply for \$10M from the consolidation funds to renovate and utilize Bessie Hoffman School for STEM exploration.
- Discussed the TLC staff meeting and concerns around proposal federal legislation.
- Announced that Derrick Jackson was named the racial equity officer of Washtenaw County.
- Director of CTE Ryan Rowe, Ann Arbor Director of CTE Tom Pachera, and two Ann Arbor students presented to the state Board of Education about the power of CTE programs and the current inequity in Washtenaw County.
- Superintendent Norman was approved by the county commissioner to be the educational representative for the Advisory Council on Reparations in Washtenaw County.
- Superintendent Norman formed an internal interdepartmental leaders group to address the concept of a multi-tiered system of support (MTSS) system that will provide support for all students in Washtenaw County, especially those that are struggling.

ADJOURNMENT.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:31 PM
Respectfully submitted,

Steve Olsen, Secretary
Washtenaw ISD Board of Education