



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

Tuesday, May 13, 2025

The Washtenaw Intermediate School District Board of Education held a regular board meeting on Tuesday, May 13, 2025, 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 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
Jenna Blair, School & Interagency Transition Supervisor
Matthew Cook, Chief Information Officer
Teresa Redding, Teacher Consultant
Melissa Paschall, Special Education Supervisor/Principal
TJ Greggs, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent
Members of the public (Teresa's family)

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Steve Olsen moved, Dorcas Musili 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: Deputy Superintendent Cherie Vannatter presented recognition awards to Washtenaw ISD employees who've obtained tenure or continuing tenure during the 2024-2025 school year.

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

- Superintendent Naomi Norman discussed signing on a letter in support of health education.
- Superintendent Naomi Norman shared discussed the town hall hosted by the Washtenaw Superintendent's Association and Washtenaw Association of School Boards on April 30, 2025.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

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

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

The Board approved the minutes of the April 22, 2025, regular meeting.

119-24-25

The Board approved the following employment recommendations:

- Erica Rogers as a Teaching Assistant

120-24-25

The Board approved the following reclassification requests:

- Elizabeth Alpert, Youth Transitions Manager, 1.0 FTE, 210 workdays, Non-Affiliated to Transitions Manager, 1.0 FTE, 210 workdays, Non-Affiliated.

121-24-25

The Board approved the following new position requests:

- Career Technical Education (CTE) Drone/Aviation Instructor, 1.0 FTE, 205 Workdays/year, Worksite: Teaching & Learning Center, Unit II
- Assistant Director of Community & School Partnerships, 1.0 FTE, 230 Workdays/year, Worksite: Teaching & Learning Center, Non-Affiliated.
- Tech Assistant - Desktop Support, 1.0 FTE, 230 Workdays/year, Worksite: Teaching & Learning Center, Non-Affiliated.
- Transitions Manager, 1.0 FTE, 210 Workdays/year, Worksite: Teaching & Learning Center, Non-Affiliated.

122-24-25

The Board approved the following staff resignations:

- Mary Eddy, effective August 31, 2025
- Tara Prieskorn, effective May 29, 2025

123-24-25

The Board approved the new PAC appointment from Milan Area Schools Sara Norton.

124-24-25

The Board authorized the administration to amend the contract with Kriseles Inc for an additional \$5,700.00, for a total not to exceed \$129,700.00, as presented.

125-24-25

The Board authorized the administration to accept the Bosch Community Grant from Robert Bosch, LLC in the amount of \$33,750.00, as presented.

126-24-25

The Board authorized the administration to apply for grant funding from the Washtenaw County Opioid Settlement, as presented.

NEW BUSINESS – Local 3760 AFT Michigan, Unit III Tentative Agreement (2024-2027 Contract) – Associate Superintendent Brian Marcel shared the changes made to the Local 3760 AFT Michigan Unit III Tentative Agreement with the Board.

Dorcas Musili moved, Mary Jane Tramontin seconded, that the Board of Education approve the 2024-2027 Unit III Tentative Agreement, as presented.

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

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS – Court Involved Youth Education Program Contract – School & Interagency Transition Supervisor Jenna Blair shared details about the contract with Washtenaw County Children's Services for educational services at the Washtenaw County Youth Center.

Steve Olsen moved, Dorcas Musili seconded, that the Board of Education approve the contract renewal between WISD and Washtenaw County Children's Services to continue the provision of educational services at the Washtenaw County Youth Center, as presented.

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

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS – Windstream Contract July 2024 - June 2029 – Chief Information Officer Matthew Cook shared the contract with Windstream for the county's fiber maintenance.

Sarena Shivers moved, Mary Jane Tramontin seconded, that the Board of Education authorize administration to approve the contract with Windstream Enterprise Holdings, LLC for the cost of \$350 per route mile with a 2% escalation in cost each January, for the total amount of \$242,332.79, as presented.

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

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

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

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORTS:

- Sarena Shivers reminded the Board about the Honey 30-year anniversary.
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ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS - Superintendent's Report:

- Superintendent Naomi Norman shared that she attended the premiere of the movie, *Finding Nicole*, based on the book with the same name written by ISD staff member Nicole Beverly.
- Superintendent Naomi Norman discussed dates to hold a public hearing for the sex-ed advisory board to share their work to identify a new curriculum.
- Superintendent Naomi Norman shared about the Joint Chiefs meeting (law enforcement leaders and superintendents).
- Superintendent Naomi Norman discussed Colin Kaepernick's new software program designed to build literacy and AI prompt engineering skills.
- Superintendent Naomi Norman highlighted the opening of the Beatty Early Childhood Center playscape.
- Superintendent Naomi Norman shared that Dexter Superintendent Chris Timmis will be retiring.
- Superintendent Naomi Norman shared that Dexter passed their bond.
- Superintendent Naomi Norman discussed the CTE millage resolution with the Board.
- Superintendent Naomi Norman shared she is working with Executive Director of WEOC Monique Uzelac with WEOC union negotiations.
- Superintendent Naomi Norman shared about the first meeting of the CTE Advisory Committee.

ADJOURNMENT.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 PM
Respectfully submitted,

Steve Olsen, Secretary
Washtenaw ISD Board of Education