



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

**Tuesday, January 10, 2023**

The Washtenaw Intermediate School District Board of Education held a regular board meeting on Tuesday, January 10, 2023, 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 p.m. by President Steve Olsen.

### **ATTENDANCE**

#### **The following members were present:**

Steve Olsen, President  
Diane Hockett, Vice President  
Mary Jane Tramontin, Secretary  
Theresa Saunders, Treasurer

#### **The following members were absent:**

Don Garrett, Trustee

#### **Also present:**

Naomi Norman, Superintendent  
Cherie Vannatter, Deputy Superintendent  
Brian Marcel, Associate Superintendent  
Melissa Cischke, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent  
Merri Lynn Colligan, Chief Information Officer  
Edward J. Manuszak II, Executive Director, Early Childhood Programs  
Jamall Bufford, Project Specialist, Washtenaw My Brother's Keeper  
LaDawn White, Grants Manager, Early Childhood Programs

### **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

**Motion by Theresa Saunders, seconded by Mary Jane Tramontin, to approve the agenda, as presented.**

**Ayes: All.**

**Nays: None.**

**Motion carried.**

**COMMUNICATIONS** – There were no communications.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** – There was no public participation.

**FINANCIAL REPORTS:** Associate Superintendent Brian Marcel reviewed the November 2022 financial reports.

**EQUITY, INCLUSION, AND SOCIAL JUSTICE DIALOGUE** – Superintendent Norman spoke about the United Way of Washtenaw County's 2023 edition of the 21- Day Equity Challenge. Board members were given a calendar of daily topics that will be covered through the self-guided learning journey. Thoughtful discussion regarding this event in past years compared to the current year was had, as many

board members acknowledged already signing up for the challenge. Additionally, Superintendent Norman informed the board that Washtenaw ISD is an official sponsor of the virtual event.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**Motion by Mary Jane Tramontin, seconded by Theresa Saunders, that the Board of Education approve the minutes and Superintendent's recommendations in the Consent Agenda, as presented.**

**Voting yes: Mary Jane Tramontin, Theresa Saunders, Steve Olsen, Diane Hockett**

**Voting no: None.**

**Motion carried.**

**Approval of Minutes**

The Board approved the minutes of the December 13, 2022, regular session meeting.

**064-22-23**

The Board approved the following employment recommendations:

- Kenneth Harding Jr. as the Office Professional 2 in Technology.
- Ojane Milliner for the Part-Time Dishwashing position at High Point School

**065-22-23**

The Board approved the following reclassifications:

- Ashley Jackson, Office Professional 2, to Office Professional 3.
- Mike Maisano, Technical Specialist II – Infrastructure Support, to Network Specialist – Server and Storage Engineer.
- Jason Towler, 0.5 TC YAP and 0.5 MRS, to 0.5 Whitmore Lake and 0.5 MRS.

**066-22-23**

The Board approved the following new position request:

- Infant Mental Health Specialist, 0.6 FTE, 111 Workdays, Salary: Per Unit II CBA Salary Schedule, Worksite: TLC, Unit II Bargaining, Department: Early Childhood.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS - 2030 Long Range Planning – Values Review and Feedback:**

Superintendent Norman spoke in detail on the steps for developing the WISD 2030 plan. She informed the board that multiple Listening Sessions were conducted with various community groups as well as ISD staff. Using the feedback on values from the listening sessions, Cabinet leaders identified 28 values that resonated and were most frequently cited in the listening sessions. Those values were then brought to WISD staff on opening day to provide an opportunity for our staff to prioritize which of the values matter most to them. The list of identified values was presented to the board for feedback and reaction. Ms. Norman went over next steps which included reminding the board that a 2030 Values and Visioning Session was scheduled for Wednesday, January 11, 2023. The Superintendent fielded questions from the board.

**NEW BUSINESS – Washtenaw My Brother's Keeper – Pittsfield Township Service Contract:**

Washtenaw My Brother's Keeper, Project Specialist Jamall Bufford addressed the board. Mr. Bufford explained the details of the service contract, including that WMBK will receive a portion of the marijuana-based State revenue that Pittsfield Township receives. Mr. Bufford fielded questions from the board.

**Motion by Diane Hockett, seconded by Theresa Saunders that the Board of Education authorize the administration to approve the Marijuana-based State Revenue sharing Service Contract with Pittsfield Township, on behalf of Washtenaw My Brother's Keeper, as presented.**

**Voting yes: Steve Olsen, Diane Hockett, Mary Jane Tramontin, Theresa Saunders**

**Voting no: None**

**Motion carried.**

**NEW BUSINESS – 2022-23 GSRP Sub-Recipient Contract Amounts:** Early Childhood Grants Manager LaDawn White presented the 2022-23 GSRP Sub-Recipient contracts to the board. Ms. White, along with Early Childhood Programs Executive Director Edward Manuszak fielded questions from the board and assured them that the 2023-24 contracts will be submitted for board approval by the Fall of 2023.

**Motion by Mary Jane Tramontin, seconded by Theresa Saunders that the Board of Education approve the 2022-2023 GSRP contract amounts for GSRP sub-recipients, as presented.**

**Voting yes: Steve Olsen, Diane Hockett, Mary Jane Tramontin, Theresa Saunders**

**Voting no: None**

**Motion carried.**

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

**BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORTS:** There were no reports by the Board of Education.

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS – Superintendent’s Report**

Superintendent Norman spoke about the following:

- Deputy Superintendent Cherie Vannatter presented to the State Board of Education regarding the Para Pro to Teacher Certification Program.
- Informed the board of any current on-going student issues.
- Shared the 2021 Washtenaw County Public Safety and Mental Health Preservation Millage Impact Report.
- Spoke about the upcoming Washtenaw ISD millage renewals.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 6:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Jane Tramontin, Secretary  
Washtenaw ISD Board of Education