

HAMTRAMCK BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting – January 14, 2026
Administration Building
3201 Roosevelt St
Hamtramck, MI 48212

- I. CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME**
- II. ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS**
- III. ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA**
- IV. CORRESPONDENCE**
- V. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (Agenda items only)**
- VI. REPORTS TO THE BOARD**
- VII. CONSENT AGENDA**
 - a. Approval of Minutes
 - b. Approval of Employment
 - c. Resignations & Retirements
- VIII. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**
- IX. CLOSED SESSION - EVALUATION**
- X. ADJOURNMENT**

“This meeting is a meeting of the Board of Education in public for the purpose of conducting the School District’s business and is not to be considered a public community meeting. There is a time for public participation during the meeting.”

Call to Order

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Meeting called to order by _____ at _____

Roll Call of Members

Abdulmalik Algahaim
Moortadha Obaid
Daz'Shavon Hall
Regan Watson
Victor Farris
Mohamed Algehaim
Linda Wolyniec

Acceptance of Agenda

RESOLUTION NUMBER 1– ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

Motion by Member _____ Seconded by Member _____

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accepts and approves the Agenda with any additions or deletions.

Votes: Aye _____ Nay _____

Abstain _____

**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

Mary E. Blackmon, President

Danielle Funderburg

Danielle Funderburg, Vice-President

James S. Beri

James S. Beri, Secretary

Lynda S. Jackson

Lynda S. Jackson, Treasurer

James Petrie

James Petrie, Trustee

Audience Participation (Agenda Items Only)

This portion of the agenda is for citizens to address questions or comments pertaining to the agenda. The Board will listen, take comments and questions under advisement, and not respond at this time. The presiding officer will refer questions to the superintendent for research and response. Persons wishing to address the Board of Education must complete an audience participation form and submit it to the Board's President before the meeting starts. Forms must be filled out completely to be accepted.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 2– APPROVAL OF CONFERENCE

Motion by Member _____ Seconded by Member _____

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education does hereby approve the request of Heather Kuehneman to attend the Digital Learning Advancement Collaborative (DLAC) in Sacramento, CA, February 18-20, 2026. Total estimated cost of the conference to be \$2,000. Funded through general fund.

Votes: Aye _____ Nay _____

Abstain _____

RESOLUTION NUMBER 3– APPROVAL OF CONFERENCE

Motion by Member _____ Seconded by Member _____

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education does hereby approve the request of Jim Larson-Shidler to attend the MAISL Executive Board Conference to be held in Nashville, TN, March 2-5, 2026. Conference bears no cost to the District.

Votes: Aye _____ Nay _____

Abstain _____

RESOLUTION NUMBER 4— APPROVAL OF OVERNIGHT TRIP

Motion by Member _____ Seconded by Member _____

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education does hereby approve the request of Breia Kilgo to attend, with one other employee, the job fair at Central State University in Wilberforce, Ohio, February 25-26, 2026. Total approximate cost for the trip is \$900.00.

Votes: Aye _____ Nay _____

Abstain _____

Reports to the Board

Tau Beta School – Alia Hamka

Variety Food Services Update – Tara Nichols

Consent Agenda

RESOLUTION NUMBER 5 – APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Motion by Member _____ Seconded by Member _____

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves the following items under the Consent Agenda:

- a. Approval of Minutes from:
 1. Regular Meeting Minutes of December 10, 2025
- b. Approval of Employment – Employment of **Alanna Craig**, Teacher at Holbrook Elementary School, Step 1 for a Bachelors Degree, effective December 11, 2025.
- c. Approval of Employment – Employment of **Jomana Alnamer**, ML Paraprofessional at Dickinson West Elementary, \$17.00 per hour, maximum of 27.5 hrs per week, effective January 5, 2026.
- d. Approval of Employment – Employment of **Fanyah Nagi**, ML Paraprofessional at Early Childhood Elementary, \$18.00 per hour, maximum of 27.5 hrs per week, effective January 5, 2026.
- e. Approval of Employment – Employment of **Elizabeth Lucas**, Math Teacher at Hamtramck High School, Step 1 for a Master's Degree, effective January 12, 2026.
- f. Approval of Employment – Employment of **Ella Morton**, Lifeguard for the Recreation Department, \$16.00 per hour, maximum of 35 hrs per week, effective January 20, 2026.
- g. Approval of Employment – Employment of **Edward Ivey**, Lifeguard for the Recreation Department, \$16.00 per hour, maximum of 35 hrs per week, effective January 20, 2026.
- h. Approval of Employment – Employment of **Hazin Al Awash**, ELA Teacher at Tau Beta School, Step 1 for a Bachelor's Degree, effective January 14, 2026.
- i. Acceptance of Resignation – Resignation of **Safaa Mokdad**, Teacher with Hamtramck Public Schools, effective January 5, 2026.
- j. Acceptance of Retirement – Retirement of **Nancy Walter**, Instructional Coach, effective January 31, 2026.

- k. Acceptance of Retirement – Retirement of **Maria Kinsman**, Paraprofessional at Early Childhood Elementary, effective December 19, 2025.
- l. Acceptance of Retirement – Retirement of **Karen Birr**, MTSS Coordinator, effective June 30, 2026.
- m. Acceptance of Retirement – Retirement of **Rosemary Haacke**, Teacher at Early Childhood Elementary, effective June 30, 2026.
- n. Acceptance of Retirement – Retirement of **Scott Johnson**, Assistant Principal at Hamtramck High School, effective August 31, 2026.
- o. Acceptance of Retirement – Retirement of **Carol-Al-Nsour**, Teacher at Horizon High School, effective June 30, 2026.
- p. Acceptance of Retirement – Retirement of **Trudy Machovec**, Teacher at Hamtramck High School, effective June 30, 2026.
- q. Acceptance of Retirement – Retirement of **Jennifer Bradley**, Teacher at Kosciuszko Middle School, effective June 30, 2026.

Votes: Aye _____ Nay _____

Abstain _____

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Closed Session

RESOLUTION NUMBER 6—CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Member _____ Seconded by Member _____

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education does hereby go into Closed Session for the following purposes:

*Evaluation of the Superintendent
To Discuss Matters Pursuant to Attorney/Client Privilege*

Votes: Aye _____ Nay _____

Abstain _____

RESOLUTION NUMBER 7—OPEN SESSION

Motion by Member _____ Seconded by Member _____

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education does hereby resume the meeting in Open Session.

Votes: Aye _____ Nay _____

Abstain _____

RESOLUTION NUMBER 8 – ADOPTION OF EVALUATION

Motion by Member _____ Seconded by Member _____

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education does hereby adopt the evaluation for James Larson-Shidler, Interim Superintendent for 2025 as presented.

Votes: Aye _____ Nay _____

Abstain _____

RESOLUTION NUMBER 9 – ADOPTION OF EVALUATION

Motion by Member _____ Seconded by Member _____

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education does hereby adopt the evaluation for Jaleelah Ahmed, Superintendent for 2025 as presented.

Votes: Aye _____ Nay _____

Abstain _____

RESOLUTION NUMBER 10 – APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF COSTS/AWARD

Motion by Member _____ Seconded by Member _____

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education does hereby approve the payment of \$1,216.75 costs associated with the Delaporte Lunch, PLLC v. Hamtramck Public Schools District, Case No 25-012667-CZ.

Votes: Aye _____ Nay _____

Abstain _____

The Regular Meeting adjourned at (_____) p.m.)