

Board Meeting Minutes

W-A-Y Academy Detroit

(Regular Board Meeting)

Date: Tuesday March 21, 2023

Members present: Danielle Bascomb, Patricia Moesner, Laura Chavez, Michael Murray, Sheila Flanagan

Others present: Isaiah Pettway, Cameron Nichols, Trena Braswell, Matthew Bolduc, Mr. Green and Alexandra Guzman.

Meeting Called to Order @ 6:03 pm

Roll Call Attendance

Michael Murray (Wayne County)

Laura Chavez (Wayne County)

Sheila Flanagan (Wayne County)

Patricia Moesner (Wayne County)

Danielle Bascomb (Wayne County)

II. Approval of the Agenda

- Motioned by Patricia Moesner / 2nd by Sheila Flanagan

Roll Call Vote: Michael Murry (Y) Laura Chavez (Y) Patricia Moesner (Y) Danielle Bascomb (Y) Sheila Flannagan (Y). Motion carries

III. Call to the Public:

- Read by Michael Murray -no public present/no public comments

IV. Motion List

Consent Agenda

- Approval of January 17, 2023, Board Meeting Minutes

- Motioned by Danielle Bascomb/2nd by Patricia Moesner

Roll Call Vote: Michael Murry (Y) Laura Chavez (Y) Patricia Moesner (Y) Danielle Bascomb (Y). Motion Carries.

Correspondence

- None

LSSU Authorizer's Liaison's Report

Mr. Green shared the following:

- Board Member Reappointments, Trustee Flanagan her Board Appointment expires on June 30th, 2023. The reappointment application must be submitted if she chooses to serve

again must be submitted to Mr. Green by Friday April 7th, 2023. He reminded Board President Murry about being notified via email about the process as well.

Educational Service Providers Report

Superintendent Isaiah Pettway shared the following:

Program Updates (W-A-Y Programs)

- No updates.

Enrollment Recruitment Marketing

- Superintendent Pettway shared they are planning enrollments and recruitment with the marketing consultant and led by Mr. Bolduc and Mr. Nichols.
- Currently they are in the process of re-enrollment. The new recruitment plan will be rolled out after April.
- Superintendent Pettway shared that every Monday over the summer they will be at Belleville recruiting for the schools. There will be at a festival that occurs every Monday throughout the summer from 12 to 3 PM.

Academic Updates

- The academies just completed the February 2023 count, and they maintained the same numbers as the fall. The budget amendment will be presented to the board at the April board meeting. There were not many changes remains about the same as fall.
- Currently entering the state testing window and they will be testing until the end of May.

Personnel Updates

- There is a special ed teacher that serves at West. She was contracted by a third-party source and recently brought on as a WAY Program employee now.

LSSU Legislative Authorizer Updates

- With the southwest campus being identified as a CSI school, and having that designation, it was awarded an additional grant called the TAG Grant. Technical Assistance Grant. They were awarded up to \$20,000, and the purpose is to use the money to plan for improvement measures and systems for improvements in the school. For example, the money can be used to pay for substitute teachers to give Teacher time to plan for improvement.

Director Report

Director Cameron Nichols shared the following about the Southwest Campus:

- Mr. Nichols reviewed the PA 48.
- He spoke about the drive-up enrollment open houses events in May and June that they're planning for graduation celebration for the students for the seniors.
- WAY Academy Southwest has 110 students enrolled for this month.
- Total credit attainment for the month is 70.6.
- Students obtained 100 credits between both campuses.
- Average Credit Attainment for the month was 0.60 credit.
- The grade with the highest Average Credit Attainment was 8th graders.
- The monthly attendance was 65%.

- Pride of the Month: Mr. Nichols announced that there is a social and emotional counselor that just started this week. She hit the ground running already meeting with students.

Director Matthew Bolduc shared the following about the West Campus:

- Mr. Bolduc reviewed the PA 48 report.
- WAY Academy Southwest has 91 students enrolled for this month.
- The grade with the highest credit attainment was the 7th and 12th graders. They have a total of 0.77 credits.
- Total credit attainment for the month is 35.5. There were many snow days and power outages. There was at least a week of no school combined.
- The grades with the highest Average Credit Attainment were 7th and 12th grades with 0.77 credits.
- The monthly attendance was 43%.
- Monthly Point of Pride:
 - Students from both campuses enjoyed had a field trip to the underground railroad museum in Detroit.
 - There was a robotics meet-up. Way West/Southwest Schools placed-18 out of 40. There is an upcoming match in the Attley Monia High School March 31 and April 1.
 - Students had college tours. They went to Henry Ford and Wayne State. They signed up for the FASFA students. Board member Patricia Moesner mentioned a tuition asked about tuition being paid for at a community college and the only four-year university is Wayne State.

Old Business-None

New Business-

1. Strategic Planning Session

Board Member Sheila Flannagan shared the following:

- Recap of the planning session in October.
- The vision and statements they felt that it was fully implemented. They are exploring some opportunities to make it more applicable and effective.
- The board members talked about micro school, core content classes.
- Alternative learning, models, student, and parent involvement continue to have feedback.
- Having discussions on the new campuses they were looking into 2 to 3 locations under student growth and achievement.
- They discussed new math challenges superintendent. Superintendent Pettway help them understand common core as state requirements.
- Reading, and math interventions and the literacy program that supposed to launch in January 2023.
- Management objectives to hire an interventionist to institutionalized math and reading literacy, reshaping, testing providing a comparison report.

- Touched on student credit attainment, recruitment and retainment all exit interview to consider exit interviews with students' recruitment methods word of mouth, incentivizing open houses human interactions with drive up open houses.
- Getting involved with organizations that serve families like matrix and Children's Hospital.
- Inter-curricular at student activities like robotics, ski, sports book club, newspaper club if there already isn't one.
- Reach out to staff performance the impact of post Covid expectations?
- Help staff with retention bonuses on sign on bonuses looking into salary increases yearly to see what can be done to help.
- A WAY Hall of Fame that should start in the spring,
- President Murry proposed to bring up a subject at every board meeting to discuss and not have to have an entire day of a planning session.

2. School Improvement Committee-

Mr. Nichols shared the following:

- Meeting will be held Friday March 24, 2023. Adding goal to improve CSI. A lot of data that needs to be done and will be meeting more getting closer to June.

3. Board Member Application/ Reappointment Form

- Hold for another month with Sheila will get her application in.

4. Michigan Department of Education Board Training Reimbursements

Superintendent Isaiah Pettway shared the following:

- State superintendent and Michigan Department of education has allocated an amount of funding to reimburse boards for professional development superintendent.
- Supt. Pettway mentioned to the board that they receive great professional development opportunities through LSSU. If there are additional professional development opportunities outside of what is provided that they would like to partake in at a cost than they can do that and apply for reimbursement between July 1 and June 30 of this year. The board will be reimbursed through their state aid payment. One of the board members would have to write a summary and submit it as a requirement. Supt. Pettway mentioned that there is a dollar limitation, and it needs to be something local. Out of state professional development is not preferred.

X. Board Committee Reports/ Comments/Action

Finance Committee:

*Financials: Mr. Pettway introduced the **January 2023** financials to the board.*

- State Aid Payment Received of the amount \$ 188,083.31
- Monies owed to WAY Program as of December 31, 2022, was for \$158,306.53
- Monies Transferred \$158,306.53
- Accounts Payable of Jan 31st. 2023 \$ 54,563.05
- The payroll cost was for \$17,931.76
- The amount transferred to Program and applied was \$72,494.81

*Financials: Mr. Pettway introduced the **February 2023** financials to the board.*

- State Aid Payment Received of the amount \$ 159,17.96
- Monies owed to WAY Program as of January 31st, 2023, was for \$72,494.81.
- Monies Transferred \$160,000.00
- Accounts Payable as of February 28th, 2023, \$-48,124.62
- Payroll Liabilities \$ 75,735.37
- Requested for transfer was in the amount of \$27,610.75.

Action Items

Approval to Accept the January and February 2023 Financial Statements

- Motion to approve: Laura Chavez/2nd Sheila Flanagan
- Roll Call Vote: Michael Murry (Y) Patricia Moesner (Y) Laura Chavez (Y) Danielle Bascomb (Y) Sheila Flanagan (Y). Motion carries.

Announcements- None

- The architect and contractor were both brought in to do a walk-through what the goal was to do schematics based on requirements from the state they would then come back with information on the cost to determine how they would move forward.
- They sent the estimated cost as \$1.25 million to outfit that site to be a school.
- This is because of the impact of inflation on the cost of items that has gone up significantly. Supply chain issues that impact the price and timing.
- There was a very tight deadline they were working with because they needed to let the landlord know if they were going to extend the lease by January 31.
- Working with board President Murry, they did submit a one-year extension at the current lease superintendent.
- Pettway spoke with Steve Wasco the building manager at the current West campus. He confirmed that no it would be fine for them to extend the lease that there was going to be a slight increase in rent all rent is going up so he did confirm that it would be it would not be something would not be a drastic amount.
- The hope is that the recommendation will be given to superintendent Pettway before the April board meeting to present and review to the board members for a decision to be made by the May meeting.
- The extension from last year does on June 30. it will be a one-year extension the other site on Schoolcraft is available January financials February financials reviewed their budget yesterday amendment after the February count, no major changes or cuts approve.
- Next Meeting April 18, 2023 at 6 pm Location: WAY Academy Southwest Campus

Call to the Public-No public present/no public comments.

Adjournment

- Motion to adjourn: Laura Chavez /2nd by Patricia Moesner
- Roll Call Vote: Michael Murry (Y) Patricia Moesner (Y) Laura Chavez (Y) Danielle Bascomb (Y) Sheila Flanagan (Y). Motion carries.

Meeting adjourned at 6:56 pm

Minutes submitted by: Alexandra Guzman

Minutes Certification:

Approved minutes of March 21, 2023 Regular Meeting respectfully submitted,

Sheila Flanagan

Board Secretary

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