

W-A-Y Academy Detroit  
(Widening Advancements for Youth)  
19321 West Chicago Avenue, Detroit, MI 48228

Board of Directors' Regular Meeting  
Monday, August 18, 2014  
5:30 p.m.

I. Call to Order by the President – 5:40 p.m.

Roll Call

Bauer	X
Croxton	Absent
Irwin	Excused
LeRoy	X
Murray	X
Wong	X

II. Approval of Agenda

Motion made to approve the agenda by Michael Murray/Seconded by Pam Wong. Passed unanimously.

III. Call to the Public

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No comments offered.

IV. Presentation by Researchers and Staff

Not available.

V. Presentation by Lou Glazer, Michigan Future Schools.  
Not available.

VI. Motion made to approve Minutes Regular Meeting, June 16, 2014  
by Barbara LeRoy/Seconded by Michael Murray.

#### VII. Correspondence

Elizabeth Bauer shared her experience at the Play “10 Ways To Survive The Zombie Apocalypse”, performed at WAY West Campus by researchers. They included researchers from WAY Southwest Campus as well. They provided all the designers, make-up, and choreography. The play was directed by Expert Juliette Abbott. Ms. Bauer shared that she loved the play and a great job was done by all.

Elizabeth Bauer shared that she received a lovely note from Ann Steglich, from AFS Michigan who sponsored students on a trip to Ireland. Ann Steglich sent pictures of the group in Ireland.

Elizabeth Bauer also mentioned a photo exhibit at the DIA featuring Jeremy Marek and gave Shawn Hill a Free Press article about his life. He grew up in southwest Detroit and now lives on Springwells with his wife and children. She suggested inviting him to talk to researchers at Southwest.

Shawn Hill, Director at the WAY Academy Southwest Campus shared a very warm Thank You to the Board for the support during her loss of her Mother.

#### VIII. Educational Service Provider's Report

- A. Educational Goals Per LSSU Contract: Bethany shared that next month there was going to be a comprehensive data review with members of our team and the board to discuss and answer any questions.

## B. Student Achievement will be discussed in September

C. Update on Student for whom disciplinary hearing was held – West Campus; Madeline Black, Director at WAY Academy West shared that a behavior plan is in place when the student enters back into the classroom in September. All measures have been set up to help him be successful. Pam Wong had a question regarding the student. Was there an IEP done? Also, have we taken action to wrap assistance as indicated by the student's IEP, around the student and his mother. Madeline Black indicated that there was a disciplinary hearing, subsequent evaluation and the student will have outside assistance with behaviors along with medication.

Madeline Black also shared that there will be a student/staff softball game on 8/25, a talent show in the next few months. The kayaking field trip was a huge success. Ms. Black shared that Graduation is on 8/26 at 5:30 p.m.

D Update on Annual Education Report; Bethany Rayl shared that all reports are posted on sites today. We are looking at the data and have some questions on findings. It is being looked into. This reporting is publically posted as well.

## IX. LSSU Authorizer Liaison Report;

Bethany Rayl shared that we have provided LSSU with everything they need. Glen Bachman spoke to Nick Oshelski, Director of the LSSU Charter School Office and confirmed LSSU Charter School Office is on the State Superintendent's list of charter school authorizers at risk of suspension, but not sure why. Glen Bachman also talked about articles such as under-performing schools, late audits, transparency reports and other short comings that are addressed. They do not know final

outcome as of yet. Charter Schools are under the radar. The focus is on the authorizers. Until 10/22 LSSU won't know where it stands. W-A-Y Academy Detroit is not endangered at this time. Glen Bachman also discussed the future LSSU Retreat; try to initiate regional meetings, possibly three times per year so that they will have better attendance and be more efficient.

Barbara LeRoy shared that we don't want to lose sight of the students.

X. Old Business

No comments offered.

XI. New Business

A. Discussion Items

- 1. Invoice from Whitehead and Associates for dinner \$142.50
- 2. Invoice from Lusk & Albertson, \$20 filing fee, Annual Report to State of Michigan as Resident Agent, W-A-Y Academy Detroit
- 3. Board member reimbursement requests
- 4. Presentation of Insurance proposals (deferred to September)

B. Action Items

MOTION: to approve payment of \$142.50 to Whitehead and Associates. MOTION: to approve payment of \$20.00 to Lusk & Albertson . MOTION to approve Board Member Reimbursement requests from Pam Wong for \$389.92. Motion made to approve by Barbara LeRoy/Seconded by Michael Murray. Passed unanimously.

XII. Board Committee Reports/Comments/Action

A. Finance Committee;

Michael Murray discussed the monthly budget process and is going to break it out by location. Audit report in September, please do not comment via email about audit.

Motion made to approve by Pam Wong/Seconded by Barbara LeRoy. Passed unanimously.

B Nominating Committee;

No comments offered.

B. Strategic Plan;

Bethany Rayl shared topics that were discussed during the meeting; at this point we have determined the areas of focus and edited the executive summary. Bethany Rayl and staff will be developing measurable goals and objectives.

XIII. Announcements:

A. Next Regularly Scheduled Board meeting: September 15, 2014 at W-A-Y Academy Detroit, 8701 W. Vernor Highway, Detroit, MI 48209. 5:30 p.m.

B. Board and ESP Retreat, Saturday, September 27, 2014, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Location to be determined. Joe Urban, Esq., Clark Hill, Facilitator

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this meeting, and per Board policy should be no longer than three minutes.

XV. Adjournment – 6:40 p.m.

Motion made to adjourn by Michael Murray/Seconded by Pam Wong.

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