

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the  
WAY Academy  
Board of Directors  
Monday, April 21, 2014  
6:30 p.m.**

**The meeting called to order at 5:36 p.m.**

- I. Call to Order by Liz Bauer, WAY Academy Board President.

Members Present: Liz Bauer, Glenn Croxton, Patrick Irwin, Barbara LeRoy, Michael Murray, and Pam Wong.

Members Not Present: None

Guests Present: Bethany Rayl, WAY Program; Darrell Wanamaker, WAY Program; Madeline Black, WAY Academy Director.

- II. Approval of Agenda

It was moved by Pam Wong and seconded by Barbara LeRoy to approve the agenda. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

- III. Closed Session - Student Disciplinary Hearing

It was moved by Michael Murray and seconded by Pam Wong to go into closed session for a student disciplinary hearing. Roll call vote:

Liz Bauer - Yes

Glenn Croxton - Yes

Barbara LeRoy - Yes

Michael Murray - Yes

Pam Wong - Yes

Irwin - Not yet present

- IV. Open Session

At 6:54 p.m. it was moved by Pam Wong and seconded by Barbara LeRoy to end the closed session and move back into open session. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

#### V. Student Discipline

It was moved by Pam Wong and seconded by Barbara LeRoy that student number 4541 be allowed to attend the WAY Academy West campus online environment only for a period of eighty-four (84) days. During this time, student number 4541 is not allowed on the grounds of WAY Academy West campus nor can student number 4541 attend any school related events or activities. WAY Academy West campus administration will collaboratively develop a student contract that outlines the conditions for success in the online environment.

Roll call vote:

Liz Bauer - Yes  
Glenn Croxton - Yes  
Patrick Irwin - Yes  
Barbara LeRoy - Yes  
Michael Murray - Yes  
Pam Wong - Yes

Motion carried.

#### VI. Call to the Public

This meeting is a meeting of the Board of WAY Academy of Detroit in public for the purpose of conducting the School District's business and is not to be considered a public community meeting. We now invite members of the public to address the Board and share any thoughts or concerns regarding agenda items only.

None.

#### VII. Consent Agenda

A. Approval of March Regular Meeting Minutes

It was moved by Barbara Leroy and seconded by Glenn Croxton to approve the minutes of the March 17, 2014 Regular Meeting. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

B. Approval of March 26, 2014 Special Meeting Minutes

It was moved by Barbara LeRoy and seconded by Michael Murray to approve the minutes of the March 26, 2014 special meeting. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

VIII. Presentation by Researcher and Staff Member

Researcher Asheir Fields shared her learning artifact from a recent art project with the Board.

English Expert Kim Clark shared a poetry project she is working on with researchers with the Board.

IX. Educational Service Provider's (ESP) Report

A. Researcher Achievement - The ESP reviewed the student achievement data grid with the Board.

B. Student Retention Data - The ESP reviewed student retention data.

C. Staff Turnover Data - The ESP reviewed past month staff turnover data with the Board.

D. Teaching Staff Professional Development (PD) plan and PD hour logs - The ESP reviewed the staff professional development plan and logs with the Board. Additionally, the ESP shared that there were no findings in the Michigan Technical Assistance Project (MiTAP) audits of both campuses.

E. Update on Guitar Program - Ashley Flemmer, music expert at Southwest campus, has implemented a guitar program with researchers. One of the researchers at Southwest campus is assisting with the program by teaching other researchers how to play the guitar.

F. Finances - The Finance committee met on April 21, 2014.

G. Marketing - The ESP shared a marketing video that has been developed by WAY for use by the academies.

It was moved by Barbara LeRoy and seconded by Michael Murray to accept the Educational Service Provider's Report. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

X. Board Committee Reports/Comments/Action

A. Nominating Committee - The nominating committee updated the Board on progress.

B. Finance Committee - The finance committee presented their report. Additional discussion took place related to projected enrollment for Fall 2014. Enrollment targets for Fall 2014 are 180 researchers at West campus and 360 researchers at Southwest campus.

C. Strategic Planning Committee - The strategic planning committee shared an update on the plan. Liz Bauer discussed the results of her focus group meetings with researchers, staff members, and community members at both Southwest campus and West campus.

D. Evaluation of Educational Service Provider Committee - The committee updated the Board on progress. Next meeting is on April 23, 2014 to review data sources.

It was moved by Barbara LeRoy and seconded by Pam Wong to accept all committee reports. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

XI. Old Business

A. Evaluation of School Directors - progress report.

All input from the Board on the evaluations for Sonya Townsend, WAY Academy Director, and Madeline Black, WAY Academy West Director, is due to Liz Bauer no later than June 1, 2014.

XII. New Business

A. Approval of Board Member Expenses - None.

B. Approval of payment of \$142.50 to Whitehead and Associates Catering for food for Board meeting.

It was moved by Pam Wong and seconded by Glenn Croxton to payment Whitehead and Associates Catering \$142.50. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

XIII. LSSU Authorizer Liaison Report.

Don Haist complemented the Board and the ESP on doing a great job working together. Don indicated that not all schools have as collegial and high functioning of a working relationship as the WAY Academy Board and ESP have together.

Don reminded the Board about the webinar on May 8, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.

XIV. Announcements

A. WAY Program Open House

There is an open house on April 29, 2014 at 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. at 407 East Fort Street, Suite 205, Detroit, MI 48226.

B. Next Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting - May 19, 2014 at WAY Academy, 8701 West Vernor Highway, Detroit, MI 48209.

C. Board Training - The LSSU retreat for Board members is June 28th and 29th.

XV. Call to the Public

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Researcher Asheir Fields spoke about looking ahead to college and her hope

to attend college field trips.

Bethany Rayl, Regional Executive from WAY, shared that Alectra Stanley, researcher from Southwest campus, received a four year, \$46,000 scholarship to the University of Michigan - Dearborn.

Parent, Jermaine Fields spoke about how much she loves the WAY Academy because the program brings out her daughter's strengths and has built her positive self-esteem. She indicated that her daughter has become the student she always know Asheir could be.

#### XI. Adjournment

It was moved by Pam Wong and seconded by Barbara LeRoy to adjourn the meeting. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

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