

W-A-Y Academy Detroit  
(Widening Advancements for Youth)  
8701 W Vernor Highway, Detroit, MI 48209

**Note: November 16, 2015 Meeting will be held at West Campus  
19321 W Chicago Ave., Detroit, MI 48228**

Board of Directors' Regular Meeting  
Monday, November 16, 2015  
5:30 p.m.

Minutes

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

Roll Call:

Bauer  X

Croxtan  Excused

Irwin  Excused

LeRoy  Excused

Murray  X

Naylor  X

Wong  X

II. Approval of Agenda

It was moved by Pam Wong and seconded by Michael Murray to approve the agenda as presented. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

III. Call to the Public

This meeting is a meeting of the Board of W-A-Y Academy 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

IV. Presentation by Researchers and Staff

Tanisha Blanton representative of Developing Kids, a non-profit organization, which operates out of Don Bosco Hall spoke to the board. Ms. Blanton shared background information on their program. They assist with college readiness, life skills, vocational skills, and so much more. They are working with some of our West Campus researchers. Their programs/services are offered throughout the year.

Ernest Powell researcher from West Campus spoke on working with Developing Kids. Ernest indicated he has been working with them since 2013, and indicated the staff at Developing Kids treat you like family. Spoke on college tours he has taken part in.

Kirsten Sturgis researcher from West Campus started going to Developing Kids about five years ago and shared on her experience with the program. The supports provided to her have helped changed her thinking on things. Kirsten indicated she feels like she's at home when she working with the program. Kirsten spoke on college tours she has participated in.

Mya Burris researcher from West Campus shared her experience on working with Developing Kids. She's been attending the program on and off for a while. While she is at the program, she is getting assistance from the staff and greatly appreciates it. Mya Burris felt the staff made her feel comfortable and she could share with the staff.

Yvonne Lewis shared on the collaboration piece of working with Developing Kids and aiding our West Campus students with college tours that are scheduled. While in the building, Developing Kids staff are available to work with our researchers who may need additional supports throughout the day.

#### V. Consent Agenda

##### A. Approval of Minutes, Regular Meeting, October 19, 2015

It was moved by Michael Murray and seconded by Pam Wong to approve the consent agenda as presented. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

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

##### Superintendent/Director's Report:

Compliance

Academics

Points of Pride (CAPP)

Certified Count Day results (SW and West)

Educational Goals - Report of Meeting with Julie Hopper, LSSU, Nov. 9, 2015

Alex Cintron spoke on Superintendent/Director report, which he hopes to streamline onto one report. Alex shared he referred to the board policies for guidance on creating this report. Board asked for clarification on how MCIR rate is determined. Hannah Jaber shared on criteria for submitting MCIR information onto state site.

Graduation ceremony on 12/16/15 at Southwest will be held at 5:00 p.m. Ms. Bauer will come early to sign diplomas. The graduation for West & Southwest campus will be combined.

Mobile dentist is scheduled for 12/5/15 at West Campus. Southwest is awaiting their date, however, they anticipate a December date.

Board asked about whether or not we can check into applying for grants for our researchers who may need daycare, etc. These could be used to support our families. Alex Cintron indicated he would check into Southwest Solutions.

Count numbers:

Southwest -272

West -150

Board asked for clarification on why we missed our target numbers. Alex Cintron spoke on possible scenarios such as other academies that have opened, change of leadership, new superintendent, etc. Board asked for a report to be shared showing retention rates. Alex Cintron indicated this would be shared at the next board meeting.

Comprehensive review of data:

- Educational Goals per LSSU Contract -Student Achievement
- Plans for Detroit Schools and implications for W-A-Y Academy Detroit
- Governor Snyder’s Plan- Mayor Duggan’s Plan
- Report of the Coalition for the Future of Detroit Schoolchildren
- Proposed legislation if any to date

Proposed Michigan Department of Education, Office of Field Services, Site Visit to the Southwest Campus, Friday, March 11, 2016, 10:00 a.m. – 12 Noon by Michael Radke, Director, and Linda Harrington, Educational Consultant. Is there any new information to share re plans for their visit?

VII. LSSU Authorizer’s Liaison’s Report - Reginald Kirkland

Reginald Kirkland spoke on Detroit and State being a saturated market. Over 30,000 families have left Wayne County since last year.

VIII. Old Business

None

IX. New Business

A. Discussion Items:

November 2015 Budget Amendment

Kelli Glenn shared on the November 2015 budget amendment with the board. This is based on count numbers for both campus sites for a total of 423 pupils. Board asked for clarification on process for updates of researcher computers. Alex Cintron and Yvonne Lewis shared on technician that is available at both campus sites who can assist with student updates.

Board member reimbursement requests

Reimbursement for Elizabeth Bauer for travel expenses since July 2015 in the amount of \$246.10. LSSU trip and Board retreat reimbursement for Michael Murray \$428.90

B. Action Items:

- Approve November 2015 Budget Amendment
- Approve Board reimbursement requests

It was moved by Elizabeth Bauer and seconded by Jacquelyn Naylor to adopt the 2015/16 Budget Amendment as presented. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Pam Wong and seconded by Michael Murray to approve board member Elizabeth Bauer reimbursements in the amount of \$246.10. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Elizabeth Bauer and seconded by Pam Wong to approve board member Michael Murray reimbursements in the amount of \$428.90. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

X. Board Committee Reports/Comments/Action

A. Finance Committee:

Monthly Financial Report: accept subject to audit

Kelli Glenn shared the monthly (October 2015) financial report with the board. Board asked for clarification on how marketing impacts enrollment. Alex Cintron shared he would provide this information to the board.

It was moved by Michael Murray and seconded by Jacquelyn Naylor to receive the Monthly Financial Report subject to audit. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

XI. Announcements:

Next Regularly Scheduled Board meeting: December 21, 2015 at  
W-A-Y Academy Detroit, Southwest Campus, 8701 W. Vernor Hwy., Detroit, MI 48209

Pam Wong will be excused for December 2015 board meeting.

Reminder of Southwest/West Campus combined graduation on 12/16/15 at Southwest Campus.

XII. Call to the Public

This meeting is a meeting of the Board of W-A-Y Academy 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. Comments should only be addressed to the person chairing this meeting, and per Board policy should be no longer than three minutes.

Tabitha Stanley shared on positive meeting she recently had with Hanna Jaber and Alex Cintron.

Researchers are planning a walk-a-thon to benefit COPD. They were inspired to choose COPD, as our researchers know of numerous peers who are smokers.

On December 5, 2015, West Campus is planning a Snow Coming dance. They are building this into a canned food drive as well which will assist with community service. Board asked that Southwest NHS assist with this as well to acquire some community service.

West Campus applied and received a grant from BCBS in the amount of \$1325.

XIII. Adjournment

It was moved by Pam Wong to adjourn the meeting at 7:07 p.m. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

Minutes of all Board of Director's meetings are available after approval by the Board and will be posted on the W-A-Y Academy Detroit web site, [www.wayprogram.net](http://www.wayprogram.net). Public notice of this meeting was posted as required by the Open Meetings Act.