

W-A-Y Academy Detroit  
(Widening Advancements for Youth)  
19320 W. Chicago Ave., Detroit, MI 48228

Board of Directors' Regular Meeting  
Monday, April 20, 2015  
5:41 p.m.

Minutes

I. Call to Order by the President

Roll Call:

Bauer \_\_\_X\_\_\_

Croxton \_\_\_X\_\_\_

Irwin \_\_\_X\_\_\_

LeRoy Excused

Murray \_\_\_X\_\_\_

Wong \_\_\_X\_\_\_

II. Approval of Agenda

Elizabeth Bauer asked to note that NWEA has been corrected on the agenda and wanted to add the June 18, 2015, graduation at Southwest under Announcements. It was moved by Michael Murray and seconded by Glenn Croxton to approve the amended agenda as presented by Elizabeth Bauer. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

III. Call to the Public

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No comments offered.

IV. Presentation by Researchers and Staff

Tushar Shetty, Kathryn Polasky (two Academy Experts) and two Academy Robotic students, presented and shared a power point with the board on the recent Robotics competition. The team took 2<sup>nd</sup> place at Bedford event. Each year the theme changes. This year was Recycle Rush. Academy students spoke about applying for sponsorships for next year's competition. Kathryn Polasky shared that all teams involved seemed to be willing to help out other teams with their projects. Tushar Shetty shared on potential friendships that were built between the teams. Pamela Wong shared that this is a great opportunity, and we should look into potential scholarship opportunities for the robotics team.

Kimberly Clark (English expert at West Campus) shared on 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Poetry Reading that will be held on May 14, 2015 at 5:00 pm and is in honor of student at West Campus who was recently killed in an automobile accident. This event will be held at West Campus

#### V. Consent Agenda

##### A. Approval of Minutes Regular Board Meeting, March 16, 2015

It was moved by Patrick Irwin and seconded by Pam Wong to approve the minutes of the March 16, 2015 meeting. All present voted aye. Motion carried

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

- Comprehensive review of data:
  - Educational Goals per LSSU Contract

Bethany Rayl shared that we are moving into testing season. Students are taking M-Step next week. Just finished up a few weeks back with the ACT testing. Assessment testing will change next year. We are also in the midst of the MAP testing window and should be getting those tests results soon.

- Student Achievement: NWEA Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) 2014 Results, other measures

Spoke at our last board meeting on MAP testing and how we have been training our proctors.

- Update on Count Day: changes in enrollment since last report. Actions taken to increase enrollment and retention

268 - Southwest  
174 - West  
442 – District Total

Shawn Hill spoke on “Decision Day” which will be held at Southwest to honor those students who have decided on their secondary education choice. This will be scheduled for May 1, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. Southwest has approximately 30 students who will potentially graduate between now and June.

M-Can has done a lot of work with our students and sharing how to get grants, scholarships, etc.

On April 27, 2015, Southwest will host its 2<sup>nd</sup> National Honor Society Session where they will honor eleven new inductees.

Madeline Black spoke on American Field Service opportunity for two researchers from West campus. Those researchers will be going to Turkey this year.

Summer camp will be held this summer and we are working with LSSU on this.

West Campus 2<sup>nd</sup> annual garden planting will be occurring in the next few weeks.

Mobile dentist is going to be coming to West campus to assist with students needing dental care.

- Status of All-School Title I Initiative. Dates of meetings held/scheduled with Sharon Karpinski.

Shawn Hill shared that they are making final revisions on Title I process. May 7<sup>th</sup> is last meeting at West Campus. Shawn Hill will be working with Elizabeth Bauer on this as well.

- Update on performance of student at West.

Madeline Black shared an update about a student at West campus. Parent has been working with outside supports to ensure that child can remain in the classroom. The student is reported as doing well.

- Report on April 14, 2015 meeting with members of Detroit Employment Task Force: Lester Gayden, Detroit Employment Solutions Corporation, and Richard Carson, Michigan Dept. Human Services, re potential internships for researchers.

Bethany Rayl, Elizabeth Bauer and Shawn Hill met with Mr. Gayden from Detroit Employment Task Force regarding possible employment opportunities for our students this summer. This could be a good partnership and could open up opportunities for our students and parents. Elizabeth Bauer shared on the meeting was very exciting and has enormous potential for job training/internships for our students. Shawn Hill shared that ten students have already applied.

Glen Taylor said the lease agreement will be up for renewal in the future here at West Campus. WAY Executives will be meeting the Don Bosco group in the near future to have additional discussion. There are some pieces that we need to work out with them if we decide to stay in this building. We have this building for another year at the same monthly rate. There is another building that is about eight miles away from West Campus, which could be a potential opportunity. Patrick Irwin stated that eight miles could be too far away. Glen Taylor indicated that he would have more information once he has met with the Don Bosco group again.

Glen Taylor shared conversation regarding Detroit Education Commission to govern Detroit Schools that seems to be gaining traction on common portal enrollment. This method would place these students to be placed where the state feels they would best fit. Elizabeth Bauer that we need to keep our eyes and ears open on any conversation that the board might be seeing/hearing and share this information with the other board members.

#### VII. LSSU Authorizer Liaison Report -

Glenn Bachman shared on LSSU being in better standing with the Michigan Department of Education now. Mid-contract review dated March 20, 2015, was shared with the board. Glenn Bachman shared on components within the review. Wanted to commend the board for taking their roles and responsibilities seriously. Also indicated the Board and Academy have an exemplary compliance record and are commended.

Commenting on the Review, he indicated our students like the teachers here at WAY better than their former school(s) as they are not judgmental, sincerely care about their students, and follow through with assisting the students in completion of their projects.

Commented on parents who had been interviewed who expressed support for the school and how thankful they were to WAY Academy for “saving” their students.

Madeline Black shared Lake Superior State University video with Board on Board Roles and Responsibilities. Viewing counts for Professional Development credit with the authorizer.

Board member asked for percentage of schools that were not showing growth/increase in grade(s). Glenn Bachman shared that most are showing improvement.

#### VIII. Old Business

##### A. Discussion Items

None

##### B. Action item:

None

#### IX. New Business

##### A. Discussion Items

Board member reimbursement requests

None

April 2015 Budget Amendment (Murray. Glenn)

Kelli Glenn shared on 2014/15 fund budget amendment spreadsheet(s) with the board. This documentation shows line items revenue/expenditures, etc. Budget is comprised of most recent count and state/federal budget approvals.

Michael Murray indicated there would be a final budget presented in June 2015 which will be shared with the board.

##### B Action Items

Approve Board member requests for reimbursement

None

Approve April 2015 Budget Amendment

It was moved by Patrick Irwin and seconded by Glenn Croxton to approve the April 2015 amendment to the 2014-15 budget for W-A-Y Academy of Detroit as presented by Kelli Glenn. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

#### XII. Board Committee Reports/Comments/Action

##### A. Finance Committee: -Action: accept report

Michael Murray shared on the finance report that was discussed prior to the meeting.

It was moved by Pam Wong and seconded by Glenn Croxton to accept the finance report as presented by Kelli Glenn. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

Projected budget for 2015/16 school year will be sent to board in May. Board will have a separate meeting in June to discuss the proposed budget. The third Monday in June, we will need to approve the budget. Michael Murray suggested that we have the two meetings on the same date. It was agreed that the public hearing on the 2015-16 proposed budget will take place immediately prior to the Regular Meeting of the Board on June 15, 2015. Posting(s) will reflect the two meetings that will be held.

B. Nominating Committee – plan for recruiting new members

Pam Wong shared that several months ago, nominating documents were shared with the board. Committee is in agreement, and they want to move forward with seeking a parent board member. Patrick Irwin has proposed that we post for a one-week period a notification for parents who are interested in becoming a board member to identify themselves to the board. Board asked that this information get posted tomorrow, April 21, 2015. Patrick Irwin indicated they would forward the applications that would need to go to the school leaders, who would disburse this information to parents who may be interested.

XIII. Announcements:

A. Next Regularly Scheduled Board meeting: Monday, May 18, 2015 at  
W-A-Y Academy Detroit, Southwest Campus, 8701 W. Vernor Hwy.,  
Detroit, MI 48209. 5:30 p.m.

May 7, 2015 from 9:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. is Charter School Day at the Capital building.

June 18, 2015 is graduation at Southwest Campus.

April 27, 2015 is National Honor Society Induction at Southwest

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Tabitha Stanley (parent), wanted to share and commend the teachers who were in charge of the Robotics competition and all the hard work they put into the event.

Nick Oshelsky is retiring June 30, 2015. Michael Murray asked if board members would like to get something for him as a retirement gift. Board agreed they would like to honor him in some way. Glenn Bachman suggested a Board Resolution presented in person at LSSU Trustees' meeting.

XV. Adjournment

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.

It was moved by Michael Murray and seconded by Elizabeth Bauer to adjourn the meeting. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:16 p.m.