

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

**Note: May 16, 2016 Meeting will be held at West Campus
19321 West Chicago Avenue, Detroit, MI 48228**

Board of Directors' Regular Meeting
Monday, May 16, 2016
5:30 p.m.
(Finance Committee will meet at 5:00 p.m.)

Minutes

I. Call to Order by the President at 5:30 pm

Roll Call:

Bauer _____

Croxtan _____

Irwin Excused _____

LeRoy _____

Murray _____

Naylor _____

Wong _____

II. Approval of Agenda

President Bauer asked for the below items to be added to the agenda:

Revised Board Policies to Old Business
2016-17 District Calendar to New Business
Patrick Irwin resignation under New Business.

Motion made to approve the agenda as amended by Pam Wong/Seconded by Glenn Croxtan.
Passed unanimously.

III. Call to the Public

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No comments offered

IV. Presentation by Researchers and Staff

Dr. Sabrina Black shared on partnership programs that are available for our researchers.

Wayne State University program available called the HIGH (Helping Individuals Go Higher). Group assists students who are struggling financially and help them meet their goal of graduating. Information packet was shared with the Board President.

Girls program available for our researchers called GGP (Girls with Great Potential). Sponsors leadership, potential and social development. Elizabeth Bauer asked if they were connected to the University? Dr. Black indicated that they are not, but will write a letter for them to give girls a head start.

LLR Corporate Education available for Board and Teachers within the building offering training sessions. Monthly meetings are required with this program and costs \$400 per individual.

Update on 180 Program by representative Raphael Johnson. Mr. Johnson shared handout with board and provided update on work that is currently being done with West Campus researchers. First session was held today at West Campus.

Ms. Cranford shared with the board on the program that her group sponsors, which is available to West Campus researchers. Her group provides case management services to our researchers and their families.

V. Consent Agenda

A. Approval of Minutes, Regular Meeting, April 18, 2016

Motion made to approve minutes from the Regular Meeting held on April 18, 2016 by Michael Murray/Seconded by Pam Wong. Passed unanimously.

VI. Educational Service Provider's Report

Superintendent/Director's Report: (see also written reports on secure site)
Compliance

Alex Cintron shared information to the board on compliance. AYP participation for M-Step and SAT:

100% participation at West
97% participation at Southwest

Academics - Achievement of Educational Goals in LSSU Contract (progress report)

Alex Cintron shared on Achievement of Educational Goals in the LSSU Contract. Alex indicated that he reviewed each piece of data with our data coordinator and shared the updated data with the board.

68% growth in math at West Campus to date

College-going data: Number of graduates since inception of program.
Number of graduates enrolled in college or post-secondary training
Number of college, post-secondary enrollees still enrolled in college/program.

Alex Cintron shared that WAY Academy has had 63 graduates since end of 2015. 25% of those have gone on to higher education. We are looking at a preliminary total of 97 graduates for end of 2016. Board asked if we could track whether or not they are attending higher education and/or trade schools.

Board also asked if we could find out what happened to the 75% that have not gone onto higher education.

Alex Cintron spoke on open house and upcoming graduation for both West and Southwest campus sites.

Shared that WAY Program had donated gift cards, which were presented to teachers in honor of Teacher Appreciation Week.

Points of Pride (CAPP)

Testing for Lead and Copper in water at West and SW sites – at tap locations
Date done, Results.

Alex Cintron provided an update on the water testing issue. The samples have been collected, but they have given no specific date of results. Once the results are in, Alex indicated he would send an email to the Board President.

Impact on program due to loss of third year grant funding from Michigan Future Schools (\$100,000).

Alex Cintron shared on third year grant funding loss from Michigan Future Schools of \$100,000. Kelli Glenn had previously shared information on this at the finance committee meeting. Instruction will not be impacted at this time. College success coach position was terminated in March 2016 due to loss of funds.

Alex Cintron shared on PD, which had been held on May 13, 2016 around School Improvement Plan for next year.

Alex Cintron shared that the D-CAN College Sign Up is on May 21st at SW Campus.

VII. LSSU Authorizer's Liaison's Report - Reginald Kirkland
Update on plan for reauthorizing LSSU charter schools

No report on Reauthorizing LSSU Charter Schools.

LSSU Retreat will be held on June 22, 2016. Board asked if LSSU would forward the agenda for the retreat. Mr. Kirkland said he would forward the Board members' request to LSSU.

VIII. Old Business

A. Discussion Items

1. Wayne RESA position on Special Education Funding - Report (K. Glenn)

Kelli Glenn discussed some of this information during the financial meeting and shared this information with the board during the meeting. Wayne RESA plan for special education funding limits it to self-contained settings or youth with specific low incidence disabilities. Two researchers with hearing impairments benefit from this funding.

2. Revised Board Policies

Motion made to adopt the Fall 2015 Policy Revisions as prepared by National Charter School Institute by Michael Murray/Seconded by Jacqueline Naylor. Passed unanimously.

B. Action Items

1. Administer Oaths of Office to newly re-appointed Board members by Pam Wong:

Elizabeth Bauer by Pam Wong, Vice President
Dr. Glenn Croxton by Pam Wong, Vice President
Michael Murray by Pam Wong, Vice President

IX. New Business

A. Discussion Items:

1. Board member reimbursement requests (Bauer, others)

Elizabeth Bauer has requested reimbursement of mileage and expenses - \$214.84 from Jan 1, 2016 – May 11, 2016.

2. Preliminary Budget for 2016-2017 (will be discussed in Finance Comm. Mtg.)

Finance committee will be meeting to review proposed budget. Board will receive information one week prior to June board meeting for review. June 20, 2016 Board meeting will be preceded by the Public Hearing on Budget at 5 p.m. Kelli Glenn will place required notices in newspapers.

3. District Calendar

Approve district calendar as presented.

Motion made to approve the District Calendar as presented by Barbara LeRoy/Seconded by Glenn Croxton. Approved unanimously.

4. Amended budget for 2015-2016 (will be discussed in Finance Comm. Mtg.)

5. Patrick Irwin resignation

Pam Wong spoke to the board and shared the following:

“With deep respect and heartfelt gratitude, the Board Members of WAY Academy acknowledge Pat Irwin's infinite contributions. As a Founding Board Member, he has selflessly shared his heart and soul to enhance the lives of our students and their families. We celebrate Pat's leadership and insights and wish him continued success.”

B. Action Items:

1. Approve Board reimbursement requests

Motion made to reimburse mileage and expenses to Elizabeth Bauer in the amount of \$214.84 by Michael Murray/Seconded by Pam Wong. Passed unanimously.

2. Approve preliminary budget for 2016-2017 (Information will be provided to board one week prior to June board meeting for review)

3. Approve District Calendar

Motion made to approve District Calendar as presented by Barbara LeRoy/Seconded by Glenn Croxton. Passed unanimously.

4. Approve amended budget for 2015-2016

Motion made to accept the 2015-16 amended budget by Michael Murray/Seconded by Glenn Croxton. Passed unanimously.

5. Acceptance of Patrick Irwin's resignation

With regret, Pam Wong moved to accept Patrick Irwin's resignation as shared in his May 13, 2016 email. Seconded by Barbara LeRoy. Approved unanimously.

X. Board Committee Reports/Comments/Action

A. Finance Committee:

Monthly Financial Report: accept subject to audit

Committee will also review:

Preliminary Budget for 2016-2017

Amended Budget for 2015-2016 (noting loss of MFS grant \$100,000)

Report of discussion with Wayne RESA re special education funds

Impact statement re loss of third year grant funding from Michigan

Future Schools \$100,000

Michael Murray shared on financial statements that had been provided to board and finance committee.

Motion made to approve the April 2016 financial report as presented subject to audit by Barbara LeRoy/Seconded by Pam Wong. Passed unanimously.

Board asked Dr. Cintron to provide an analysis to the board at the June 2016 meeting as to why Michigan Future Schools made their decision, and how this can be prevented in the future.

XI. Announcements:

Graduation: Tuesday, June 21, 2016, 5:30 p.m., West Campus Gymnasium

Graduation will be held at 5:00 pm on Tuesday, June, 21, 2016 at West Campus Gymnasium.

LSSU-Sponsored Board Training. Wednesday, June 22, 2016 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Advanced Technology Academy, 4801 Oakman Blvd., Dearborn, MI 48126

Mr. Kirkland indicated he would ask Jenny Peterman to provide an agenda to the board prior to the training.

Next Regularly Scheduled Board meeting: Monday, June 20, 2016 W-A-Y Academy
Detroit, **Southwest Campus**, 8701 W. Vernor Highway, Detroit, MI 48209

Public Hearing will be held at 5:00 pm on Monday, June, 20, 2016.

Barbara LeRoy indicated she would need to be excused from the June Board meeting.

Board would like to discuss a replacement for Patrick Irwin at the June 2016 board meeting.

XII. Call to the Public

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Tabitha Stanley shared with the board that our researchers on the overseas trip are having a great time, and shared that a trip to Greece is being planned for 2017.

XIII. Adjournment

Motion made to adjourn by Michael Murray.

Meeting adjourned at 6:45 pm.

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Public notice of this meeting was posted as required by the Open Meetings Act.