

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

Board of Directors' Regular Meeting
Monday, August 15, 2016
5:30 p.m.

Minutes

I. Call to Order by the President

Roll Call:

Murray _____

Croxton _____

Naylor Excused

Torres _____

II. Approval of Agenda

Motion made to approve the agenda as presented by Glenn Croxton/Seconded by Renee Torres. Passed unanimously.

III. Call to the Public

This 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.

No comments offered.

IV. Consent Agenda

A. Approval of Minutes, Annual Organizational Meeting, July 25, 2016

Motion made to approve minutes from the Annual Organizational Meeting held on July 25, 2016 by Glenn Croxton/Seconded by Renee Torres. Passed unanimously.

V. Educational Service Provider's Report

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

Academics

Dr. Cintron shared that staff had recently completed Professional Development on August 12, 2016, which covered Reading Apprenticeship and Curriculum Standards & Alignment.

Shared on recent PD Reading Apprentice (purchased through Title I funds). We are doing this to improve our instructional goals, which should help with making the projects work more efficiently.

MDE Work Keys Embargo: *Message from the BAA – Bureau of Assessment and Accountability (BAA)*

Dr. Cintron shared on the embargoed scores. We have the information, however, MDE will not allow us to share this information at this time. Internally we are looking at these scores to see where students are academically. Once this information is available to share in a public forum, we will share the information with the board.

WorkKeys data are EMBARGOED until the public release of spring 2016 assessment results. Districts and schools will be notified through the Spotlight on Student Assessment and Accountability Newsletter when the embargo has been lifted this summer.

IMPORTANT – While individual student results may be shared with parents at this time, it is NOT permissible to share any school, district, or state--level results with parents, the community, or other external parties until the embargo is lifted by the MDE. School Board meetings are considered open meetings; therefore, the sharing of embargoed assessment results at these meetings is not permissible until the embargo is lifted.

New Business

Marketing and Recruitment

Dr. Cintron shared that our Detroit sites are currently advertising in local newspapers, and using Flyer Mike to distribute fliers throughout the Detroit area for the upcoming school year.

Recruitment plans are in place, and we have set up booths throughout the city at various locations/events. There is quite a bit of marketing going on right now through radio, fliers, signage, word of mouth, etc.

Upcoming Graduation Ceremony, August 24, 2016 at 6pm in the SW Ballroom.

Researchers will show up for the ceremony at 5:30 pm. Ceremony should begin at 6:00 pm in the SW Ballroom.

Michael Murray asked for clarification on process of previous graduation held at West Campus.

Old Business

International Travel

Dr. Cintron shared information regarding future international travel for our researchers. The National Charter School Institute will not touch this topic right now. We are working towards keeping our researchers safe at this time. Researchers could look into some future out of state trips that could potentially be available. Board asked that the updated policy be shared with parents. Beth Baker shared that the board has a process in place

for fundraising. We need to review and follow the process in an effort to protect our researchers and the board.

Robotics Team

Dr. Cintron shared that he contacted the state regarding a robotics grant that could be available to the district. This would offer the researchers \$1000 per year for four years.

School Improvement Plan Updates

Dr. Cintron shared this is still in process and he plans to review the information prior to submitting to the state.

VI. LSSU Authorizer's Liaison's Report

Not in attendance.

VII. Old Business

A. Discussion Items

1. ESP Evaluation Form
2. Spring 2016 Board Policy Updates
3. International Travel Discussion – Refer to ESP Report

B. Action Items

1. Completion of ESP Evaluation Form for submission to LSSU (Due 8/31/16)

Glenn Croxton indicated he would return the completed form to Michelle Sarkody on 8/16/16.

2. Approval of proposed Spring 2016 Board Policy Updates (Complete disposition form)

Motion made to accept the proposed Spring 2016 Board Policy Updates as presented by Glenn Croxton/Seconded by Michael Murray. Passed unanimously.

VIII. New Business

A. Discussion Items:

1. Board member reimbursement requests
2. Lusk & Albertson ESP Letter

Michael Murray shared that the closed session meeting did not violate the Closed Meeting Act per letter from ESP Attorney Leamon Sowell.

3. WAY Detroit Annual Charter School Review 15-16

Dr. Cintron shared on this information with the board. He will share an electronic copy with each board member.

4. Discussion on forming Board School Improvement Committee

Board will table this for the next board meeting. Board held discussion around the School Improvement Committee. A school board member would be part of this committee. Ms. Bauer previously held this role.

Topics of discussion for Board School Improvement Committee

1. Lack of needed teaching personnel
2. Expectations of teaching positions being fulfilled
3. Appropriate class curriculum
4. Prevention methods for personnel turnover
5. Graduation program ideas
6. School visitation by board members (for personal observation)

Board asked if there is a process in place for school visitation by board members (for personal observation). Additional conversation was held around this. School campus sites would always welcome any board member who wanted to visit the building.

5. Job Description Changes

Dr. Cintron shared that he had reviewed job description criteria listed within the Lake Superior State University contract. Shared that we are looking at the staffing model a bit differently which would create a new job description for this position (50/50 split).

B. Action Items:

1. Approve Board reimbursement requests - None
2. Approval of School Improvement Committee – Tabled for next month
3. Approval of Job Description Change – Not needed

IX. Board Committee Reports/Comments/Action

A. Finance Committee:

Monthly Financial Report –July 2016- accept subject to audit

Kelli Glenn shared the July 2016 financial report/information with the board.

Motion made to accept the July 2016 financial report as presented by Glenn Croxton/Seconded by Renee Torres. Passed unanimously.

Board asked to have agenda item added for September 2016 meeting: Discussion on mandatory Lake Superior State University goals.

X. Announcements:

Graduation: Wednesday, August 24, 2016, 6:00 p.m., Southwest Campus

Next Regularly Scheduled Board meeting: Monday, September 19, 2016, W-A-Y Academy Detroit, **West Campus**, 19321 West Chicago Ave., Detroit, MI 48228

XI. Call to the Public

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concerns. Comments should only be addressed to the person chairing this meeting, and per Board policy should be no longer than three minutes.

No comments offered

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

Motion made to adjourn by Glenn Croxton/Seconded by Michael Murray. Passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 6:26 pm.