

W-A-Y Academy Detroit  
(Widening Advancements for Youth)  
8701 West Vernor Highway, Detroit, MI 48209  
**Note: April 23, 2018 Regular Meeting will be held at  
West Campus, 19321 W. Chicago, Detroit, MI 48228**  
Board of Directors' Regular Meeting  
April 23, 2018  
5:30 p.m.

Financial Meeting Scheduled to begin at 5:15 p.m.  
Minutes

I. Call to Order by the President at 5:46 pm

Roll Call:  
Murray   X    
Naylor Absent  
Torres   X    
Flanagan   X  

II. Approval of Agenda

Motion made to approve the agenda as presented by Sheila Flanagan/Seconded by Renee Torres. All members voted with Aye. There were none opposed. Passed unanimously.

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. Consent Agenda

A. Approval of Minutes, Regular Meeting, March 19, 2018

Motion made to approve minutes from the Regular Meeting of March 19, 2018 by Renee Torres/Seconded by Sheila Flanagan. All members voted with Aye. There were none opposed. Passed unanimously.

V. Educational Service Provider's Report /Superintendent/Director's Report

Jennifer Hernandez shared data dashboards with the board members showing enrollment, attendance and monthly credit information for both Middle and High School researchers. Ms. Hernandez shared that Southwest has around 15-18 students on the waiting list for fall enrollment. East currently has six students on the waiting list for fall enrollment.

Southwest is achieving their goal of .5 credits per researcher per month (High School students).  
West Campus is above the goal of .5 credits per researcher per month (High School students).  
East Campus is at .487 credits per researcher per month (High School students)

Board member Michael Murray asked for clarification on East attendance. Ms. Hernandez shared she would check with the Team Leader to ensure the attendance is getting tallied accurately (i.e. field trips, etc.) If students are attending a school function, their attendance should still be recorded at school. Board held additional conversation around the benefits of East Campus.

#### Points of Pride:

East recently had 2 researchers graduate.

West has a new focus lab science instructor. We have hired a Parapro who will be hosting these science projects/functions at West. For the month of April, West Campus had a math competition using Alex math rewarding our researchers with swag, gift cards, etc. West will be awarding the top winners at the end of the competition. One of our West researchers mastered over 75 math topics within one week. Other researchers have mastered over 60+ math topics within one week. Our two math teachers at West have been actively involved in the competition. One of our Content Area Specialists will be working with the two math teachers to determine the amount of credit the students can earn from the competition.

Southwest – Cary Tignanelli was awarded a free grant to study bilingual education. He is excited about this opportunity and is looking forward to obtaining his endorsement. We will be able to utilize him to oversee our EL students within the district.

All schools are participating in a credit recovery camp. Staff will be looking at older students to determine those who need to be engaged for achieving their goal to graduate by June.

Board member Michael Murray asked for clarification on whether or not we have to exit students who have aged out or are close to aging out. Ms. Hernandez shared on the age criteria process at our schools. Ms. Hernandez shared that the older researchers are getting excited about graduating and obtaining credit to achieve this goal. The board shared they really want to encourage all those researchers who are close to graduating, to achieve the goal of graduating.

Board member Michael Murray asked when the next texting results would be released? Ms. Hernandez shared SAT should come out before end of year. Board member Michael Murray asked what Ms. Hernandez hopes to achieve with the results. He also inquired as to whether or not the results can be broken out by length of time within our program to track students who have been with us for 2/3 years. Ms. Hernandez shared that something can be put together to share with the board, which would show data for those who have been with us 2/3 years.

Board member Michael Murray asked if we could offer any incentives to researchers to continue attending school throughout the summer months. Ms. Hernandez shared examples of incentives that are currently available at our campus sites, some incentives that have been used in the past, and will check on incentives for this summer as well.

#### VI. LSSU Authorizer's Liaison's Report - Garnet Green – LSSU representative

Garnet Green indicated that he has nothing new to report from LSSU at this time. Board Michael Murray asked for clarification on whether or not board meeting training will be held on site at LSSU in the future. Ms. Green shared there will be more online training sessions available, as it's more cost effective.

#### VII. Old Business

##### A. Discussion Items

1. Lusk & Albertson Reauthorization Opinion Letter for Roseville location (East Campus)

Jennifer Hernandez shared this information with the board and provided them with a copy of the letter from Lusk & Albertson.

2. Contract Amendment adding East Campus Site

Jennifer Hernandez shared the contract amendment adding East campus with the board. This has been approved by Lake Superior State University.

#### B. Action Items

1. Accept Lusk & Albertson Reauthorization Opinion Letter for Roseville location (East Campus)

Motion made to accept the Lusk & Albertson Reauthorization Opinion Letter for Roseville location (East Campus) as presented by Sheila Flanagan/Seconded by Renee Torres. All members voted with Aye. There were none opposed. Passed unanimously.

2. Approve Contract Amendment adding East Campus Site

Motion made to approve the Contract Amendment adding East Campus Site as presented by Renee Torres/Seconded by Sheila Flanagan. All members voted with Aye. There were none opposed. Passed unanimously.

#### VIII. New Business

##### A. Discussion Items:

1. Review Audit Services Bid Proposal

Kelli Glenn shared on this information and provided information to the board for review. Three firms submitted proposals, which Ms. Glenn shared this information with the board. Ms. Glenn shared her background information pertaining to interaction with all three firms in the past.

Board member Michael Murray asked if there were any concerns with using The Rehmann Group, which is a bit less expensive. Ms. Glenn shared she would not anticipate any issues with switching to this firm.

2. Lusk & Albertson Invoice (March 2018 – Invoice 11363)

Kelli Glenn shared on this invoice with the board and provided them a copy.

##### B. Action Items:

1. Review Audit Services Bid Proposal

Motion made to approve the Designation of Independent Audit Firm Resolution as presented by Sheila Flanagan/Seconded by Renee Torres. All members voted with Aye. There were none opposed. Passed unanimously.

2. Approval of Lusk & Albertson March Invoice 11363

Motion made to approve the Lusk & Albertson Invoice 11363 in the amount of \$1247.00 as presented by Sheila Flanagan/Seconded by Renee Torres. All members voted with Aye. There were none opposed. Passed unanimously.

IX. Board Committee Reports/Comments/Action

Finance Committee:

A. Discussion Items:

1. Monthly Financial Report – March 2018 – accept subject to audit

Kelli Glenn shared on the Monthly Financial Report and provided the board with bank statement information.

B. Action Items:

1. Accept March 2018 Monthly Financial Report – accept subject to audit

Motion made to accept the March 2018 Monthly Financial Report as presented by Sheila Flanagan/Seconded by Renee Torres. All members voted with Aye. There were none opposed. Passed unanimously.

X. Announcements:

Next Regularly Scheduled Board meeting will be: Monday, May 21, 2018 at W-A-Y Academy Detroit,  
**East Campus, 15900 Common Road, Roseville, MI 48066**

XI. Call to the Public

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None.

XII. Adjournment

Motion made to adjourn at 6:25 pm by Sheila Flanagan/Seconded by Renee Torres. All members voted with Aye. There were none opposed. Passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 6:25 pm.

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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.