

W-A-Y Academy Detroit  
(Widening Advancements for Youth)  
8701 W. Vernor Ave., Detroit, MI 48209  
**Note: April 16, 2019, Regular Meeting will be held at  
19321 W. Chicago, Detroit, MI. 48228**

Board of Directors' Regular Meeting  
March 19, 2019  
6:00 p.m.

Agenda

I. Call to Order by the President

Roll Call:

Murray - X

Chavez-Wazeerud-Din X\_\_\_\_\_

Torres X\_\_\_\_\_

Flanagan Excused\_\_\_\_\_

II. Approval of Agenda

Motion made to approve the March 19, 2019 agenda as presented by Laura Chavez/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, February 19, 2019

Motion made to approve the February 19, 2019 regular meeting minutes by Laura Chavez /Seconded by Renee Torres. All members voted with Aye. There were none opposed. Passed unanimously.

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

Jennifer Hernandez presented on the points of pride for each campus. All campuses have successfully completed their positive behavior intervention and support (PBIS) celebration for

students that are following rules and displaying good behavior. Points of pride: East campus is the received several awards at the Cleveland auto show. The East campus graduation will be held onsite on June 23, 2019, more information will follow.

West campus enrollment is at 123 with credits per researcher at .65 for high school and .32 for middle school. West campus graduation will be held on June 26, 2019, more information to follow. The West campus had their first annual black history trivia day on March 19, 2019. The West campus will have a family trivia night on March 28, 2019 at 4:30pm.

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

Garnett Green discussed the upcoming end to the current board president's term. Mr. Green then reminded the board that we need someone to fill the vacant Board seat as well.

Upcoming LSSU retreat this summer will be held at Lake Superior State University. Board president Michael Murray states the board has not received an email regarding the summer professional development yet. The retreat is scheduled for July 26- July 27, 2019

#### VII. Old Business: None

#### VIII. New Business

##### A. Discussion Items:

##### 1. Accountability Index

Jennifer Hernandez reported that recent Federal changes relating to school accountability ratings means alternative schools are measured the same way traditional schools are being measured. However, alternative school students typically do not score well on most testing.

When questioned by various interested parties, the State responded that Michigan will not change, and all schools will be on the same index until further notice.

There are 7 components to the index system, this includes all our state testing,

School Index west campus growth was at 0 for 16/17 and 15.41 for 17/18

Grad rate for 16/17 was 9.90 and 16.98 for 17/18

Southwest campus growth was at 25.90 for 16/17 and 11.52 for 17/18

Grad rate for 16/17 was 16.50 and 21.67 for 17/18

There is not an index for the East campus because they were not a school for the specific years discussed.

Jennifer Hernandez explained that all other indicators at West have risen, the proficiency at the West campus has declined.

Board President Michael Murray asked if we could use our resources with LSSU to help with our accountability index? Jennifer Hernandez responded that at this time there is nothing that can be done.

##### 2. Strategic Planning

The next WAY Academy Strategic Planning Meeting is scheduled for March 30, 2019 from 9am-1pm. Everyone agrees to the date and time of the meeting.

Renee Torres will notify the board if she will be in attendance.

Michael Murray and Sheila Flanagan will get with Jennifer Hernandez to work on an Agenda for the meeting

B. Action Items:

IX. Board Committee Reports/Comments/Action

Finance Committee:

A. Discussion Items:

1. WAY Academy February 2019 Financial Statements

Kelli emailed everyone a copy of the February financial statements and also provided additional copies during the meeting.

Kelli discussed both the balance sheet & profit and lost statement with the board and brought up proposed grant changes. No action is required by the board until the official MDE approval is received pertaining to the Consolidated Grant Application.

Michael Murray asked when changes will be implemented for the LSSU prepaid account. Kelli Glenn responded that as of July 1,2019 new procedures/changes will take effect.

2. 2018-2019 Audit Engagement Letter: Rehman Robson

The 2018-2019 Audit engagement letter was discussed with the Board as being standard with Industry expectations as it pertains engagement letters. Cost information is included in with documentation and falls in line with the original request for proposal by Rehman Robson.

3. WAY Academy Federal Grant Changes

Kelli discussed with the Board Federal Grant updates/information as submitted to the State for approval. Grant Modifications have been submitted several times to the State for approval with Final approval still pending at this time. The Board is not required to action at this time. A proposed Budget Amendment including the changes presented tonight will be taken to the Board at the next meeting.

B. Action Items:

1. Motion made to accept the February 2019 Monthly Financial Report as presented by Renee Torres / Seconded by Laura Chavez. All members voted with Aye. There were none opposed. Passed unanimously.

2. A motion to approve the 2018-2019 Audit engagement letter as presented was made by Renee Torres/ seconded by Laura Chavez. All members voted with Aye. There were none opposed. Passed unanimously.

#### X. Announcements:

Next Regular scheduled Board meeting on  
Tuesday, April 16, 2019 at W-A-Y Academy Detroit,  
**West Campus, 19321 W Chicago, Detroit, MI 48228** has been cancelled.  
The Board will hold a Special Meeting:  
Tuesday, April 23, 2019 at W-A-Y Academy Detroit,  
**West Campus, 19321 W. Chicago, Detroit, MI 48228.**

#### XI. Call to the Public

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Madeline Black discussed the joint prom for the West campus and Southwest campus with the board and asked for help with the facility cost which is \$625.00.

All food, table covers, chair covers, desert and soft drinks are included in the price.

Students are charged for tickets to help cover the cost of decorations and any other outstanding expenses.

Madeline Black states that she feels this is a good idea for the students and it can potentially be used as a marketing strategy.

The board discussed donating \$200 towards the junior/senior prom with the stipulation WAY Program (the Management Company) match the funds.

Motion made to approve the \$200 donation if matched by WAY Program was made by Renee Torres/Seconded by Laura Chavez. All members voted with Aye. There were none opposed, Passed unanimously.

#### XII. Adjournment

Motion made to adjourn at 6:42 pm by Laura Chavez/Seconded by Renee Torres. All members voted with Aye. There were none opposed. Passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 6:42pm.

Minutes of all Board of Directors meetings are available after approval by the

Board and will be posted on the W-A-Y Academy Detroit website, [www.wayprogram.net](http://www.wayprogram.net).  
Public notice of this meeting was posted as required by the Open Meetings Act.

**Minutes Certification:**

Approved minutes of March 19, 2019 Regular meeting respectfully submitted,

Sheila Flanagan  
Board Secretary

03-30-2019  
Date