

W-A-Y Academy Detroit
(Widening Advancements for Youth)
8701 W. Vernor Ave., Detroit, MI. 48209
**Note: November 19, 2019, Regular Meeting will be held at
19321 W. Chicago, Detroit, MI 48228**

Board of Directors' Regular Meeting
October 15, 2019
6:00 p.m.

Minutes

I. Call to Order by the President

Roll Call:

Murray X

Chavez-Wazeerud-Din X

Torres X

Flanagan X

II. Approval of Agenda – Board President Michael Murray requested amending the agenda adding the following under New Business Discussion Item 8 (Board Resolution Fairness First) and Action Item #1 (Approve Board Resolution Fairness First). Board President Murray also requested that we remove Items 1-5 under New Business and table them for the November board meeting.

1. Improvement of test scores/student achievement
2. School Leaders approach to using test results to increase student achievement
3. School Leaders to think about and present a growth target for student achievement
4. Superintendent to discuss how to monitor progress quarterly
5. Formation of student achievement committee

Motion made to approve the October 15, 2019 Regular Meeting Agenda as amended 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, September 17, 2019

Motion made to approve the September 17, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes by Sheila Flanagan/Seconded by Renee Torres. All members voted with Aye. There were none opposed. Passed unanimously.

V. Presentation of 2018-2019 Financial Audit – Audit Presentation from Rehmann Robson was held and the audit report was shared with the board.

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

Rich Klemm and Kelli Glenn shared information with the board on the Title programs for the Academy. Approval has been provided on these grants. Ms. Glenn shared that Superintendent Black did a lot of work to ensure the programs were approved early (much earlier than usual).

Charles Hyman of West Campus shared information around enrollment, attendance and credit attainment with the board and provided them with a handout. West Campus is currently at 167 for enrollment. Their initial goal for enrollment was 180. They are proud to report they have retained 73% of our students and enrolled 74 new students during this count period. They have increased their credit attainment and were at .6266 for the month of September. Attendance has increased as well.

Points of Pride for West Campus: Students who reached their credit goal and exercised good behavior were rewarded with enjoying the University Soul Circus. Our partnership with Zeta Phi Beta sorority visited the school and donated book bags to our students. Two students have completed their course work for graduation in December.

Board Member Sheila Flanagan asked about enrollment of 74 new students and what the grade level distribution looked like. Mr. Hyman said 9th grade was the strongest grade level enrolled, and their numbers are high right now.

Yolanda Brown of Southwest Campus shared information around enrollment, attendance and credit attainment with the board and provided them with a handout. Enrollment has increased and our Middle School is increasing as well. For the month of September, our Middle School students have been working toward the attainment goal of 0.5 credits for the month. While we've had growth in our Middle School, the focus has been on fundamental math review in ALEKS for the month. High School students exceeded their attainment goal of 0.5 credits for the month.

Points of Pride: 90% of students have completed Performance Series Testing. We will be partnering with local organizations who will provide our students with job opportunities. Five students will complete 100% of their Algebra II Class, and 2 students have earned over 4 credits in one month.

Board President Michael Murray asked how distribution is worked in the building with Middle School and High School students? Ms. Brown indicated the MS students work upstairs and the HS students work downstairs.

VII. LSSU Authorizer's Liaisons Report - Garnet Green – LSSU representative

Garnet Green wanted to share a couple of announcements with the board. Jenny Peterman requested that Mr. Green share the 2019/20 Webinar Series that is offered to the board. (Michelle Sarkody will share the handout with the board). He also shared information on the Governor's bill which reduces the pupil allocation

for students attending charter schools. Mr. Green also indicated he has a formulated letter that will share with the board. School aid action 166 policy just released 9/29/19 Governor amendment effective immediately.

Mr. Green shared information around the board enacting a policy banning abortion advice in the very near future, or they could risk major financial sanctions. Mr. Green recommended the board work with Mr. Hartman to ensure this piece is added to the board policies.

Mr. Green shared on the status of Dr. Patricia Mosner (potential board member), and indicated he would try to reengage her and get the board application approved. There is a School Safety Compliant issue coming out in the near future. Mr. Green will share the document with the board prior to the due date.

VIII. Old Business – None.

IX. New Business

A. Discussion Items: (Items 1-5 are tabled for the November Board Meeting)

1. Improvement of test scores/student achievement (Tabled for November meeting)
2. School Leaders approach to using test results to increase student achievement (Tabled for November meeting)
3. School Leaders to think about and present a growth target for student achievement (Tabled for November meeting)
4. Superintendent to discuss how to monitor progress quarterly (Tabled for November meeting)
5. Formation of student achievement committee (Tabled for November meeting)
6. East Campus Update

Rich Klemm indicated they are still working with the attorneys pertaining to the East Campus closure, and it may end up in litigation due to loss of costs, etc. Board President Murray asked if we have a cost of what we are spending/saving during the closure of this campus? Ms. Glenn indicated that we are containing the costs as much as possible. We will likely be in the hole with this campus. Discussion was held around Lakeshore agreement with WAY Program and how it impacted WAY Academy.

7. PSA Hylant Review Report

Ms. Glenn shared information around the Hylant Review which covers the Academy's liability insurance. Ms. Glenn indicated there was one finding to correct by November 8th and she will have this rectified to be in compliance.

8. Board Resolution Fairness First

Ms. Glenn shared information around the Governor's recent funding decision for Charter School students and shared a copy of the resolution with the board for consideration to send to the Governor.

Action Items:

1. Approve Board Resolution Fairness First

Motion made to approve the Fairness First Board Resolution by Michael Murray/Seconded by Laura Chavez. All members voted with Aye. There were none opposed. Passed unanimously.

X. Board Committee Reports/Comments/Action

Finance Committee:

A. Discussion Items:

1. Monthly Financial Report –September 2019– accept subject to audit

Kelli Glenn shared on the September 2019 Financial Report with the board and previously had provided them with a handout. Board President Murray asked if Ms. Glenn wanted to share on how the state aid note will work next year? Ms. Glenn indicated she would recommend the board use the state aid note borrowing as the interest rate is reduced. The board would need to have a new management agreement in place by July 2020. Board President Murray asked if we could put this topic on the December 2019 agenda.

B. Action Items:

1. Accept September 2019 Monthly Financial Report – accept subject to audit

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

2. Approve 2018-2019 Annual Financial Audit

Motion made to approve the 2018-19 Annual Financial Audit as presented by Renee Torres/Seconded by Laura Chavez. All members voted with Aye. There were none opposed. Passed unanimously.

XI. Announcements:

Next Regularly Scheduled Board meeting will be held on: Tuesday, November 19, 2019 at W-A-Y Academy Detroit, **West Campus, 19321 W. Chicago, Detroit, MI 48228 (Mr. Murray reminded the board that Julie Hopper will be in attendance at this meeting)**

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

None.

XIII. Adjournment at: 6:52 pm

Motion made to adjourn at 6:52 pm by Sheila Flanagan/Seconded by Renee Torres. All members voted with Aye. There were none opposed. Passed unanimously

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.

Minutes Certification:

Approved minutes of October 15, 2019 regular meeting respectfully submitted,

Sheila Flanagan
Board Secretary

11/19/19
Date