

W-A-Y Academy Detroit
(Widening Advancements for Youth)
19321 W. Chicago, Detroit, MI. 48228
Note: March 24, 2020, Regular Meeting will be held virtually

Board of Directors' Regular Meeting
March 24, 2020
6:00 p.m.

Minutes

I. Call to Order by the President at 6:07 pm

Roll Call:

Murray X

Chavez-Wazeerud-Din Absent

Torres X

Flanagan X

Moesner X

II. Approval of Agenda - Board President Michael Murray requested amending the agenda adding under New Business Discussion and Action Items:

New Business Discussion Item # 3. Discussion of Schoolcraft Site & Pending Construction, #4. Educational Service Provider Management Fee Discussion, and #5. Discussion of West Lease Negotiations

New Business Action Item # 2. Resolution regarding Schoolcraft Site & Construction

Board President Murray also requested to add the following under Finance Committee Discussion and Action Items:

Discussion Item #2: March 2020 Proposed General Fund Budget Amendment

Action Item #2: Approve the March 2020 Proposed General Fund Budget Amendment

Motion made to approve the March 24, 2020 Regular Meeting Agenda as amended by Renee Torres/Seconded by Sheila Flanagan. 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 18, 2020
- B. Approval of Minutes, Special Meeting, March 2, 2020

Motion made to approve the February 18, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes by Sheila Flanagan/Seconded by Renee Torres. All members voted with Aye. There were none opposed Passed unanimously

Motion made to approve the March 2, 2020 Special Meeting minutes by Sheila Flanagan/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

Superintendent Black provided the board with an update on COVID 19 and how the students are continuing to work throughout this time. We have confirmed this with our local audits and with the state as well. Students are still able to obtain food from our school. This information is posted on our website and we have been calling our families as well. Thus far we have not had any reports of our students and staff who have been diagnosed with the virus.

President Michael Murray shared that he felt we should not allow our students to go back into the building until the health department gives an okay. Board members also shared their support with this as well.

Southwest Director Jocelyn Farkas shared enrollment, credit attainment, and attendance information with the board and provided them with this information prior to the board meeting. February enrollment was at 130 students. Some students who left our school transferred to other schools.

Points of Pride:

Southwest Campus has been working very hard to reach out to families regarding attendance and the importance of being in school. We had seen an overall increase in Lab and Virtual attendance.

Southwest Campus has increased their social media posts and all robo calls are going out in English and Spanish.

WAY Academy Detroit's Robotics Team "Toro Loco", successfully built a functioning bot, and is competition ready. The team collaborated with Troy High School, and went to their workshop to get support from their students and team leaders.

Board Member Sheila Flanagan shared congrats to the Southwest Campus on achievement for attendance. She asked for clarification on decline of enrollment and Ms. Farkas indicated it was mostly high school students. Board President Michael Murray asked where students were returning? Ms. Farkas shared that Cesar Chavez is where most students returned to.

West Campus Director Charles Hyman shared enrollment, credit attainment, and attendance information with the board and provided them with this information prior to the board meeting.

Mr. Hyman shared information with the board around enrollment, credit attainment and attendance information and had provided them with this information prior to the board meeting. Current enrollment is 134 for February.

Points of Pride:

WAY Academy West student took 1st place in the February, Aleks math competition.

West Campus students enjoyed their fourth "Game/Movie day" for the 2019-2020 school year, for achieving .500 credits for the month.

WAY Academy West averaged over .500 credit attainment for the month.

Southwest Campus Director Jocelyn Farkas shared information with the board around credits achieved during the month of February. Ms. Black shared information on Alex math and how students attain credit with Alex math. West Campus Director Charles Hyman shared on this as well.

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

Garnet Green spoke on behalf of LSSU and shared thanks and endurance to staff during this COVID 19 epidemic. Lake Superior State University is very proud. Mr. Green reminded board that Jenny Peterman will be pushing out information/updates which will be relative to how we manage our schools throughout this epidemic.

Mr. Green indicated the follow up site visit for W. Vernor and W. Chicago will be pushed back. The visit to review corrections will likely occur during the summer.

VII. Old Business

A. Monthly Campus Update

1. Credits Achieved
2. Attendance
3. Number of students not achieving half the credits for the month
4. Students not achieving credit

VIII. New Business

A. Discussion Items:

1. Spring Board Policy Updates

Superintendent Madeline Black shared the Spring Board Policy updates with the board and provided explanation of these updates.

2. WAY Detroit Site/ Facility Report- Superintendent Madeline Black

Superintendent Black shared information on holding off of the new West Campus site at this time due to the epidemic. Ms. Black is recommending that the board continue and renew lease at West Campus current location. Board President Murray indicated he and Ms. Black had conversation around this prior to the meeting and he is in agreement with her. All board members agreed. Ms. Black shared

they will work on obtaining a rent reduction on the current space. Board President Murray asked for clarification on length of terms of the lease. Kelli Glenn indicated the board would need to approve a resolution to dismiss the construction of new building.

Motion made to approve the Resolution regarding suspension of new West Campus Schoolcraft Site & Construction as presented by Shelia Flanagan /Seconded by Renee Torres. All members voted with Aye. There were none opposed. Passed unanimously.

3. Discussion of Schoolcraft Site & Pending Construction

4. Educational Service Provider Management Fee Discussion

Rich Klemm and Kelli Glenn shared information with the board around the Educational Service Provider Management fee. The US Dept of Treasury will not allow the school to borrow money with lower interest unless a flat fee is instituted for the management fee. The board would need to have this in place by June 2020 in order to be eligible to participate in that loan funding.

Board President Murray shared we could likely go with a flat fee for now, however, we could look at adding incentives down the road. Board held additional conversation around this and indicated that 8% seemed reasonable. Board member Sheila Flanagan asked if there were benchmarks available to compare this information against other schools and Ms. Glenn shared additional information around this. Mr. Murray indicated that he'd like to have some of the monies budgeted/allocated to the fund balance.

Motion to accept proposed management fee of 8% and budget in 2% for fund balance by Sheila Flanagan/Seconded by Renee Torres. All members voted with Aye. There were none opposed. Passed unanimously.

Ms. Glenn shared on the process of revising the management agreement and will work with the board on this. Ms. Glenn indicated she would contact Lake Superior State University and find out their approval process. Ms. Glenn is hoping to have this in place by the next board meeting. Board President Murray asked if Ms. Glenn could have this completed within the next two weeks? Ms. Glenn indicated she will work on this and will advise.

5. Discussion of West Lease Negotiations

Ms. Glenn shared that contact has been made with the landlord and she is working on negotiating a new lease. This lease would need to be in place by June 30th so that it can be ready in time for the state aid note borrowing timeline.

B. Action Items:

1. Adoption of Spring Board Policies

Motion made to adopt the Spring Board Policies as presented by Renee Torres /Seconded by Patricia Moesner. All members voted with Aye. There were none opposed. Passed unanimously.

2. Resolution regarding Schoolcraft Site & Construction (see above New Business #2)

IX. Board Committee Reports/Comments/Action

Finance Committee:

A. Discussion Items:

1. Monthly Financial Report –February 2020– accept subject to audit

Kelli Glenn shared this information with the board and had previously provided them with a handout.

2. March 2020 Proposed General Fund Budget Amendment

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B. Action Items:

1. Accept February 2020 Monthly Financial Report – accept subject to audit

Motion made to accept the February 2020 Monthly Financial Report as presented by Patricia Moesner/Seconded by Renee Torres. All members voted with Aye. There were none opposed. Passed unanimously.

2. Approve the March 2020 Proposed General Fund Budget Amendment

Motion made to approve the March 2020 Proposed General Fund Budget Amendment 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: Tuesday, April 21, 2020 at W-A-Y Academy Detroit, Southwest Campus, 8701 W. Vernor Hwy., Detroit, MI. 48209

XI. 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.

XII. Adjournment at 7:17 pm

Motion made to adjourn at 7:17 pm by Patricia Moesner/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 March 24, 2020 Regular meeting respectfully submitted,

Shcila Flanagan

Board Secretary

04/26/2020

Date

Signature Certificate

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