

W-A-Y Academy Detroit
(Widening Advancements for Youth)
19321 W. Chicago, Detroit, MI. 48228

Note: February 16, 2021 Regular Meeting will be held via Zoom

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Board of Directors' Regular Meeting
February 16, 2021
6:00 p.m.

Minutes

I. Call to Order by the President at 6:00 pm

Roll Call:

Murray X Oakland County, MI

Chavez-Wazeerud-Din Absent

Torres X Wayne County, MI

Flanagan X Oakland County, MI

Moesner X Wayne County, MI

II. Approval of Agenda – Thea Daniels shared that the budget amendment action item (XI B. #2) would be presented at the March board meeting.

Motion made to approve the February 16, 2021 Regular Meeting Agenda as amended by Sheila Flanagan/Seconded by Renee Torres. All members voted with Aye. There were none opposed. Passed unanimously.

Roll Call Vote:

Murray Aye

Flanagan Aye

Moesner Aye

Torres Aye

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, January 19, 2020

Motion made to approve the January 19, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes by Sheila Flanagan/Seconded by Renee Torres. All members voted with Aye. There were none opposed. Passed unanimously.

Roll Call Vote:

Murray Aye

Flanagan ___ Aye ___
Moesner ___ Aye ___
Torres ___ Aye ___

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

Superintendent Madeline Black shared information around a class she is attending and will provide her with a Leading and Social Justice Certificate. She also shared information around the Southwest staff who are diligently out in the community. Ms. Black shared information around vacant space available at the Southwest Campus which could be utilized by one of our other School locations which would provide a savings for Southwest.

Charles Hyman, Director of West Campus, shared information with the board virtually around enrollment, attendance and credit attainment. This information had previously been provided to the board. Current enrollment is 123. Board President Michael Murray asked for the process used in determining when a student is inactive? Mr. Hyman and Ms. Black explained this process to the board. Ms. Black indicated that she would share the Caleb's Kids program information with the board.

We currently have a waiting list for students that are requesting enrollment. However, due to low attendance and credit attainment from our current students over the last 2 months, we decided not to enroll new students and focus our attention on developing our current students.

Credit for the month of January, has increased from (.4409) in December to (.5776) in January. We are constantly focusing on getting students to understand our Hero system, our credit goals and how to work the software needed to complete assignments. That includes, getting students and family to understand the system, the projects they need to complete, how to check their progress and grades; daily, weekly and monthly, as well as using the online experts. Our goal is to create an environment that is centered on a positive culture and academic success.

The attendance percentages for the month of January were 51% for High school and 63% for the middle school. We are trying to collaborate with the community, businesses and other academic/ training programs, to help increase attendance through engaging STEM, STREAM, Robotic and work ready programs and engaging project base programs, as well as calling parents and students, to discuss barriers for lack of attendance and credits. This month parents were responding to letters about attendance and academic information that was sent out in December, as well as the second letters that were sent out on January 15th, 2020 regarding our new attendance policy.

Points of Prides

1. January we had 53 students attained .5 credit or higher.
2. January we had 4 students attain over 2 credit for the month.

President Michael Murray inquired as to how students are communicating with one another. He asked if there might be any fun activities to offer the students to encourage student interaction. Ms. Black shared there are ongoing efforts to offer these types of activities to our students. Ms. Black indicated there are reading groups that have started in February. Sheila Flanagan inquired asked if there is a specific grade that seems to be meeting the credit attainment expectation or is it even between grades? Mr. Hyman shared this information with the board and shared it's pretty even in the High School.

Superintendent Madeline Black shared information with the board virtually around enrollment, attendance and credit attainment for Southwest Campus. This information had previously been provided to the board.

Ms. Black shared that 75% attendance for January was met. She also indicated that 25 students are on the honor roll. Two new mentors have joined the Southwest team and will meet with 25 students each on a weekly basis. Program Coordinator Alexandra Guzman is in place. New Team Leader Mirta Denis is a member of the community of Southwest

Detroit and bilingual. Within the first week, Ms. Denis has been able to reach out and re-engage a lot of our students who have said they feel lost because of the pandemic.

The School Social Worker has been working with our students. The school has enacted the google search which will show the staff any students who may need Social Worker Services.

VI. LSSU Authorizer's Liaison 's Report

Garnet Green shared information with the board around virtual board meetings that have been extended until March 31, 2021. Relative to in person board meetings, there is a new executive order around attendance at meetings. Mr. Green suggested the board have their attorney review the language within the executive order around attendees at the board meetings.

Personnel verification report has been completed and should be shared with the board members. Ms. Black indicated the audit showed zero findings.

Mr. Green reminding the board that the Conflict-of-Interest forms will appear as a compliance item and will be reflected in the Academy report card. Completed forms from the board members are due to be returned by March 31, 2021. Mr. Green will provide these forms to the board members.

LSSU Board Professional Developments are ongoing. Mr. Green encouraged the board to please take time to review the Professional Development's that are available and encouraged the board to participate.

Mr. Green shared a reminder around board member appointments that expire on June 30, 2021 for Ms. Torres and Ms. Wazeerud-Din. Appointment/Reappointment documentation is due by April 2nd.

VII. Old Business

A. Discussion Items:

1. Extended Covid-19 Learning Plans ("ECLP")

Superintendent Black shared information around the Academy returning to the blended model effective March 1, 2021. This change would be noted within our Extended Covid-19 Learning Plan (ECLP). Ms. Black shared information with the board around accommodations that have been made within the building in an effort to keep the students and staff safe upon their return.

Board President Murray shared information around many minority schools who are not having students return to school on March 1st, however, noted our opening would allow all students an opportunity to return. Board member Sheila Flanagan shared her excitement around students being allowed the opportunity to return to the building. Board Member Renee Torres asked if there is a COVID plan in place for the staff/students returning? Ms. Black shared this information is available on the website and she verbally shared the process with the board. Ms. Black indicated the school is looking into onsite COVID testing within the building which may be available in the near future.

B. Action Items:

1. Approve Monthly ECLP Board Resolution

Motion made to approve the Monthly ECLP Board Resolution as presented by Patricia Moesner/Seconded by Renee Torres. All members voted with Aye. There were none opposed. Passed unanimously.

Roll Call Vote:

Murray _Aye_____

Flanagan Aye
Moesner Aye
Torres Aye

VIII. New Business

A. Discussion Items:

1. School Opening

B. Action Items:

IX. Board Committee Reports/Comments/Action

Finance Committee:

A. Discussion Items:

1. Monthly Financial Report –January 2021

Thea Daniels shared information with the board around the January 2021 Financial Report and provided this information virtually with the board. Board President Murray inquired if Edibles Rex would be providing lunches to the students. Ms. Black indicated they would continue with lunch pick up at this time until we see how many students will be returning. Board President Murray inquired as to what items are included in the bag lunch. Ms. Daniels shared that breakfast bags provide a box cereal with milk or breakfast bars, and lunch would consist of sandwich, fruit, and milk.

B. Action Items:

1. Accept January 2021 Monthly Financial Report

Motion made to approve the January 2021 Financial Report as presented by Renee Torres /Seconded by Sheila Flanagan. All members voted with Aye. There were none opposed Passed unanimously.

Roll Call Vote:

Murray Aye
Flanagan Aye
Moesner Aye
Torres Aye

X. Announcements:

Next Regularly Scheduled Board meeting will be: Tuesday, March 16, 2021 at W-A-Y Academy Detroit, 8701 W. Vernor Hwy., Detroit, MI. 48209

XI. Call to the Public

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None.

XII. Adjournment at 6:53 pm.

Motion made to adjourn at 6:53 pm by Renee Torres/Seconded by Patricia Moesner. All members voted with Aye. There were none opposed Passed unanimously.

Roll Call Vote:

Murray __Aye____
Flanagan __Aye____
Moesner __Aye____
Torres __Aye____

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Minutes Certification:

Approved minutes of February 16, 2021 Regular meeting respectfully submitted,

Sheila Flanagan

Board Secretary



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Date

Signature Certificate

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