

Board Meeting Minutes

W-A-Y Academy Detroit

(Regular Board Meeting)

Date: December 16th, 2025

1. Attendance

Board Members Present:

- Michael Murray (Wayne County)
- Laura Chavez-Wazeerud-Din (Wayne County) - LATE
- Danielle Bascomb (Wayne County)
- Sheila Flanagan (Wayne County) - LATE
- Patricia Moesner (Wayne County)

Others Present:

- Isaiah Pettway - LATE
- Trena Braswell
- Cameron Nichols
- Sherry Lynem
- Marilyn Galan
- Ashley Dodson
- Garnet Green (Via Zoom)

Meeting called to order by Michael Murray at 6:01 pm.

II. Approval of the Agenda

- Motion to approve the agenda by Danielle Bascomb / 2nd Patricia Moesner
 - **Roll Call Vote:** Michael Murray (Y) Danielle Bascomb (Y) Patricia Moesner (Y).
Motion carries.

III. Call to the Public

- Mrs. Trena Braswell, Director of Charter Schools introduced Miss Ashley Dodson our Student Engagement Coach and Robotics Lead Coach at WAY southwest.
- Miss Ashley Dodson introduced herself to the Board and reported that she has been with WAY southwest for one year and enjoys working with our students.

IV. Consent Agenda

- A. Approval of Meeting Minutes of November 18, 2025 Regular Board Meeting
 - Motion to approve by Danielle Bascomb / 2nd Patricia Moesner
 - **Roll Call Vote:** Michael Murray (Y) Danielle Bascomb (Y) Patricia Moesner (Y). Motion carries.

V. Correspondence

- A. NONE

VI. LSSU Authorizer's Liaison's Report (*Dr. Garnet Green*):

- Dr. Green informed the board there are no updates to report at this time.
- Board president, Michael Murray inquired about dual enrollment, noting that students were unable to participate during the previous enrollment cycle.
- Mrs. Braswell, Director of Charter Schools, reported that two students from the WEST campus and one student from the SW campus will participate in dual enrollment during the upcoming Winter term.
- Board member Patricia Moesner asked whether LSSU limits the number of available dual enrollment slots.
- Dr. Green explained that while an initial limited number of slots is offered, additional spaces are reserved to ensure students are able to participate as needed.

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

ESP Report / Director's Report (Mr. Cameron Nichols):

- Thanksgiving baskets and gift cards were distributed to select families at both Southwest and West campuses.
- Credit attainment was lower than usual for the month. Factors contributing to this included several inclement weather days and the shorter instructional month of November.
- A parent meeting was held at the Southwest campus, with four to five families in attendance. Families received gifts provided by Ms. Madeline Black.
- Some students participated in a field trip to the University of Detroit Mercy. During the visit, students and staff encountered two WAY Academy graduates who are currently enrolled in college and working toward their degrees.
- Some students from both WEST and Southwest also participated in a Science field trip to Lower Huron Metro Park.
- Students continue to take advantage of additional programming opportunities. The MILES program at our West campus will present student work at the parent meeting scheduled to take place there.
- Career Day flyers have been created and recruitment efforts have begun.
- *Let the record reflect Superintendent Pettway arrived at the meeting at 6:09pm.*

ESP Report / Superintendent's Report (Mr. Isaiah Pettway):

- The Board was informed that the education provider platform (CENTRIC) has announced a rate increase of \$4 per student. The increase would result in an additional cost of approximately \$784 per month, or \$9,408 annually.
- Board President Murray questioned the previously executed 4 year agreement and the reason for the price increase. Superintendent Pettway clarified that the agreement is a five-year contract and includes a clause allowing for price increases due to rising costs or the addition of new features, noting that AI is the new feature being introduced.
- Board president Michael Murray stated that the Board did not approve that contract. Superintendent Pettway clarified that the contract is with WAY Program. Board President Murray asked whether the increase could be negotiated. Superintendent Pettway responded that the learning platform pricing is likely not negotiable; however, any potential negotiation would be with WAY Program and should be directed to Ms. Madeline Black.
- Superintendent Pettway invited Mrs. Braswell, Director of Charter Schools, to provide an update. Mrs. Braswell reported that site visits were conducted at two prospective locations for the West campus and that a proposal has been submitted. The proposed lease rate is \$12,000 per month, which represents a decrease from the current contract.
- Mrs. Braswell further reported that the proposed facility is larger and includes 10 rooms, additional space, a gym, kitchen, and outdoor areas. A response from the building owner is expected within 48 hours.
- Board President Murray asked whether the academy would maintain a footprint at the current West location and what the associated cost would be. Superintendent Pettway responded that the administration intends to negotiate with the current building owner but is awaiting the outcome of the proposed new location.
- Superintendent Pettway noted there is interest from corporate offices for the WAY Program in occupying space at the new location. If this occurs, WAY Program would subsidize a portion of the cost based on the amount of space utilized, resulting in cost savings and allowing WAY WEST to maintain some level of presence at the current site.
- Superintendent Pettway noted that the administration will prepare a presentation for the board to be discussed in the near future.
- Board President Murray asked about the possibility of adding younger students in a traditional school setting since additional space will be available if WEST moves to a different location..

- Superintendent Pettway indicated there may be an opportunity to explore this option and suggested a potential model of adding one grade level per year.
- Superintendent Pettway explained that accountability measures and performance metrics for elementary schools differ significantly from those for middle and high schools.
- Board President Murray noted that the community may have interest in this option and described the situation as unique compared to past circumstances.
- Superintendent Pettway stated that this is an appropriate time to raise the topic, as the charter contract is up for renewal next year, allowing any proposed changes or expansion requests to be formally presented to the LSSU for consideration. He further noted that the LSSU has indicated openness to reviewing expansion proposals from the Board.
- Board President Murray asked whether it would be feasible to operate both programs simultaneously. Superintendent Pettway explained that doing so would require separate designations. He noted that the current designation is 5OD (Adult Education), and adding grades outside of that designation would require a different classification, which could necessitate an additional district or school code.
- Superintendent Pettway advised that such questions would need to be reviewed by the LSSU's legal counsel and that the programs would likely need to operate as two separate entities.
- *At 6:23 pm Board President Murray asked to let the record reflect that Board Member Sheila Flanagan had arrived.*

VIII. Old Business

- A. Discussion Items:
NONE
- B. Action Items:
NONE

IX. New Business

- A. Discussion Items:
 1. Strategic Planning Session
 - Board Member Flanagan stated that the Superintendent Pettway distributed the framework outlining the process for accomplishing the strategic goals. She noted that Board members had an opportunity to review the document and indicated that, if there were no questions or additional discussion, the Board could proceed with acceptance of the strategic plan.

- Board Member Flanagan further commented that significant thought and effort went into the development of the plan and expressed her support for moving forward.

2. School Improvement Committee

- Director Nichols stated the last meeting was on Friday and the next meeting will take place on Friday, Jan. 9.
- EWIMS data continues to be shared. EWIMS is focused on the ABCs - Attendance, Behavior and Credit.
- Board members were encouraged to join the meeting and were reminded that a link has already been provided.

3. Career Day Committee

- Board Member Moesner said recruitment for Career Day has started now that a flyer is available.

B. Action Items:

Motion approval of Strategic Plan

- Moved by Danielle Bascomb / 2nd Patricia Moesner
 - **Roll Call Vote:** Michael Murray (Y) Danielle Bascomb (Y) Patricia Moesner (Y) Sheila Flanagan. Motion carries.

X. Board Committee Reports / Comments / Action

Finance Committee:

A. Discussion Items

1. November 2025 Financial Statements:

- State Aid Payment Received: \$207,468.74
- Miscellaneous: -
- Wayne Resa: \$61,473.23
- Payables as of November 2025: \$80,382.24
- Payroll Liabilities (12/12, 11/26, HC): \$102,194.62
- Request for transfer in the amount of: \$182,576.86

B. Action Items:

Motion Approval of the November Financial Statements

- Moved by Danielle Bascomb / 2nd Patricia Moesner
 - **Roll Call Vote:** Michael Murray (Y) Danielle Bascomb (Y) Patricia Moesner (Y) Sheila Flanagan (Y). Motion carries.

XI. Announcements

- Board President Murray requested that the Lunch Program be explored and discussed at the next board meeting.

- Board President Murray also proposed inviting one teacher or staff member to attend a board meeting on a quarterly basis as a guest so that the board can meet the staff.
- Additionally, Board President Murray suggested inviting a student to provide a presentation to the Board twice per year (e.g., a Robotics presentation).
- *Let the record reflect Board Member Laura Chavez arrived at the meeting at 6:35pm.*
- Board Member Chavez informed Superintendent Pettway, Director Braswell and Director Nichols that some WAY Academy families will be receiving \$250 gift cards this week.

XII. Call to the Public

- No public comments were made.


XIV. Adjournment

- Motion to Adjourn moved by Patricia Moesner / 2nd Sheila Flanagan
Roll Call Vote: Michael Murray (Y) Danielle Bascomb (Y) Patricia Moesner (Y) Sheila Flanagan (Y) Laura Chavez (Y). Motion carries.
- The meeting adjourned at 6:38pm

Minutes submitted by: Marilyn Galan

Minutes Certification:

Approved minutes of December 16th, 2025 Regular Meeting respectfully
submitted,


[Sherry Flanagan \(Jan 20, 2026 22:03:28 EST\)](#)

Board Secretary

Jan 20, 2026

Date

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