

Board Meeting Minutes

W-A-Y Academy Detroit (Regular Board Meeting)

Date: January 20th, 2026

1. Attendance

Board Members Present:

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

Others Present:

- Isaiah Pettway
- Trena Braswell
- Cameron Nichols
- Sherry Lynem

Meeting called to order by Michael Murray at 6:11 pm

II. Approval of the Agenda

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

III. Call to the Public

NONE

IV. Consent Agenda

- A. Approval of Meeting Minutes of December 16, 2025 Regular Board Meeting
 - Motion to approve by Patricia Moesner / 2nd Sheila Flanagan
 - **Roll Call Vote:** Patricia Moesner (Y), Sheila Flanagan (Y), Danielle Bascomb (Y), Michael Murray (Y). Motion carries.

V. Correspondence

A. LSSU Annual Fiscal Report - *Superintendent Pettway*

- The Annual Fiscal Report was distributed to Board members via email.
- The report indicates that the organization's financial solvency remains strong.
- All required financial metrics were met.

- The highest possible score is 25 points. Our schools received a score of 23 out of 25, reflecting overall strong financial performance.

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

NONE

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

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

- An update was provided by Superintendent Pettway noting that all grants are in and Title funds have been approved.
- We are entering the amendment period, due by February 27.
- Plans are being considered to extend the *M.I.L.E.S.* program and the *Kreative with Kris* program at the school.
- Two new Robotics coaches have been added at the West and Southwest locations.

ESP Report / Directors Report (Mr. Cameron Nichols):

- Efforts continue to focus on improving student attendance, increasing in-person engagement, and encouraging consistent participation.
- Additional programming has contributed positively to student engagement.
- Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) activity has occurred in the Southwest area, impacting some families.
- HomeBase will now remain open throughout the day to allow students to check in remotely, as needed.
- The school is entering the Spring Count period; *Count Day is Wednesday, February 11.*
- Coat donations were distributed to some students at the Southwest campus last month.
- Hoodie donations are scheduled for the West campus this month.
- A student incentive drawing will be held at both campuses during the Spring Count period. One student per campus will be eligible to receive a **\$100 gift card** upon meeting the following expectations:
 - Earn at least **0.5 credits** during the month of February
 - Maintain **perfect attendance** for the month

- Complete **both parts of the NWEA assessment**
- The deadline for NWEA testing is Friday, January 6.
- Director Braswell reported that the *Career Fair* will take place on May 12.
- Board members and staff were encouraged to begin recruiting guests for the Career Fair, noting that a recruitment spreadsheet was distributed via email.

VIII. Old Business

A. Discussion Items:

NONE

B. Action Items:

NONE

IX. New Business

A. Discussion Items:

1. New Lease Update-Mrs. Braswell

- Director Braswell provided an update regarding a proposed lease for the new location. She reported that an initial lease proposal was made at \$12,000 per month and that a counter-proposal was given at \$14,000 per month.
- Director Braswell reminded the Board that the current monthly lease payment is \$13,782, which does not include janitorial services or utilities.
- Mrs. Braswell further noted that, when janitorial services and utilities are included, the current total monthly cost is approximately \$19,450.
- The proposed new lease would include rent, janitorial services, and utilities.
- The new location would provide classroom space, access to the sanctuary, and access to outdoor areas. Use of additional spaces may be possible but would require further discussion.
- Some spaces would be shared, defined as use by other parties during evening hours and on Sundays.
- Superintendent Pettway reported that WAY Program is interested in subleasing space at the new location to relocate its offices.
- The Superintendent stated that, if approved by the Board, the lease would be forwarded to legal counsel for review. Legal counsel must review the lease and provide a written opinion prior to final execution and submission to LSSU.

- Board members asked questions regarding the sublease arrangement and the possibility of maintaining space at the West location.
- Superintendent Pettway responded that Mrs. Braswell will talk to Steve about retaining a small space at the West location.
- All board members agreed that they would like for Director Braswell to move forward with the negotiation of the new lease at the new location.

2. Strategic Planning Session

- Board President Murray talked about a retreat (as mentioned in the last couple of meetings) but at the new location.
- He added that it would give board members who have not yet seen the premises to do so. He said it would also give everyone the opportunity to review the Strategic Plan and talk about the future and both short and long term goals.
- A date will be announced for some time during the month of April.

3. School Improvement Committee

- Director Nichols spoke about the last meeting which took place this past Friday and he reminded everyone that the next meeting is February 20th at 10:00 am.
- The first touch point with MDE has taken place. There is a new consultant and meetings will take place 4 times per year to discuss school improvement and improving index scores.
- We are also still meeting weekly with Wayne RESA to discuss data

4. Career Day Committee

- Board members were reminded that Career Day will take place at the Southwest campus on May 12th.
- Board members and staff were encouraged to bring in at least 2 participants.

B. Action Items:

1. New Lease Update-Mrs. Braswell

- Motion for Mrs. Braswell to go forward with Lease negotiations moved Sheila Flanagan / 2nd Danielle Bascomb
 - **Roll Call Vote:** Patricia Moesner (Y), Sheila Flanagan (Y), Danielle Bascomb (Y), Michael Murray (Y). Motion carries.

X. Board Committee Reports / Comments / Action

Finance Committee:

A. Discussion Items

1. December 2025 Financial Statements:

- State Aid Payment Received: \$238,262.89
- Wayne RESA: \$3,626.55
- State of MI: \$35,235.34
\$ 9,937.35
- Payables as of December 2025: \$75,948.82
- Payroll Liabilities (1/9, 1/23 & HC): \$93,999.30
- Request for transfer in the amount of: \$169,948.12

Superintendent Pettway reported that, through the amendment process, necessary adjustments were made to Special Education without the use of fund balance. He noted that staff bonuses were provided.

Discussions regarding staff compensation, including annual raises and bonuses in alternating years is ongoing.

Mrs. Sherry Lynem informed the Board that a new money market account has been established and that the amount of \$75,000 was transferred into the money market account.

B. Action Items:

Motion Approval of the December Financial Statements

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

Motion to Amend Budget

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

XI. Announcements

NONE

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:** Patricia Moesner (Y), Sheila Flanagan (Y), Danielle Bascomb (Y), Michael Murray (Y). Motion carries.

- The meeting adjourned at 7:07pm

Minutes submitted by: Marilyn Galan

Minutes Certification:

Approved minutes of January 20th, 2026 Regular Meeting respectfully
submitted,


[Sharon Flanagan \(Feb 25, 2026 08:27:53 EST\)](#)

Board Secretary

Feb 25, 2026

Date


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