

Board Meeting Minutes

W-A-Y Academy Detroit

(Regular Board Meeting)

Date: July 15th, 2025

1. Attendance

Board Members Present:

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

Others Present:

- Trena Braswell
- Cameron Nichols
- Sherry Lynem

Meeting called to order by Laura Chavez-Wazeerud-Din at 6:00 PM.

II. Approval of the Agenda

- Addition to Agenda:
- **Approval of the Strategic Planning Goals**
 - New Business Item 4 and Action Item
- Motion to approve the agenda by Danielle Bascomb / 2nd [Sheila Flanagan](#)
 - **Roll Call Vote:** Laura Chavez-Wazeerud-Din (Y) Patricia Moesner (Y) Sheila Flanagan (Y) Danielle Bascomb (Y). Motion carries.

III. Call to the Public

- No public comments were made.

IV. Consent Agenda

- A. Approval of Meeting Minutes of June 17th 2025 Regular/Organizational Meeting
- B. Motion to approve by Patricia Moesner / 2nd [Sheila Flanagan](#)
 - a. **Roll Call Vote:** Laura Chavez-Wazeerud-Din (Y) Patricia Moesner (Y) Sheila Flanagan (Y) Danielle Bascomb (Y). Motion carries.

V. Correspondence

- A. None

VII. LSSU Authorizer's Liaison's Report

- A. Dr. Green was absent.

B. Insurance Requirements were sent out and need to be approved.

Educational Service Providers Report

ESP Report/ Superintendents report

- The U.S. Department of Education is withholding approximately \$160 million in funds previously appropriated to the State. In response, the Michigan State Superintendent and Attorney General are suing the federal government for release of the funds. This may impact some grant funding, but the school is currently in a stable position.
- Recent federal legislation will significantly reduce Title III funding, which supports English as a Second Language (ESL) students. The cut could affect \$40,000–\$80,000 in funding for WAY. Carryover funds should sustain operations for this school year.
- An upcoming meeting is scheduled with the landlord for the West campus to discuss lease recommendations. An alternative location on Seven Mile is also being evaluated. The board will be updated via email before the next board meeting.
- Staff is currently on break. Full staff will return for professional development and team-building from August 11–13 in Bay City. Costs are fully covered. Training will focus on Early Warning Intervention and Monitoring Systems (EWIMS), MICIP, and NWEA assessment planning.

Data Report WAY Academy **West** Campus **June 2025**:

1. Enrollment: **543** Students
2. Enrollment by Grade Level: **10th** Grade with **16** Students
3. Total Credit: **13.6** Credits
4. Average Credit Attainment: **0.26**
5. Average Credit Attainment by Grade Level: **11th** Grade with **0.54** Credits
6. Relative Attendance: **50%**

Data Report WAY Academy **Southwest** Campus **May 2025**:

1. Enrollment: **116** Students
2. Enrollment by Grade Level: **10th** Grade with **27** Students
3. Total Credit: **42.1** Credits
4. Average Credit Attainment: **0.36**
5. Average Credit Attainment by Grade Level: **10th** Grade with **0.59** Credits
6. Relative Attendance: **50 %**

Directors Report:

- June was busy with student activities: Trips to Toledo Zoo, CJ Barrymore, Cedar Point, Tigers game
- Science fair with Metro Parks (fully funded)
- Successful graduation with 25+ graduates
- New programs added: ESL program, Graphic design program (10-week course)

VIII. Old Business-None

IX. New Business

1. Strategic Planning Session

- The board reviewed the finalized strategic goals and objectives during the last meeting.
- Tonight, a motion for board approval is needed to formally adopt the goals and allow the leadership team to begin completing the strategic leadership template.
- Feedback from PNG included a suggestion to revise the removed percentages related to mastery of standards. The board is open to recommendations on how to address this.
- If there are no objections, the board will proceed with approving the strategic goals and continue with the planning process.

2. School Improvement Committee:

Update from MDE – Dr. English

- The school held its **final touchpoint of the year** with Dr. English from the Michigan Department of Education (MDE). This marks the fourth annual meeting, part of a continued monitoring process in the school's **third year of the CSI plan**.
- Dr. English shared that **official re-identification status** will be communicated in **August 2025**.
- Regardless of re-identification, Dr. English encouraged the school to **continue its current strategies**, noting:
 - The school is clearly **aligned with the CSI plan**.
 - Efforts to improve academic outcomes and student engagement are **on track and effective**.
 - He affirmed the school's commitment to improvement and commended the leadership team for **not using external standards as an excuse**, but rather as motivation for sustained action.

Collaborative Support with Wayne RESA

- The school continues to meet **weekly with Wayne RESA**, specifically with CSI partners such as Serena and Beth, to:
 - Analyze testing and attendance data.
 - Understand **test participation metrics** and academic growth expectations.
 - Strategize around the **state accountability system** and ensure alignment with state standards.
- These weekly check-ins have shifted the school's improvement approach from a **monthly review cycle** to a **daily and weekly action-driven model**, leading to more meaningful impact.

Staff Retreat Announcement

- In alignment with CSI recommendations, the school will host a **two-day staff retreat** in August 2025.

Audience: All Detroit-based staff (Southwest and West campuses).

Location: Off-site (venue to be confirmed).

- **Purpose:**
 - Reflect on 2024–2025 performance data.
 - Collaborate across teams on school improvement strategies.
 - Participate in professional development aligned with state initiatives.
- **Facilitators/Presenters:** Wayne RESA representatives, including Sabrina, who will lead sessions on:
 - **Testing outcomes and interpretation**
 - **Intervention strategies (Early Warning Intervention and Monitoring System - EWIMS)**
 - **Strategic planning aligned with state and CSI goals**
- The retreat is **fully funded** and was recommended as a best practice during CSI planning to encourage team cohesion, reduce operational distractions, and provide dedicated time for school improvement work.

A. Discussion Items:

X. Board Committee Reports

Financial Report & Budget Update

1. June 2025 Financial Statements:

- State Aid Payment Received of the amount \$216,108.97
- State of Michigan \$39,390.88
- Wayne Resa \$17,703.17
- Miscellaneous \$52,277.62
- Payables as of **June 2025** \$76,196.11
- Payroll Liabilities \$ 93,617.46
- Request for transfer in the amount of \$169,813.57

B. Action Items:

Motion Approval of the June 2025 Financial Statements

- Moved by Laura Chavez-Wazeerud-Din / 2nd Patricia Moesner
- **Roll Call Vote:** Laura Chavez-Wazeerud-Din (Y) Patricia Moesner (Y) Sheila Flanagan (Y). Motion carries.

XI. Announcements-None

XII. Call to the Public

- No public comments were made.

XIII. Adjournment

- Motion to Adjourn moved by Laura Chavez-Wazeerud-Din / 2nd Patricia Moesner
- **Roll Call Vote:** Laura Chavez-Wazeerud-Din (Y) Patricia Moesner (Y) Sheila Flanagan. Motion carries.

- Meeting adjourned at 6:39 PM.

Minutes submitted by: Alexandra Guzman

Approved