

Board Meeting Minutes

W-A-Y Academy Detroit

(Regular Board Meeting)

Date: September 16th, 2025

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
- Marilyn Galan

Meeting called to order by Michael Murray at 6:08 PM.

II. Approval of the Agenda

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

III. Call to the Public

- No public comments were made.

IV. Consent Agenda

- A. Approval of Meeting Minutes of August 26, 2025 Regular Board Meeting Motion to approve by Danielle Bascomb / 2nd Patricia Moesner
 - **Roll Call Vote:** Sheila Flanagan (Y) Patricia Moesner (Y) Danielle Bascomb (Y) Michael Murray (Y). Motion carries.

V. Correspondence

A. Governance Memo - LSSU (Superintendent Pettway)

- Members of the board received the Annual Governance Memo from LSSU via email and it was also included in the board meeting packet. This was sent from Rebecca on behalf of Chris Oshelski, the Executive Director of the Charter School Office.
- The memo outlines annual expectations, responsibilities and areas for monitoring.

- The Board is already in compliance with all listed expectations and is in good standing.

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

LSSU Charter Guarantee

- On September 10, Tammy Bell shared a communiqué with all academy leaders announcing that the CSO is partnering with the LSSU Admissions Office to promote the LSSU Charter Guarantee. Under this initiative, graduates from LSSU-authorized charter academies are guaranteed admission to Lake Superior State University and are eligible for targeted financial aid support. To facilitate this process, the Admissions Office has requested contact information for all seniors so they can formally extend the offer and guide students through the next steps.
- Additional information will be included in my upcoming communiqué. Superintendent Pettway should have received a Google spreadsheet to list all seniors so that we may begin the process. 11th graders, who may advance during the school year, may also be added to the list.
- The LSSU Charter Guarantee will be a complete package, with the financial aid office assisting to ensure affordability, including tuition, room & board, and meals. The goal is for students to live on campus and experience college life. Transportation and virtual attendance has not been discussed but there will be a follow-up with Chris regarding these options.

MAPSA Symposium

- Registration for the 2025 MAPSA Symposium is now LIVE. The first 20 registrants using the LSSU code will receive a \$100 discount. Mrs. Guzman, Superintendent Pettway, and Mike will receive the registration link and details following this meeting. The symposium will be held December 10–11.

Angie Irwin PD Series for 2025-2026

- We have the professional development dates and descriptions for you. The first session was held on September 9th. Going forward, the Charter School Office will provide nine 45-minute live webinars on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM, along with three pre-recorded 15-minute “quick-hitter” sessions. Additionally, three in-person regional sessions are scheduled for October. A link with full details will be shared after the meeting.

Academy Enrollment Count

- Current academy enrollment will be confirmed with Superintendent Pettway during tonight's meeting and shared with Chris.

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

ESP Report / Superintendent Report

- Dr. Michael Rice has retired; the current District Superintendent of Dearborn Public Schools, Dr. Glenn Maleyko has been appointed as the new State Superintendent. Updates on the transition and any related changes will be provided as available.
- Title I allocations have been received with a reduction in funding; no major programming changes needed.
- Title II and Title III allocations are still pending; prior approval submission will occur within the next week.
- Title III funding (for English language learners) has been reduced. While this significantly impacts our Southwest campus, staff will not be affected. Staff previously funded under Title III have been reassigned to the bilingual (Section 41B) grant. Program adjustments may be necessary.
- No state budget has been passed. The legislature has until September 30th to avoid a government shutdown.
- We are still uncertain about a potential increase or changes in the per pupil allowance. We hope for a CR, which would allow government entities to be funded at current funding levels.
- The school is financially stable for a couple of months, but anything outside a 3-month window may lead to major issues.
- As Dr. Green mentioned, information required will be submitted to LSSU as part of the Graduation Guarantee initiative. The program is being promoted among students. Students will now receive an admissions letter with their diplomas, along with their scholarship opportunity. There is growing student interest and as the program develops, information will be shared with parents.
- In reference to the information Dr. Green shared regarding the MAPSA Symposium, board members interested in attending will be sent registration details. Early registration and available LSSU discount will be arranged. The Michigan Association for Public School Academies (MAPSA) provides support for training and offers valuable insights into lobbying efforts.
- Current enrollment stands at 176 students, with 22 applications in process and 18 leads.
- Some challenges with enrollment include applications from students with serious disciplinary issues or prior expulsions. Certain Southwest Campus families are experiencing challenges related to ICE. The school continues to reassure families that it

is a safe haven. Michigan is a safe-harbor state, and the school adheres to state law regarding student safety and protection.

- Last year's enrollment goal of 205 was exceeded, reaching 212 students. This year's goal is 215 students. Enrollment targets are based on the formula: *average number of students enrolled minus number of graduates*. The goal is 5–10% steady growth annually. Over the last three years, both enrollment and the number of graduates has increased.

ESP Report / Directors Report:

- Over the past three years, there has been steady growth in enrollment, graduation rates, and student engagement. Staff involvement and retention remain strong and at the desired levels. Overall, the school is in a good position moving forward.
- There has been an increase in middle school enrollment, which was a goal. The aim is to attract younger students so they remain with the school longer. Last year, there were approximately 22 middle school students across both campuses; this year, middle school enrollment is already at 37.
- Credit attainment in August was lower, as many students were still home for the summer and working virtually.
- The Graphic Design and ESL programs launched this week. Science with Metro Parks will begin the second week of October. NWEA testing began last week. A college tour is scheduled for Friday. Robotics will continue to be offered this school year.

VIII. Old Business - None

IX. New Business

A. Discussion Items

1. Strategic Planning Session

- Sheila Flanagan asked if Superintendent Pettway has filled out the questionnaire and Mrs. Trena Braswell responded that she would find out.

2. School Improvement Committee

- Mr. Cameron Nichols talked about working directly with Sabrina from Wayne RESA on a weekly basis. He invited board members to join and said he would provide them with a link.

3. Career Day Committee

- Patricia Moesner asked that Mr. Nichols create a flyer so that we may start recruiting early and he agreed. She encouraged us to over-recruit in case some can't make it on that day. Career Day is scheduled for Tuesday, May 12th.

4. Vended School Meals Contract-Renewal

- Ms. Sherry Lynem spoke on behalf of Superintendent Pettway.
- The school is currently in year two of its five-year, state-approved food service contract. The annual renewal application has been submitted to continue with Edibles Rex as the food service provider. The State has approved the renewal, and is pending Board acceptance.
- The renewal includes a 3.1% increase, bringing reimbursement rates to \$2.75 per meal for breakfast and \$4.62 per meal for lunch.

Action Items

1. Vended School Meals Contract-Renewal

- Motion to accept vended school meals contract renewal - Sheila Flanagan / 2nd Patricia Moesner
Roll Call Vote: Danielle Bascomb (Y) Sheila Flanagan (Y) Patricia Moesner (Y) Michael Murray (Y) . Motion carries.

X. Board Committee Reports / Comments / Action

A. Discussion Items

1. August 2025 Financial Statements:

- State Aid Payment Received of the amount \$217,134.01
- State of Michigan \$26,960.20
- Wayne Resa \$26,243.10
- Miscellaneous \$2,801.44
- Payables as of **August 2025** \$87,495.41
- Payroll Liabilities \$132,060.39
- Request for transfer in the amount of \$219,555.80

B. Action Items:

Motion Approval of the August 2025 Financial Statements

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

XI. Announcements-None

XII. Call to the Public

- No public comments were made.


XIII. Adjournment

- Motion to Adjourn moved by Danielle Bascomb / 2nd Patricia Moesner
Roll Call Vote: Patricia Moesner (Y) Danielle Bascomb (Y) Michael Murray (Y) Sheila Flanagan (Y). Motion carries.
- The meeting adjourned at 7:18 PM.

Minutes submitted by: Marilyn Galan

Minutes Certification:

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


Sherry Hanagan (Oct 31, 2025 11:39:23 EDT)

Board Secretary

Oct 31, 2025

Date






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