

Board Meeting Minutes
W-A-Y Academy Flint
(Rescheduled/Informational Board Meeting)

Date: August 27, 2024

Members Present: Howard Buetow, Venetta Watt Tucker and Sanford J. Edwards III.

Others present: Isaiah Pettway, Trena Braswell, Madeline Black, Chris Oshelski, L. Deon Williams, Stephen L. Murphy, Shelli Smith and Melissa Weisburger.

Meeting Called to Order @ 6:30 pm

Roll Call Attendance

Howard Buetow (Genesee County)- Present

Kelli Glenn (Washtenaw County)- Present

Venetta Watt Tucker (Genesee County)- Present

Sanford J. Edwards III (Genesee County)- Present

Greetings from CSO Director Chris Oshelski

- Announced the school will be receiving a governance and compliance report. Melissa will answer any questions on the report.
- Governance and Compliance Memo will be going out to the board presidents to share with the board members in addition to training and resources around the month of September.
- They are asking the academies to review the bylaws to have an annual meeting in the month of May or June every year, which has been happening for most Academies.
- The bylaws state there should be 12 meetings scheduled in a year but are not necessary and their opinion for best practices, they ask about 10 meetings a year or completed.
- Some of these rules are made up by charter school opponents, but their suggestion is to reschedule canceled board meetings. It is known that there are weather issues and health issues that are out of their control.
- He mentioned in the year 23-24 there were 7 meetings completed and 5 canceled. In the year 22-23 there were 8 meetings completed and 4 canceled. In the year 21-22 there were 12 meetings completed and none canceled.
- Chris has spoken to superintendent and executive Director and come up with some ideas to prevent this from happening this year.
- He mentioned there are some charter schools' opponents. Some possible bills that will effect charter schools, management companies and authorizers. He asked that the schools invite community legislators to come in and see all the great things that has the school they are doing for students.
- There was a bill passed recently requiring signage from the schools to include their management company and authorizer logos. Any communication sent out to parents as well.

- For camping outreach this winter, they will be offering students 4 Fridays to stay overnight, take individual student interest and meet professors during their visit at the campus. They will support with transportation hotel and food vouchers.
- Two years ago, WAY Academy of Flint was given a 3+2 year contract. The reasoning behind it was the concerns of enrollment and financial uncertainty. After three years the school is required to give an explanation or a simple description summary of where the academy stands, and in most cases, the two years are automatically given. This is to remind the board their current enrollment is down and they are working on it the deficit of elimination plan in place. Academically they are doing well.

Oaths of Office-Stephon Murphy as Board Member/L. Deon Williams as Board Member
 Moved to next month's meeting in person.

Approval of the Agenda

Moved to next month's meeting in person.

Call to the Public:

- Read by Howard Buetow-no public present or commenting.

Consent Agenda

- Approval of the June 20th, 2024 Annual Board Meeting Minutes
- Moved to next month's meeting in person.

Correspondence

- None

Old Business

- None

New Business

Discussion Items

A. NCSI Spring 2024 Updates

Trena Braswell shared the following:

- There are 8 title policies either new revised or replaced or deleted.
- Two of the policies dealt with the academy school leader and teacher evaluations. This was revised and considered legal content. Three out of the eight are legally required. The first is the online blended learning program was deleted. The second was about the reproduction and health planning title was revise and the third sex education planning was also revised.
- The next one was legal content, and it was new. It was added because of the prevailing wage act has been restored and into effect in March 2024

- The seventh is religious and practice ceremony and observations is legal contact and was revised.
 - The eighth is administrative guidelines. Best practices flag and patriotic ceremonies revisions are being made to include verbiage of the United States flag cross references to related contact with the intent of encouraging academies to review all related content during implementation.
 - Superintendent Pettway, Ms. Braswell and Director Shelly Smith all completed the necessarily legally required training as evaluators that the state has required for the board policy.
- B. 21F Emergency Virtual Days
- Superintendent Pettway summarized the plan handed to the board members.

Superintendents Report

Moved to next month's meeting in person.

Director's Report

Moved to next month's meeting in person.

Treasurers Report

*Director of Finance Sherry Lynem shared the following **June 2024** Financial reports:*

- State Aid Payment Received \$92,771.32
- GISD Payment \$1,599.26
- Miscellaneous Revenue \$92.95
- LSSU \$1,179.00
- State of Michigan \$887.37
- Monies Transferred in June 2024 \$84,000
- Accounts Payable for June was \$36,126.82
- Payroll Liabilities (Two Payrolls & Healthcare) \$45,445.38
- Request for transfer in the amount of \$81,572.20

*Director of Finance Sherry Lynem shared the following **July 2024** Financial reports:*

- State Aid Payment Received \$101,656.54
- Monies Transferred in July 2024 \$81,572.20
- Accounts Payable August \$44,289.15
- Payroll Liabilities (Two Payrolls & Healthcare) \$49,590.38
- Request for transfer in the amount of \$93,879.53

DEP-Revised Plan

- Superintendent Pettway mentioned it needed to be revised. There were some invoices that came in after that caused them to go further into Deficit.
- He explained the way the grant cycle ran the expenditures from last year, but the grant wasn't received until this school year in addition, the projected seven the projected deficit at the end of last year was \$127,422. Both the amended budget and the deficit of elimination will reflect that.

- With the increase in allowance and enrollment goal of 105 students will be out of the deficit by the end of the next school year with a \$46,323 surplus.
- Currently there are 67 completed reenrollment 39 applications to be processed.
- Board member Howard asked if this needs to be approved as soon as possible. Superintendent Pettway answered Board President Sanford would be given authority to sign today but in the September meeting all the approvals and motions will be again approved.

Fall Budget Amendment 2024

- Anticipated Revenues over expenditures for the 2024-2025 school year were \$141,865
- Projected June 30, 2025 Fund Balance to \$47,245

State Aid Note Borrowing

- there was an attempt to secure a private loan to bridge services through the period they do not get state funding. They do not receive state funding because of the size of the school , that did not happen. The executive Director Miss Black made plans to cover in the school year the attempts to be active throughout the year to find a lender to bridge them through the next for the next year.

Action Items

Approval of the June & July 2024 Financial Report:

Moved to next month's meeting in person.

Approve Revised DEP-Revised Plan

Motion moved by by Venetta Watt Tucker/ 2nd Sanford J Edwards III

Roll Call Vote: Howard Buetow (Y) Venetta Watt Tucker (Y) Sanford J Edwards III (Y).

Motion carries.

Approve the Fall Budget Amendment 2024

Motion moved by by Sanford J Edwards III/ 2nd Venetta Watt Tucker

Roll Call Vote: Howard Buetow (Y) Venetta Watt Tucker (Y) Sanford J Edwards III (Y).

Motion carries.

Approve the 21f Virtual Emergency Days

Moved to next month's meeting in person.

LSSU Liaison Updates

Melissa Weisberger shared the following:

- Everything was ready for the Oath of office for Dionne Williams and Stephen Murphy as board members, but it cannot be done because she does need physical signatures. She will attempt this for the September meeting.
- As a reminder there were conflict of interest forms sent out for signatures. This is done every year. Please let her know if it was not received or if they are having an issue signing electronically.

- They have scheduled professional developments with Angie Irwin this year for board members.
- The governance and compliance; 1. The compliance grant operations is doing well on time and accuracy. For example, all school documents are uploaded to epicenter they track for on time and accuracy of documents the board had a 90% on time and 96% on accuracy. The school had 87% on time and 90% accuracy 2. The culture and climate, they had green in all areas. This is for example, board meeting, conduction processes and procedures, school culture, student teacher relationships.
- Congratulations to WAY Academy of Flint on this from last year canceled meetings.

Announcements

None

Call to the Public-No public present/no public comments

Adjournment -None

Meeting adjourned at 7:12 pm

Minutes submitted by: Alexandra Guzman