

# **Board Meeting Minutes**

## **W-A-Y Academy Detroit**

### **(Regular Board Meeting)**

**Date:** April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024

**Members Present:** Michael Murray, Danielle Bascomb (via zoom), Patricia Moesner and Laura Chavez.

**Others present:** Trena Braswell, Sherry Lynem, Isaiah Pettway, Cameron Nichols and Mr. Green (via zoom).

**Meeting Called to Order @ 6:00 pm**

#### **Roll Call Attendance**

**Michael Murray (Wayne County)**

**Laura Chavez-Wazeerud-Din(Wayne County)**

**Sheila Flanagan (Wayne County)-Absent**

**Patricia Moesner (Wayne County)**

**Danielle Bascomb (Wayne County)-via zoom**

#### **II. Approval of the Agenda**

- Motioned by Laura Chavez / 2<sup>nd</sup> by Patricia Moesner

Roll Call Vote: Michael Murray (Y) Patricia Moesner (Y) Laura Chavez (Y) Danielle Bascomb (Y). Motion carries.

#### **III. Call to the Public:**

- Read by Michael Murray-No public present/no public comments.

#### **V. Consent Agenda**

Approval of the Regular Board Meeting on February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Roll Call Vote: Motioned by Laura Chavez / 2<sup>nd</sup> by Danielle Bascomb

Roll Call Vote: Michael Murray (Y) Patricia Moesner (Y) Laura Chavez (Y)

Danielle Bascomb (Y). Motion carries.

#### **Correspondence**

- None

#### **LSSU Authorizer's Liaison's Report**

*Mr. Green shared the following:*

- Reminder of the ESP and Board Individual Evaluations due by May31st. Testing wont be done and presented until June, the report can be completed and resubmitted then.
- Administrative retreat is going to be at Bay City on July 16<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>, they will reimburse mileage for one car and one hotel room per site. If more want to go that is on the school. Great networking opportunity.

- Board reminder of reappointments for this year. Board members Danielle Bascomb and Laura Chavez will need to go through the process this year.

### **Educational Service Providers Report**

*Superintendent Pettway shared the following:*

#### **Superintendents Report**

##### **WAY Program Updates**

- No major updates

##### **Enrollment and Recruitment**

- Fully funded for 201 students.
- The enrollment goal for next year will be 210 students.
- Board Member Sheila Flanagan recommended the school should work with a company called Flow Video. She was able to get them in touch with their CEO Justin.
- This company records promotional videos with the purpose of telling organizations stories. The videos will feature parents, students and staff of WAY.
- This will definitely support their “Our Story” campaign.
- They will continue to recruit through partnerships again this year.
- The current enrollment goal for the 24-25 School Year is of 210 students. It was based conservatively on the growth over the previous year and is also considering this year’s graduates.

##### **Academy Updates**

- NWEA Winter Benchmark Testing, WIDA, SAT and Workeys exams have been completed. They are currently having the students test in M-Step.
- To be compliant with the state they need to test 95% of their students.

##### **Personal Updates**

- The vacant positions are for a Special Education Teacher, a special education paraprofessional and a bilingual paraprofessional.

##### **State and Legislative Authorizer Updates**

- A copy of the addendum to the lease agreement was sent to LSSU.
- The Consolidated Grants Application amendment was submitted and approved.
- 23g Michigan Kids on Track Grant they applied for was approved for \$12,578. These funds will be used for additional teacher training and tutoring cost.
- 31aa School Safety, Security and Mental Health Grant and will be used to purchase equipment for monitoring school safety materials to help with vaping. In addition to offset the cost of social and emotional counselor. Half the cost was put into the budget of 31A and 31AA. Security training with parents.

### **Directors Report**

*Director Cameron Nichols shared the following about the Southwest and West Campus:*

## **Enrollment, Attendance and Credit Attainment Report**

- Currently there are already 15 students completed and ready for graduation. The goal was to have about 20 students. They currently have 10 students with 3 or less credits left to complete.
- Total credit obtained between both campuses was 97 credits.
- 75% of the students obtained some type of credit.
- June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024 will be the Summer Graduation Ceremony.
- At the SW Campus they have tested 75% of the students and at the West Campus they are still working on getting that percent up.
- Mr. Nichols shared their team building event where they went with the staff Axe throwing. He mentioned they all enjoyed it. Their goal was to keep the staff engaged as well.
- Supt Pettway shared the additional bonus given to staff last Friday. As well as another one given to them upon returning after the summer. They will be looking into raises for staff when they return as well.

## **Old Business-**

- Career Day-Board Member Patricia Moesner mentioned she was having trouble getting confirmation from professionals who wanted to participate because its in the middle of the day.

## **New Business-**

### **A. Discussion Items**

#### **1. Strategic Planning Session:**

- Board Member Danielle Bascomb confirmed there were no updates this month.

#### **2. School Improvement Committee-**

*Director Cameron Nichols shared the following:*

- With testing they have been touching base briefly on School Improvement with the staff during their Friday Staff Meetings.
- Once testing is done, they will resume to scheduled School improvement Meetings.

#### **3. Attendance Report (Issues/Remedies)**

- Board Pres. Murry shared an attendance article which explained the governor issued an executive order to study ascetism throughout the state.
- They found several school aged students had disappeared from 2020 SY until now.
- The leading factors were wellness resources (clean clothes or transportation) and families moving farther away from schools/districts because of the cost of living.
- As a school they have the empathy and “home” situation under control. Last year they hired a social emotional counselor whom works closely with the engagement coach. They remain considerate of those wrap around services.

## **Board Committee Reports/ Comments/Action**

### **23-24 Budget Amendment**

*Sherry Lynem introduced the following items;*

- Summarized the Draft Budget Amendment to the board members.
- The projected fund balance will be of \$452,124.00

**Finance Committee:**

*Sherry Lynem introduced the **March 2024** financials to the board.*

- State Aid Payment Received of the amount \$211,561.81
- State of Michigan \$88,456.07
- Miscellaneous Revenue \$479.34
- Payables as of March 2024 \$69,623.12
- Payroll Liabilities \$234,553.62
- Request for transfer in the amount of \$142,224.48

**Action Items:**

Approval to Accept February and March 2024 Financial Statements and the requested transfer:

- Motion to Approve: Laura Chavez / 2<sup>nd</sup> Patricia Moesner
- Roll Call Vote: Michael Murray (Y) Patricia Moesner (Y) Laura Chavez (Y) Danielle Bascomb (Y). Motion carries.

**Announcements-** Next Board Meeting will be May 21, 2024 at the Southwest Campus

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

**Adjournment**

- Motion to adjourn: Laura Chavez / 2<sup>nd</sup> Patricia Moesner
- Roll Call Vote: Michael Murray (Y) Laura Chavez (Y) Patricia Moesner (Y) Danielle Bascomb (Y). Motion carries.

Meeting adjourned at 7:02 pm

Minutes submitted by: Alexandra Guzman

**Minutes Certification:**

Approved minutes of \_\_\_\_ April 16th, 2024 \_\_\_\_\_ Regular Meeting

respectfully submitted,

Sheila Flanagan  
Sheila Flanagan (Jul 9, 2024 10:08 EDT)

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Board Secretary

07/09/2024

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