

Board Meeting Minutes

W-A-Y Academy Flint

(Regular Board Meeting)

Date: March 16, 2023

Members present: Howard Buetow, Lori Wright, Angela Izzo

Others present: Jean Pashakarnis, Shelli Smith, Isaiah Pettway, Trena Braswell, Alexandra Guzman, Melissa Weisberger

Meeting Called to Order @ 6:34 pm

Roll Call Attendance

Howard Buetow (Genesee County)- Present

Lori Wright (Genesee County)- Present

Kelli Glenn (Washtenaw County)-Absent

Angela Izzo (Genesee County)- Present

Approval of the Agenda

- Motion moved by Lori Wright /2nd by Angela Izzo
- Roll Call Vote: Lori Wright (Y) Howard Buetow (Y) Angela Izzo (Y) Kelli Glenn (Y). Motion carries.

Call to the Public:

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

Consent Agenda

- Approval of December 15th, 2023 Regular Board Meeting Minutes.
- Motioned by Lori Wright /2nd by Angela Izzo
- Roll Call Vote: Lori Wright (Y) Howard Buetow (Y) Angela Izzo (Y) Kelli Glenn (Y). Motion carries.

Correspondence

- None

Old Business

- None

New Business

Discussion Items

Educational Service Providers Report

- **Superintendent's Report**
Isaiah Pettway shared the following:

Program Updates (W-A-Y Programs)

- They are planning for training and professional development for staff over the summer.
- The change of the accounting software from QuickBooks is still underway. Both GISD & Wayne RESA have suggestions on a software that is school finance friendly.

Enrollment Recruitment Marketing

- Director Shelly Smith & the team have started attending community events and enrollment fairs around the city. They recently attended one event where they spoke to 8th graders about the school.
- The plan is to do some of the same enrollment events as before and participate in some new events as well.
- Spring Count has been certified. Total students counted for Spring 2023 was 98. There were students who graduated from the fall count which brought down the number.
- With the Spring Count Numbers, the Budget Amendment will be worked on and presented to the board during the April Board meeting.

Academic Updates

- There is a CSI meeting tomorrow at 11 am. Mr. English, the CSI Representative from the state along with the representatives from GISD and Superintendent Pettway will be meeting. They will be reviewing the schools progress towards their CSI goals thus far.
- At the meeting they will be rating as a group where the school stands based on the activities and goals that were set into place. Red being not implemented at all, yellow, somewhat implemented, and green is implemented and exceeding. This is the progress monitoring that the state is using as well as GISD.
- The Academy just completed benchmark testing and is preparing for state testing. Testing will continue until end of May and the goal is to try and get 95 percent of the students tested.

Personnel Updates

- None

LSSU Legislative Authorizer Updates

- WAY did meet the March 1st deadline. Jenny Peterman has reviewed and audited the documents.
- There are several things that were still outstanding such as the Bylaws and Articles of Incorporation. In addition to those items that will be approved by the end of tonight's meeting, there is the ESP and Lease Agreement that is still pending.
- Superintendent Pettway mentioned having met with Amy the boards attorney. They went through and reviewed the questionnaire required and she gave her opinions. All left to do is to wait on the actual document to be able to fill it out and add her opinions on paper. Then it will be uploaded to DYKMA.
- The March 1st deadline was more of date to submit as much of the documents they could knowing there are things like the lease agreement that may take longer to finalize and submit.

- Superintendent Pettway wanted to mention to the board that there might be a significant change in the ESP Agreement. Beforehand, WAY Flint was under a “Sweeping” ESP Agreement because of the small enrollment and their budget. WAY Program as the management company has fronted cost and lets them recuperate the cost as money is coming in. They issue it causes is that MFA will never be able to let them apply for the Bridge Loan. The Bridge Loan is what helps schools bridge them through the summer before the state aid payments start coming in. Another requisite to apply is a minimum enrollment of 100 students. Now that WAY Flint has reached the minimum enrolled they can apply.
- Tomorrow, there is a meeting with the COO of the Flint cultural center. The Flint cultural center has decided that they will only take to a one-year lease agreement for all tenants and only plan to extend leases after the one year. They have agreed to let them stay and plan to extend beyond that after every year. All major things are in and taken care of.
- Charter School Day is coming up and they will be participating in that because there is a lot of political aim at charter schools right now currently. There is talk that they are planning to cut funding for charter cyber schools. Those schools will get 30% less funding than other schools. This day will be used to publicly lobby about this in some way or fashion. They will keep the board informed.

Director’s Report

Ms. Smith shared the following:

- Enrollment this month was at 97 students. There were a couple of graduates and withdrawals since fall count which is why the enrollment went down..
- Total Credit Earned in February was 64.36 (2nd highest month this year).
- Average credit attainment was at 0.66 which was above the expected 0.50 average credit attainment.
- As Superintendent Pettway mentioned, they have had huge mental health issues within the school. They had a student go into a mental hospital and another who realized he were suicidal. They were able to get him help. There was two student who ranaway and one came back.
- Director Shelly Smith mentioned it’s been very challenging and an emotional rollercoaster every day for the staff, they are exhausted.
- There was a contest done throughout the month. The mentor group who obtained the most points focusing on attendance and credit attainment the most would win. The prize was a field trip to Urban Air. The students were well behaved and had a really good time.
- They completed the NWEA test and were able to test 100% if the students. Including the virtual student which was a huge accomplishment for team.
- It was National Teen Dating Violence Awareness month in February. The staff notice there was a lot teen dating issues around the school. They presented and spoke to all the students about this.
- The staff bought shirts that said “It is not okay”. The issues between the teen couples improved at the school.

- LSSU approved a grant for WAY Flint to receive door phones. They would like to be able to see and ask why they are there before letting them into the building.
- She also mentioned that they have been receiving phone calls every day from families that are interested in attending the school. She will begin interviewing students in May.

Treasurers Report

Jean Pash shared the following February 2023 Financial reports:

- State Aid Payment Received \$93,443.40
- Monies Owed to WAY Program as of Jan 31 \$351,087.99
- Monies Transferred \$62,000.00
- Accounts Payable as of Feb 28, 2023 \$261,281.99
- Payroll Liabilities was \$95,883.13
- Request for transfer in the amount of \$85,000.00 for the month of February
- Supt. Pettway announced that next month they will be presenting the budget amendment.
- He also mentioned that they will see an increase in invoices from the attorney. Its simply tied to all the reauthorization stuff. Isaiah organized everything to only have one meeting and so that he wouldn't hold up the attorneys' time and cost the board money.

Articles of Incorporation & Bylaws

Jean Pash shared the following September 2022 Financial reports:

- Supt. Pettway shared that LSSU shared a document where he simply went in and added numbers and specific information. Things such as the corporate ID number, and Howard 's contact information as the present chief agent. An estimate of current personal property had to be given but WAY doesn't have any real property, no building, cars, or real estate property. They do have equipment and that was entered as an estimated number of equipment specifically required language by LSU that Hass to be adopted and passed he operatio. How many identified officers fro the board.

Training

- Angela wanted to share she had a Trauma informed learning training with her staff and had real positive feedback.
- Board President Howard shared something interesting to him about his meeting at work today. He works for Optym, a subsidiary of United Health Group. At meeting they were trying to introduce and promote "Neurodiversity", which is being inclusive to others whose brain doesn't work like most peoples.

Action Items

Approval to Accept Financial Reports December, January & February 2023

- Motioned by Lori Wright /2nd by Angela Izzo

- Roll Call Vote: Howard Buetow (Y) Lori Wright (Y) Angela Izzo (Y) Motion carries.

Approval of Accepting the Articles of Incorporation

- Motioned by Lori Wright /2nd by Angela Izzo
- Roll Call Vote: Howard Buetow (Y) Lori Wright (Y) Angela Izzo (Y) Motion carries.

Approval to Accept Bylaws

- Motioned by Lori Wright /2nd by Angela Izzo
- Roll Call Vote: Howard Buetow (Y) Lori Wright (Y) Angela Izzo (Y) Motion carries.

LSSU Liaison Updates

Melissa Weisberger her report and shared the following:

- LSSU had nine schools for reauthorization this year and 8 have already gone through the process. A couple are also 3+2 years.
- Melissa Weisberger will schedule a spring site visit with Director Shelly Smith after the meeting.
- She reminded the board members to remember to earn your two hours of professional development.
- No reappointment or chairs this year.

Board Committee Reports/Comments

- **Policy Report:** None

Announcements

- Next Board Meeting will be on April 20, 2023 at 6:30 pm

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

Adjournment

- Motion to adjourn: Lori Wright / 2nd by Angela Izzo
- Roll Call Vote: Lori Wright (Y) Howard Beutow (Y) Angela Izzo (Y) Kelli Glenn (Y). Motion carries.

Meeting adjourned at 7:21 pm

Minutes submitted by: Alexandra Guzman

Minutes Certification:

Approved minutes of March 16, 2023 Regular Meeting respectfully submitted,

Lori Wright

Board Secretary

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