

# **Board Meeting Minutes**

## **W-A-Y Academy Flint**

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

**Date: April 20, 2023**

**Members present: Howard Buetow, Lori Wright, Angela Izzo, Kelli Glenn (via zoom)**

**Others present Shelli Smith, Isaiah Pettway, Trena Braswell, Alexandra Guzman, Melissa Weisberger and Madeline Black**

**Meeting Called to Order @ 6:32 pm**

#### **Roll Call Attendance**

**Howard Buetow (Genesee County)- Present**

**Lori Wright (Genesee County)- Present**

**Kelli Glenn (Washtenaw County)-Via zoom**

**Angela Izzo (Genesee County)- Present**

#### **Approval of the Agenda**

- Motion moved by Angela Izzo/2<sup>nd</sup> by Lori Wright
- 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 March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023 Regular Board Meeting Minutes.
- Motioned by Lori Wright /2<sup>nd</sup> 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:*

- The LSSU attorney and Chris Olszewski decided they were not comfortable with the one year lease because they would like to know that the school is secure.
- The landlord mentioned that even if they have plans to renovate they don't yet have the funding anytime soon. For this reason he agreed to more than year lease.
- The team is trying to push for them to agree to a five year lease to align with the 3 plus 2 reauthorization from LSSU.
- Once they receive it they will submit it to the Amy, the boards attorney, and then to Jason the LSSU attorneys.
- ESP Agreement was being handled by Mr. Rich Klemm and now is something that Ms. Madeline Black will be taking over. Supt. Pettway has updated her on the situation.
- The only two outstanding things for reauthorization to be finalized is the lease and ESP agreement.

### **Director's Report**

*Ms. Smith shared the following:*

- Enrollment this month was at 91 students. There were 4 graduates and 3 students that dropped due to family issues.
- Total credit researchers earned in February was 62.54.
- Average credit attainment was 0.69 which was above the expected 0.50 average credit attainment.
- Director Shelly Smith shared that Lisa Washington the administrative assistant is amazing and after many phone calls she was able to re-enroll 98% of the families. The two that did not re-enroll were brothers and they are in between families right now.
- The *Good Vibes Club* started meeting this month under the supervision of WAYS staff; Sabrina ShiNavier, Susan Wagner and Dey Perkins. The purpose is to promote positive and mental health throughout the school. They are the ones who asked Ms. Shelly Smith if they could paint the ceilings with positive affirmations.
- They also took a group to Michigan State University for a college tour and the students were excited because they have never been to any other college bigger than Mott.
- Director Shelly Smith shared that she is very appreciative to the Marketing Consultant has trained them in social media. They now have 200 followers on Facebook and now Susan Wagner has started an Instagram.
- Students have let them know that facebook is for old people, Instagram is for middle aged and tik tok is the new thing.

### **Treasurers Report**

*Supt. Isaiah Pettway shared the following March 2023 Financial reports:*

- State Aid Payment Received \$90,227.98
- Monies Owed to WAY Program as of February 28, 2023 \$357,165.12
- Monies Transferred \$78,000.00
- Accounts Payable as of March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023 \$306,037.65

- Payroll Liabilities was \$17,517.93
- Request for transfer in the amount of \$85,000.00 for the month of March
- Supt. Pettway announced that the budget amendment is completed but Ms. Madeline Black has asked them to hold off until next month to present it to the board because she would like to review it.
- There will be additional funding sources coming in such as the TAG (Technical Assistance Program), RAGS (Regional Assistance Grant) and the 98C Grant (allocated funds to help with learning loss due as a result of COVID).
- Once they start to come in they will report them to the board.

### **Board Charter**

*Supt. Isaiah Pettway shared the following:*

- As a part of their charter contract there is academic goals or measures, that LSSU holds the board accountable for and subsequently the school.
- These are considered contractual goals. The first 3 goals are given to us from LSSU based on the data and where they see the school is going. The 4<sup>th</sup> goal is the academy specific goal, it can be set by the academy and has to be voted in by the board.

### **Training**

- State superintendent and Michigan Department of education has allocated an amount of funding to reimburse boards for professional development superintendent.
- Supt. Pettway mentioned to the board that they receive great professional development opportunities through LSSU. If there are additional professional development opportunities outside of what is if they would like to partake in at a cost than they can do that and apply for reimbursement between July 1 and June 30 of this year. The board will be reimbursed through their state aid payment. One of the board members would have to write a summary and submit it as a requirement. Supt. Pettway mentioned that there is a dollar limitation, and it needs to be something local. Out of state professional development is not preferred.

### **Gas Cards**

*Board President Howard shared the following:*

- They would like to apply for funds to offset the mileage for some board members that live far.
- Melissa shared the idea of having Kelli Glenn attend the annual board meeting in person and having a gas card for her available to attend.
- The discussion would be how much would it be to cover the cost round trip for Board Member Kelli Glenn.
- Supt. Isaiah Pettway offered to calculate the mileage to and from WAY Flint (roundtrip) based off the IRS recommended mileage reimbursement.

### **Action Items**

#### **Approval to Accept Financials for March 2023**

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

#### **Approval of Board Charter Approved Template**

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

#### **Approval of WAY Academy Flint Goal #4**

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

#### **LSSU Liaison Updates**

*Melissa Weisberger her report and shared the following:*

- Their LSSU meeting is May 19<sup>th</sup> and the hope is to have all outstanding items done by then.
- LSSU had nine schools for reauthorization this year and 9 have already gone through the process. A couple are also 3+2 years.
- Just a reminder that there is still one Board Member vacancy. It does count as an absence at every meeting. If they know of someone interested in becoming a board member, please let her know.
- She reminded the board members to remember to earn your two hours of professional development. She will be absent for the May meeting but will come to the June meeting with the updated training hours recorded so far.
- No reappointment or chairs this year.

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

- **Policy Report:** None

#### **Announcements**

- Board President Howard has been the board president for 10 years. His term will be up in a year and he would not like to be the Board President the last year of him serving on the board. He mentioned his son is out of assisted living now and is doing much better. He would like to spend more time with him and in Florida.
- Next Board Meeting will be on May 18, 2023 at 6:30 pm

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

#### **Adjournment**

- Motion to adjourn: Lori Wright / 2<sup>nd</sup> by Angela Izzo

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:32 pm

Minutes submitted by: Alexandra Guzman

**Minutes Certification:**

Approved minutes of April 20th, 2023 Regular Meeting respectfully submitted,

*Lori Wright*

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Board Secretary

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Date



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