

W-A-Y Academy Flint
Rescheduled Board Meeting
Date: February 16th, 2026

Members Present:

- Stephen L. Murphy
- Venetta Watt Tucker
- Sanford J. Edwards III

Others Present:

- Isaiah Pettway
- Trena Braswell
- Sherry Lynem (Via Zoom)
- Melissa Weisberger

I. Meeting Called to Order - Roll Call

- Time: 6:40pm

Roll Call Attendance:

- Stephen L. Murphy (Genesee County) - Present
- L. Deon Williams (Genesee County) – Absent
- Venetta Watt Tucker (Genesee County) - Present
- Sanford J. Edwards III (Genesee County) - Present

II. LSSU Board Development Video Presentation - NONE

III. Approval of the Agenda

- Motion: Moved by Venetta Watt Tucker (Y) / 2nd Sanford J. Edwards III (Y)
- Roll Call Vote:
 - Stephen L. Murphy (Y)
 - Venetta Watt Tucker(Y)
 - Sanford J. Edwards III (Y)
- Motion carries.

IV. Call to the Public

- Public Comment: NONE

V. Approval of the Consent Agenda

A. Approval of the January 22, 2026 Rescheduled Board Meeting Minutes

- Motion: Moved by Sanford J. Edwards III (Y) / Venetta Watt Tucker (Y)
- Roll Call Vote:
 - Stephen L. Murphy (Y)
 - Venetta Watt Tucker (Y)

- Sanford J. Edwards III (Y)
- Motion carries.

VI. Correspondence

A. NONE

VII. Old Business

A. NONE

VIII. ESP Report / Director's Report

ESP Report (Superintendent Isaiah Pettway)

- The Fall Count audit was conducted on February 5.
There were no findings reported.
- A desk audit will be conducted for Spring Count due to prior identified areas for improvement.
Spring Count took place on February 11.
- The new auditor has met with the administrative team.
- Preliminary feedback is positive from the auditor, and no major FTE reductions are anticipated. Maintaining FTE levels supports the school's goal of eliminating the deficit by the end of the current school year.
- The school is preparing for the annual Consolidated Grants amendment process. The amendment deadline is February 27.

An update was provided regarding the school's leadership structure:

- Mrs. Ronda Carter, who serves as Special Services Director, is currently also serving as Interim Director. Her Special Education (SPED) Director role has been reorganized to provide additional support.
- The school is actively seeking to hire an additional Special Education Teacher.

Director Report (Superintendent Pettway on behalf of Mrs. Ronda Carter):

Current enrollment is 98 students, reflecting recent graduations and student transfers to other schools.

- Enrollment was 105 during the Count Period.

The largest cohort is 9th grade, which is intentional to support long-term student retention.

- Efforts are underway to increase enrollment in 7th and 8th grades.

Total credits earned in January were 27.58, with an average of 0.28 credits per student.

- This reflects a decrease from December totals.
- December is typically higher due to students working to meet graduation deadlines.
- January included only 11 instructional days, which impacted totals.

NWEA testing has concluded, with 94% student participation.

The Fall Count audit was completed with no findings.

Spanish tutoring has been launched.

- 43% of participating students have completed the requirement.
- All remaining participants are on track.

IX. New Business

A. Board Member Recruitment

- An application has been forwarded to a former student for board consideration. The individual has been informed that they may be selected to serve as a Board Member-in-Waiting.

X. Board Committee Reports / Comments / Action

Finance Committee - Mrs. Sherry Lynem

A. Discussion Items:

1. January 2026 Financial Statements

- State Aid Payment Received - \$111,587.17
- State of Michigan: - \$8,715.06
- Monies Transferred in January 2026 - \$91,188.94
- Accounts Payables as of January 2026: \$35,773.46
- Payroll Liabilities (1/9, 1/23, 1/30 Bonuses & January Healthcare): \$51,278.68
- Request for transfer in the amount of: \$87,052.14

State Aid payments and federal grants have been coming in. The only grant we have not received yet is the IDA (Special Education) grant. Their process is usually slower. The RAGS grant has not been received but it was approved last week so the money should be in by March. I have included a monthly deficit elimination plan report to your board meeting packets. This report will be for the month prior to our monthly meeting. The plan was approved in December and it calls for monthly reporting as of January.

B. Action Items:

1. Approval of January 2026 Financial Statements:

- Motion to approve January 2026 Financial Statements moved by Venetta Watt Tucker (Y) / Sanford J. Edwards III (Y)
- Roll Call Vote:
 - Stephen L. Murphy (Y)
 - Venetta Watt Tucker(Y)
 - Sanford J. Edwards III (Y)
- Motion carries.

XI. LSSU Authorizer's Report - *Ms. Melissa Weisberger*

- Two board members' terms are expiring: Ms. Venetta Watt Tucker and Mr. Sanford J. Edwards III.
 - Applications have been made available should they wish to continue serving.
 - The Board must formally renominate members for continued service.
- A financial report was previously distributed.
 - The school has successfully addressed prior challenges and is now on a stronger financial path.
- The school is now operating under a 3+2 contract.
 - A letter requesting the additional two-year extension (+2) was submitted in December and was approved.
 - This extension provides two additional years before entering the formal reauthorization process.
- LSSU has hired a Charter School Connections Coordinator.
 - *She will coordinate all activities between the academies and LSSU.*
- Summer Leadership is scheduled for July 21–22.
- A reminder was provided regarding submission of board minutes to Epicenter:
 - *Proposed minutes must include a watermark.*
 - *Approved minutes must be signed by a board member.*

- Congratulations were extended to Board Member Venetta Tucker for completing two full hours of professional development.

- The deadline to complete required professional development hours is June 30.

- January was recognized as Board Appreciation Month.

**Board members were acknowledged and presented with thank-you notes, a zip up poncho in a pouch and umbrellas (perfect for the Spring and rainy days)..*

- Board President Stephen Murphy confirmed that the Board may proceed with the renomination of Board members and Edwards during the meeting.

Action Items:

- Motion to renominate Board Member Sanford J. Edwards III moved by Stephen L. Murphy / Venetta Watt Tucker (Y)
- Roll Call Vote:
 - Stephen L. Murphy (Y)
 - Venetta Watt Tucker(Y)
 - Sanford J. Edwards III (Y)
- Motion carries.

- Motion to renominate Board Member Venetta Watt Tucker moved by Stephen L. Murphy / Sanford J. Edwards III (Y)
- Roll Call Vote:
 - Stephen L. Murphy (Y)
 - Venetta Watt Tucker(Y)
 - Sanford J. Edwards III (Y)
- Motion carries.

XII. Call to the Public:

- Public Comment: None

XIII. Adjournment:

- Motion to adjourn Moved by Venetta Watt Tucker (Y) / 2nd by Sanford J. Edwards III (Y)
- Roll Call Vote:
 - Stephen L. Murphy (Y)
 - Venetta Watt Tucker (Y)
 - Sanford J. Edwards III (Y)
- Motion carries.

The meeting adjourned at 7:22pm

Minutes submitted by: Marilyn Galan

Minutes Certification:

Approved minutes of February 16, 2026 Regular Meeting respectfully
submitted,



[Venetta Tucker \(Mar 16, 2026 20:27:45 EDT\)](#)

Board Secretary

Mar 16, 2026

Date







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