

Board Meeting Minutes

W-A-Y Academy Flint

(Regular Board Meeting)

Date: August 18, 2022

Members present: Howard Buetow, Lori Wright, Angela Izzo

Others present: Jean Pash, Shelli Smith, Isaiah Pettway, Trena Braswell, Alexandra Guzman (via zoom)

Meeting Called to Order @ 6:32 pm

Roll Call Attendance

Howard Buetow (Genesee County)-

Lori Wright (Genesee County)-

Kelli Glenn (Washtenaw County)-Absent

Devontae Powell (Genesee County)-Absent

Angela Izzo (Genesee County)-

Approval of the Agenda

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

Call to the Public:

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

Consent Agenda

- Approval of June 23, 2022 Regular Board Meeting.
- Motioned by Lori Wright /2nd by Angela Izzo
- Roll Call Vote: Lori Wright (Y) Howard Buetow (Y) Angela Izzo (Y)). Motion carries.

Correspondence

- Board President Howard received notification stating that all students attending Michigan schools have to be vaccinated.
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Old Business

- None

New Business

- None

Discussion Items

Educational Service Providers Report

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

Program Updates (W-A-Y Programs)

- Cognia was completed. The school received their 5 year accreditation. The findings were posted on the board portal.
- All schools under way program were looked into and accredited.
- All findings were posted on the website for review of the public.
- Cognia is the new Advance Ed.
- School finance system will not be updated soon because the school year is starting and currently going through an audit.

Enrollment/Recruitment/Marketing

- Ms. Smith and her team did an amazing job during their open house last week.
- Still working with the Marketing Consultant to plan for events.
- The Enrollment goal for WAY Flint is 100 students.
- Currently they have 65 students enrolled and 26 active leads.

Academic Updates

- Ms. Smith and her team did an amazing job during their open house last week.
- Last Tuesday was the schools annual open house.
- After the open house there have been so many applications coming in.
- They have offered in person site visit.

Personnel Updates

- Flint is fully staffed and no mention of anyone not returning next school year.
- It was proposed and approved to hire a part time Certified Social Emotional Counselor & Therapist. Half time for WAY Academy Flint and WAY Michigan to offset a full time person.
- There is a special education teacher that they are looking to hire for all three schools next year. Additional funds were entered in the ESSR budget to offset a higher salary.

Legislative/Authorizer Updates

- Officially the governor has let the schools know that there has been a \$500 per pupil increase.
- The current budget does not reflect that increase currently.
- There will be a budget amendment in October once count numbers are finalized.
- The state has decided to continue using both systems for grants.
- The Consolidated Application was due August 12 and was submitted by the school the first week in August.
- Currently WAY Flint is applying for Days & Clock Hours Waiver. This waiver allows alternative educational schools to have their students attend less than 1098 hours a year. The students will be able to have a minimum of 878.5 hours. At risk students usually do have attendance issues but will also have access to the 1098 hours.

Director's Report

Ms. Smith shared the following:

- Enrollment this month the same as it was last year 63 Students. The leads are higher this year than last year. The most difficult part has been getting the applications completed
- During July there was no credit attainment because the students were on break.
- This was down from last year because there was a summer program going on through this month last year.
- Points of Pride: There was a professional development on personality styles and working together as a team. It was positively received by the staff.
- Huge positive is all staff came back.
- Not on the report but the open house was a huge point of pride.
- September 8, 2022 Meet the teacher night.

Academic Goals & Progress Reports

Superintendent Isaiah Pettway shared the following:

- Julie Hopper and Supt. Pettway met about performance series. They discussed how all other schools use NWEA and WAY is currently the only school using Performance Series.
- In the process they found out that Performance Series will be discontinued.
- The goals that were set for the school is based on NWEA.
- Supt. Pettway gave an overview of the 4 educational goals set.

Revised School Calendar

Superintendent Isaiah Pettway shared the following:

- Juneteenth and Good Friday were left off and they are national holidays.

New Academic Classes

Director Shelly Smith shared the following:

- Shared a list of the new classes with the board members.
- For example there is bowling class for math credit because of geometry.
- Shared that the state as a whole is pushing for the schools to be creative with classes.
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Treasurers Report

Jean Pash shared the following June 2022 Financial reports

- Ms. Jean Pash announced that the State Aid Payment was received in the amount of \$73,540.55.
- The Accounts Payable was \$304,401.95.
- The payroll for the month of June added up to \$50,088.86.
- Monies Transferred to Program and applied was \$243,500.00.
- The accounts payable as of June 30, 2022, was \$148,682.12.
- Payroll Liabilities was \$127,987.54. .
- Request for transfer in the amount of \$100,000.00

Jean Pash shared the following July 2022 Financial reports

- Ms. Jean Pash announced that the State Aid Payment was received in the amount of \$73,540.14.

- The Accounts Payable was \$151,014.12.
- The payroll for the month of July 31, 2022 added up to \$73,520.74.
- Monies Transferred to Program and applied was \$80,000.00.
- The accounts payable as of July 31, 2022, was \$142,447.21.
- Payroll Liabilities was \$41,865.82.
- Request for transfer in the amount of \$75,000.00

Training

- Board President Howard shared he completed a training in June.
- He shared that it was a training on all the agreements the board has with the management company and the authorizers.

Discussion Items

- Supt. Pettway shared that the owner of the building has other plans for it.
- They have formally sent a letter asking for an additional year.
- The plan is to start looking into other areas and facilities for the board to consider.

Action Items

Approval to Accept the New Academic Classes

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

Approval to Accept Financial Reports June 2022

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

Approval to Accept Financial Reports July 2022

- 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 the New Academic Calendar

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

Approval to Accept the Adapt the Academic Goals

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

LSSU Liaison Updates

Melissa Weinberger her report and shared the following:

- Melissa congratulated the board and staff on reauthorization year.
- They completed their kickoff meeting yesterday.
- They invited and would like a board member to attend, no one showed up but moving forward everyone is invited to be involved.
- They reviewed that all documentation is to be submitted by October 31st and there was a checklist given to the ESP Management Company to agree.
- LSSU then reviews and approves.

- Then the lawyer from LSSU, from the board and the ESP Company come together and go over to review the items as well and come up with any findings.
- This will decide the amount of time that you will be authorized. It can be anywhere from one to five years.
- By the month of February when the board meets they will be presented with the final decision.
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Board Committee Reports

- **Policy Report:** No meeting was held

Announcements

- Next Board Meeting will be on September 15, 2022 at 6:30 pm.
- Board President Howard would like to reaffirm that all the meetings are to be held 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). Motion carries.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45pm

Minutes submitted by: Alexandra Guzman

Minutes Certification:

Approved minutes of August 18, 2022 Regular Meeting respectfully submitted,

Lori Wright


Board Secretary

10 / 30 / 2022

Date

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