

W-A-Y Academy Flint
Rescheduled Board Meeting
Date: January 22nd, 2026

Members Present:

- Stephen L. Murphy
- L. Deon Williams
- Venetta Watt Tucker

Others Present:

- Isaiah Pettway
- Trena Braswell
- Ronda Carter
- Sherry Lynem (Via Zoom)
- Marilyn Galan (Via Zoom)

I. Meeting Called to Order - Roll Call

- Time: 6:35 pm

Roll Call Attendance:

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

II. LSSU Board Development Video Presentation

- This video by Angie Irwin from LSSU speaks about developing a high functioning board culture and deals with how the board functions as a whole.
- After viewing the video, Superintendent Pettway encouraged Board members to email Melissa Weisberger with two key takeaways from the presentation. He noted that participants would receive professional development credit.
- Board President Murphy shared that one of his main takeaways was the importance of *celebrating the wins*, emphasizing the value of recognizing and celebrating positive accomplishments.
- Superintendent Pettway also discussed the importance of open communication between the Board and the school. He noted that open communication is already part of the school's culture and stated that they will continue to strengthen and grow in this area.

III. Approval of the Agenda

- Motion: Moved by L. Deon Williams (Y) / 2nd Venetta Watt Tucker (Y)
- Roll Call Vote:
 - Stephen L. Murphy (Y)
 - L. Deon Williams (Y)

- o Venetta Watt Tucker (Y)
- Motion carries.

IV. Call to the Public

- Public Comment: None

V. Approval of the Consent Agenda

A. Approval of the December 15, 2025 Regular Board Meeting Minutes

- Motion: Moved by Venetta Watt Tucker (Y) / L. Deon Williams (Y)
- Roll Call Vote:
 - o Stephen L. Murphy (Y)
 - o L. Deon Williams (Y)
 - o Venetta Watt Tucker (Y)
- Motion carries.

VI. Correspondence

A. LSSU Annual Fiscal Report

- The annual fiscal report was received from Rebecca Clawson, Finance Director at LSSU. This report is provided each year and offers an overview of the school's current financial standing.
- The report reflected several areas marked in red, primarily due to the school's ongoing Deficit Elimination Plan, resulting in no fund balance and no cash on hand at this time.
- It was noted in the report that the school remains on track to eliminate the deficit by the end of the year. The report also highlighted the recent increase in student enrollment as a positive financial indicator.
- Overall, the financial outlook is pointing in the right direction, and continued progress is expected.
- Superintendent Pettway stated that Chris Oshelski and Melissa expressed interest in spending additional time with the Board to strengthen understanding of financial statements and reports. Discussion included the possibility of coordinating financial training with Mrs. Sherry Lynem to support the Board in reviewing and interpreting financial statements.
- It was noted that while improvement is still needed as the school works through the deficit, progress continues to be made.
- Focus remains on the outstanding payable to WAY Program; however, the report noted that this balance was reduced during the previous year.

VII. Old Business

A. NONE

VIII. ESP Report / Director's Report

ESP Report (Superintendent Isaiah Pettway)

- The Consolidated Grants application has been finalized. This includes the Title I (School Improvement Grant), Title II (Professional Development Grant), and Title IV (School Wellness Grant).
- The school is preparing to enter the amendment period. The application is due February 27 and will be submitted to the state well in advance of the deadline.
- An email was received regarding the building lease, which is scheduled for negotiation this year. Due to the 3+2 contract extension structure, the lease requires annual renegotiation. The goal is to present a proposed agreement at the March Board meeting so it may be submitted to the LSSU for review. Any necessary revisions can then be addressed prior to June 30.
- The Board received official notice this week confirming approval of the two-year contract extension.
- The school was awarded the Educator Compensation Grant from the state, which allowed for staff bonuses in recognition of their hard work.
- Two potential Board member candidates are under consideration. One individual referred by Board Member Venetta Watt Tucker and a former student who has expressed interest in serving. LSSU recommended that the former student participate in an interim capacity as a "Board Member in Waiting," as maintaining an odd number of Board members is preferred.

Director Report (Mrs. Ronda Carter):

- Credit attainment for the month of December declined, as reflected in the report. Staff are actively working on strategies to increase credit completion moving forward.
- Ninth grade continues to be the largest student cohort and also represented the highest credit earners for the month.
- The school celebrated seven graduates in December with a graduation ceremony held at the local public library.
- Two students completed the ASVAB (Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery) assessment in December.

IX. New Business

A. None

X. Board Committee Reports / Comments / Action

Finance Committee - Mrs. Sherry Lynem

A. Discussion Items:

1. December 2025 Financial Statements

- State Aid Payment Received - \$124,669.09
- State of Michigan: - \$14,519.67
- GISD - \$1,131.62
- Monies Transferred in December 2025 - \$120,000.00
- Accounts Payables as of December 2025: \$35,274.02
- Payroll Liabilities (12/9, 12/26 & December Healthcare): \$42,996.92
- Request for transfer in the amount of: \$78,270.94

The RAGS grant has been approved, and the school is currently awaiting the reimbursement funds. In December, \$120,000 was transferred to WAY Program to cover payroll and reduce the outstanding payable. Additional funds from the RAGS reimbursement will also be applied toward the balance, with expectations that the payable will be significantly reduced by year's end.

B. Action Items:

1. Approval of December 2025 Financial Statements:

- Motion to approve December 2025 Financial Statements moved by L. Deon Williams (Y) / Venetta Watt Tucker (Y)
- Roll Call Vote:
 - Stephen L. Murphy (Y)
 - L. Deon Williams (Y)
 - Venetta Watt Tucker (Y)
- Motion carries.

XI. LSSU Authorizer's Report - *Mr. Pettway on behalf of Ms. Melissa Weisberger*

- We talked to Chris, Rebecca and Melissa regarding the two-year extension. Two primary focus areas were discussed:
 - Reauthorization: The next reauthorization process will occur in approximately 12–14 months. Discussion with Ms. Madeline Black will be necessary, and any resolution must be in writing.
 - Board Financial Oversight: Emphasis was placed on ensuring the Board has adequate time to review and discuss monthly financials and reports.

- The discussion also included *Board growth and capacity*, with consideration of maintaining a full Board of either five or seven members, as well as identifying potential members to serve in a “Board Member in Waiting” capacity.

XII. Call to the Public:

- Public Comment: None

XIII. Adjournment:

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:02pm

Minutes submitted by: Marilyn Galan

Approved

Minutes Certification:

Approved minutes of January 22nd, 2026 Rescheduled Meeting respectfully
submitted,



Venetta Tucker (Feb 24, 2026 21:25:15 EST)

Board Secretary

Feb 24, 2026

Date


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