

W-A-Y Academy Flint  
Special Board Meeting - Deficit Elimination  
Date: November 7th, 2025

Members Present:

- L. Deon Williams
- Venetta Tucker
- Stephen L. Murphy
- Sanford J. Edwards III

Others Present:

- Isaiah Pettway (Via Zoom)
- Trena Braswell (Via Zoom)
- Susan Wagner
- Marilyn Galan (Via Zoom)

I. Meeting Called to Order - Roll Call

- Time: 6:13 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) - LATE (Arrived at 6:20pm)

II. President's Greeting

- President Stephen L. Murphy thanked the board members and all those present at the meeting for attending today.

III. Approval of the Agenda

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

IV. Call to the Public

- Public Comment: None

V. Approval of the Consent Agenda:

- A. Approval of the October 16, 2025 Regular Board Meeting Minutes  
Motion: L. Deon Williams / 2nd by Venetta Watt Tucker (Y)
- Roll Call Vote:

- Stephen L. Murphy (Y)
- Venetta Watt Tucker (Y)
- L. Deon Williams (Y)
- Motion carries.

VI. Correspondence

A. None

VII. Old Business

A. None

VIII. ESP Report / Directors Report

A. None

IX. New Business

A. None

X. Board Committee Reports / Comments / Action

Finance Committee - Superintendent Pettway *on behalf of Mrs. Sherry Lynem*

A. Discussion Items:

1. Fall 2025 Budget Amendment

- There has been an increase in the per pupil allowance from last year.
- The original budget amount was \$9,605 per pupil, and the new amended amount is \$10,060 per pupil.
- Student enrollment has increased compared to last year.
  - Due to the increase in students:
    - A part-time Special Education Teacher has been added.*
    - A part-time morning security guard has been hired, as most students attend during morning hours.*
    - Technology supplies were purchased to support the number of students.*
- The original proposed budget projected a positive year-end balance of \$2,031.
- With the amended budget, which reflects increases in both per pupil allowance and student enrollment, along with the offsetting costs of added staffing and technology, the estimated year-end fund balance is now \$10,902.
- By the end of this year, the deficit will be fully eliminated.
- Note: Another budget amendment may be necessary between January and April, as final grant numbers have not yet been received. A final budget will be presented for approval in June.

2. Revised Deficit Elimination Plan

- Last year began with a \$95,000 deficit.
- During the year, \$49,434 of the deficit was eliminated, leaving a remaining \$45,475 deficit at the start of the current year.

- With the increase in per pupil allowance and growth in student enrollment, the remaining deficit will be fully eliminated one year ahead of schedule.
- The academy is projected to end the year with a positive fund balance of \$10,904, which will serve as the starting balance for next year.
- If the revised deficit elimination plan is approved, it will be submitted to the state, and if final figures remain consistent, this will be the final year under a deficit elimination plan and we will come out of deficit completely.

B. Action Items:

1. Approval of Fall 2025 Budget Amendment

- Motion to approve Fall 2025 Budget Amendment: Moved by L. Deon Williams / 2nd by Venetta Watt Tucker
- Roll Call Vote:
  - Stephen L. Murphy (Y)
  - Venetta Watt Tucker (Y)
  - L. Deon Williams (Y)
  - Sanford J. Edwards III (Y)
- Motion carries.

2. Approval of Revised Deficit Elimination Plan

- Motion to approve Revised Deficit Elimination Plan: Moved by Venetta Watt Tucker / 2nd by L. Deon Williams
- Roll Call Vote:
  - Stephen L. Murphy (Y)
  - Venetta Watt Tucker (Y)
  - L. Deon Williams (Y)
  - Sanford J. Edwards III (Y)
- Motion carries.

XI. LSSU Authorizer's Report - None

XII. Call to the Public:

- Public Comment: None

XIII. Adjournment:

- Motion to adjourn Moved by Venetta Watt Tucker / 2nd by L. Deon Williams
- Roll Call Vote:
  - Stephen L. Murphy (Y)
  - Venetta Watt Tucker (Y)
  - L. Deon Williams (Y)
  - Sanford J. Edwards III (Y)
- Motion carries.
- The meeting adjourned at 6:28 pm

Minutes submitted by: Marilyn Galan