

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the  
WAY Academy of Flint  
Board of Directors  
Wednesday, October 7, 2015  
6:30 p.m.**

**The meeting called to order at 6:38 p.m.**

- I. Call to Order by Howard Buetow, WAY Academy of Flint Board President.

Members Present: Howard Buetow, Precious Spencer, and Angela Nelson.

Members Not Present: Teri Hazard and Amy Tomczak.

Guests Present: Alex Cintron, Madeline Black, and Kelli Glenn, WAY Program. Janet Fras, and Bill Morgan, Taylor & Morgan, CPA's. Reginald Kirkland - LSSU

- II. Approval of Agenda

Agenda Adjustment – Action Item: Criminal Justice Check

It was moved by Spencer and seconded by Nelson to approve the agenda as amended. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

- III. Call to the Public

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No public comment occurred.

- IV. Consent Agenda

- A. Approval of the September 2015 Minutes



It was moved by Nelson and seconded by Spencer to accept the consent agenda. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

V. Correspondence

Criminal Records Check. To Be Discussed Later in the Meeting.

VI. Old Business

- A. Discussion Items – None
- B. Action Items – None

VII. New Business

A. Discussion Items

1. 2014-2015 Financial Audit, Taylor & Morgan

Bill Morgan & Janet Fras presented the Management letter & Audit Report to the Board. The Academy received an “unmodified” audit opinion. The highest opinion that can be received.

2. Academic Progress Report

M-Step is still embargoed with the State. Steve Beaulieu hired by WAY Program to review assessment data. The district is looking into contracting with Scantron for the Achievement series. Performance Series is targeted for implementation next year. Marilee Bylsma hired by WAY Program as the Director for Special Education. Lynda Ceballos hired by WAY Program for ELL (English Language Learners) needs.

Each Campus discussed the testing windows at their site and barriers/feeling the researchers may have.

3. Flint Campus Update

Discussed the water issue in Flint and how it is impacting the students and learning. The Academy received 2000 bottles of donated water from EMU food bank. The fountains in the building have been clearly marked “Do not use.” Letters will go home to each household regarding FAQ’s regarding safe water usage.

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Dentists R Us came in to present to the students and offered free dental cleanings.

8 students went to the court house to learn about the judicial system. They will present to the board at a future meeting.

Open house on October 6, 2015 - 14 attendees

CPR training is upcoming for the staff.

Science Equipment has been received.

Count today. 204 in HERO. 197 was present on count today.

#### 4. Ann Arbor Campus Update

Poetry night coming up. Date TBA.

Partnering with a group in Ypsilanti to provide community service.

Count today: 43, all were in attendance.

Loomis Brown, former Detroit Lion will host Learn, Earn & Play camp for two weeks. Leadership & non-traditional sport camp. A.M. & P.M. session (3 hours each). Monday - Thursday 10/12 – 10/23.

#### 5. Operational Loan

Update on closing – October 19, 2015

#### 6. August 2015 Financial Report

August 2015 Financials were presented to the Board.

#### 7. Flint River Farm

The Board discussed a potential partnership with Diplomat Pharmacy regarding the Flint River Farm property (12<sup>th</sup> Street North to Wellington or 3 blocks). Land is currently being used to lease lots for garden plots and community garden. The landowners are looking for partners to grow urban gardens. Located 1.5 miles from the school. The entire lot is for sale and looking for educational purchaser. Has well and electric. Potential for learning/projects. \$50,000 asking

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price (negotiable). Potential partnership with Diplomat Pharmacy to build up south side of Flint and the Flint Community as a whole. Discussions to be had regarding opportunities for curriculum.

8. WAY Employee Criminal Records Check

Discussions was had regarding the back ground check changes.

Angela Nelson was nominated by Buetow and Seconded by Spencer to be the designated Criminal Records Check individual. All voted aye. Motion carried.

B. Action Items

1. Accept the 2014-2015 Financial Audit

Nelson moved the Board accept the 2014-2015 Financial Audit as presented. Seconded by Spencer. All voted aye. Motion carried.

2. Accept the Financial Report

Nelson motioned and seconded by Spencer to accept the August 2015 Financial reports as presented. All voted aye. Motion carried.

VIII. Board Committee Reports/Comments

None.

IX. Announcements

Reggie – Marilee (Kudos) Site Visit – November to be scheduled.

X. Call to the Public

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XI. Adjournment

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It was moved by Spencer and seconded by Nelson to adjourn the meeting. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m. Minutes of all Board of Director's meetings are available after approval by the Board at 369 Main Street, Belleville, MI 48111. Public notice of this meeting was posted as required by the Open Meetings Act.