

WAY Academy of Flint
817 E. Kearsley
Flint, MI 48503
Board of Directors'
Regular Meeting
Wednesday, March 9, 2016
6:30 p.m.

Minutes

This meeting is a meeting of the Board of Directors in public for the purpose of conducting the Academy's business and is not to be considered a public community meeting. There is a time for public participation during the meeting.

I. Call to Order by the President at 6:38 p.m.

☒ Howard Buetow
☒ Precious Spencer
☒ Angela Nelson
☐ Teri Hazard
☐ Amy Tomczak

II. Approval of Agenda

Kelli Glenn asked to add the below listed agenda items under "New Business/Discussion Items":

Auditor Engagement Letter
Management Response Letter
Budget Timeline 2016-2017

Howard Buetow asked to add the below listed agenda item under "New Business/Discussion Items":

Board Policy Updates
Nominating Board Candidates

Kelli Glenn asked to add the below listed agenda items under "New Business/Action Items":

Accept Auditor Engagement Letter
Accept Management Response letter
Approve Budget Timeline 2016-2017

Howard Buetow asked to add the below listed agenda item under "New Business/Action Items":

Board Candidates

Motion made to approve the March 9, 2016 agenda as amended by Angela Nelson/Seconded by Precious Spencer. Passed unanimously.

III. Call to the Public

This meeting is a meeting of the Board of WAY Academy of Flint in public for the purpose of conducting the School District's business and is not to be considered a public community meeting. We now invite members of the public community to address the Board and share any thoughts or concerns regarding agenda items only.

No public comments offered.

IV. Consent Agenda

A. Accept minutes of February 2016 Regular Meeting

Motion made to accept minutes from February 2016 regular meeting by Angela Nelson/Seconded by Precious Spencer. Passed unanimously.

V. Correspondence

None.

VI. Old Business

A. Discussion Items

B. Action Items

None.

VII. New Business

A. Discussion Items

1. Superintendent/ Director Report

Alex Cintron shared pupil accounting information with board. Dr. Cintron also gave a brief synopsis on the importance of two-way communication.

167 total researchers for Flint/163 met two-way communication

39 total researchers for Washtenaw/39 met two-way communication

SAT Essay component has been added to HERO for our researchers.

There are two upcoming graduates in Flint. They are anticipating more graduates by June 2016.

2. Flint Campus Update

Dean Rothgeb indicated that new electrical outlets have been installed in the building. Electrical lines were examined as well.

MDE representatives were sent to Flint Academy to check on water lines/fixtures/fountains within the building.

Shannon Beiser (online expert/teacher) has been working in the building with those who might need Science/Chemistry standards/credit.

8 Researchers are going into priority status for graduation.

Pam Colton shared information with the Board regarding the Robotics competition, which was held last week.

Bottled water is still being distributed to our Flint families.

Genesee Intermediate School District is assisting families with water testing and this information will be shared with our Academy families.

Working with Academy teacher (Mark Faupel) who is an avid bowler. Will possibly be working with researchers to help them earn some standards with bowling.

3. Ann Arbor Campus Update

Looking at hiring a Math intervention specialist at Washtenaw. We anticipate this position will be filled within the next two weeks. This position is handled by Title I federal dollars and this teacher must work with the at-risk youth within the building.

Madeline Black shared on reading plus program that will be offered to the researchers. This will assist researchers with reading challenges.

4. Academic Progress Report

Achievement series is up and running at Washtenaw. Steve Beaulieu (WAY Program staff member) will be training specific Academy staff to implement and process the Achievement series.

5. January 2016 Financial Report

Kelli Glenn shared the January 2016 financial report with the board.

Mrs. Glenn will present an amended budget to the board at the April board meeting. This will reflect pupil accounting adjustments from the Spring 2016 count.

Mrs. Glenn shared the Governors proposed budget with the board.

6. Auditor Engagement Letter

Kelli Glenn shared the audit engagement letter from Taylor & Morgan (Flint

auditors) to the board.

7. Management Response Letter

Kelli Glenn shared the Management Response Letter, which Lake Superior State University requires we submit to the board.

8. Budget Timeline 2016-17

Kelli Glenn shared the 2016-17 Budget timeline, which is required for submission by June 30, 2016.

9. Board Policy Updates

Howard Buetow will email this information to board members for review. Policy changes are “highlighted” throughout the document. This information is on the board website for review as well.

10. Nominating Board Candidates

Howard Buetow shared information on the need for adding an additional board member. This information would need to be submitted to Lake Superior State University during the month of April. Documents would need to be submitted in March. Looking at Bethany Rayl and/or Justin Buetow. Howard would like to get some information from Reginald (LSSU rep.) as to whether or not either of these candidates could apply for the vacant position. Checking to ensure there would not be a conflict of interest. Precious Spencer indicated that she might know someone who would be interested in the vacant position (Jonnie Cruthers). Howard Buetow indicated he would like to have two new candidates if they are available.

B. Action Items

1. Accept Financial Report

Motion made to accept the January 2016 financial report as presented by Angela Nelson/Seconded by Precious Spencer. Passed unanimously.

2. Accept Auditor Engagement Letter

Motion made to accept the Auditor Engagement Letter as presented by Precious Spencer/Seconded by Angela Nelson. Passed unanimously.

3. Accept Management Response Letter

Motion made to accept the Management Response Letter as presented by Precious Spencer /Seconded by Angela Nelson. Passed unanimously.

4. Approve Budget Timeline 2016-17

Motion made to adopt the 2016-17 Budget Timeline as presented by Precious Spencer/Seconded by Angela Nelson. Passed unanimously.

5. Board Candidates

Motion made to approve board member nominations as presented by Precious Spencer/Seconded by Angela Nelson. Passed unanimously.

VIII. Board Committee Reports/Comments

None.

IX. Announcements

None.

X. Call to the Public

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No public comments offered.

XI. Adjournment

Motion made to adjourn by Angela Nelson /Seconded by Precious Spencer. Passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.