

WAY Academy of Flint  
817 E. Kearsley  
Flint, MI 48503

Board of Directors Regular Meeting  
Thursday, October 19, 2017  
6:30 p.m.

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: 6:32 pm

Buetow X  
Nelson Excused  
Spencer Excused  
Wright X  
Cabine X

II. Approval of Agenda

Howard Buetow wanted to add Discussion Item #6 ESP Informational Sheet under New Business, and add item (between VIII & IX) Report from LSSU representative to the agenda.

Motion made to accept agenda as amended by Melissa Cabine/Seconded by Lori Wright. Approved unanimously.

III. Call to the Public

This meeting is a meeting of the Board of W-A-Y Academy 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 to address the Board and share any thoughts or concerns regarding agenda items only.

None.

IV. Consent Agenda

A. Accept minutes of September 26, 2017 Meeting

Motion made to accept the September 26, 2017 Regular Meeting minutes by Lori Wright/Seconded by Melissa Cabine. Approved unanimously.

## V. Correspondence

None.

## VI. Old Business

### A. Discussion Items

None.

### B. Action Items

None.

## VII. New Business

### A. Discussion Items

#### 1. 2016-2017 Audited Financial Statement Presentation

Bill Morgan on behalf of Taylor & Morgan presented the 2016-2017 Audited Financial Statement Presentation. Auditors shared information pertaining to the balance sheet and revenues/expenditures/changes in fund balance sheet. Conversation was held around payroll overpayment to staff, and measures that are being taken to obtain the overpayment.

#### 2. Superintendent's Report

Jennifer Hernandez shared enrollment is currently 169 at the Flint Campus. Ms. Hernandez shared a handout with the board pertaining to credit attainment. Credit Attainment for September was 60 credits with 107 researchers earning credit for a total of .56 per researcher, which is just above the .5 required.

Ms. Hernandez shared researcher attendance information with the board.

Ms. Hernandez is holding monthly data consultation meetings with Directors to determine credit attainment for all researchers, and if they are having issues either due to attendance, illness, etc.

Ms. Hernandez shared that staff will be attending a District Wide Professional Development tomorrow. Topic is around Classroom Management, PBIS (Positive Behavior Interventions & Supports), and Chromebook Training for our staff.

Jennifer indicated the academy qualified to receive \$10,000 from Title IV, which is for Well Rounded Educational Opportunities, Safe and Healthy Students and Effective Use of Technology. We plan to use some of the funds for students to provide

giveaways/incentives for those who are obtaining credit.

Ms. Hernandez also noted that the Competency Based Education Grant Letter of Intent has been submitted.

**Washtenaw students and where they are now attending**

12 - students are attending WAY Michigan

6 - went to Washtenaw District

4 - went to WSC (Work Skills)

2 - graduated

2 - went to other school systems

1 - We cannot account for

**3. Director's Report**

Scott Henwood shared information on Count Day and the events that were held in the building. He shared on how they are continuing to obtain the needed two-way communication. We are using this time to reconnect to our students and families. He indicated the Team Leader has been out visiting our student homes.

Board asked if anything had come out of the conversations with families. Mr. Henwood shared that transportation is an issue, while other students are working and making work a priority over school.

Board requested that we invite any parent who might show interest in the school, to a board meeting as the board is always looking for additional board members. Board indicated that having family members on the board is always a positive move.

Mr. Henwood shared the attendance trend is moving in a positive direction. He is sending out monthly newsletters to families. Flint has been updating Facebook and using various means of communicating to reach our students and their families.

Mr. Henwood shared the campus anticipates having 22 seniors that should graduate in December.

Board asked if the ceremony would be held at the Flint Institute of Arts. Mr. Henwood indicated that various venue options are being checked for the December graduation.

Mr. Henwood shared the Flint Campus will hold a parent meeting in November, and will hold them on a monthly basis throughout the school year.

Board asked how marketing was going at the Farmer's Market. Mr. Henwood shared he thought it was a great place to market, however, he plans to attend earlier next year and will find out if we can get a spot inside.

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#### 4. Academic Goals and Progress Report

Academic Goals and progress was discussed under Superintendent Report. Ms. Hernandez shared a presentation on M-Step & PSAT/SAT data, which showed results from our Flint researchers. Ms. Hernandez had conversation with the board around measures that have been provided to the campus to aid with increasing the future scores. Additional training has been provided to staff to assist with this as well.

Board asked if there was an update on starting an Elementary Program. Ms. Hernandez shared we would need to do a “needs” assessment and share out at a future board meeting.

#### 5. September 2017 Financial Report

Kelli Glenn shared the September 2017 financial report with the board. A handout was provided to the board.

#### 6. ESP Information Sheet

Howard Buetow shared on the Educational Service Provider Information Sheet that was sent from Lake Superior State University for completion. It's completed as a due diligence piece. Ms. Hernandez shared additional information on this and will send this information to the board members, and return the completed copy to Jenny Peterman of LSSU.

Ms. Hernandez noted that Mr. Buetow forwarded the completed W-A-Y Academy-Flint Reauthorization Application to Lake Superior State University on October 17, 2017.

#### B. Action Items

##### 1. Accept September 2017 Financial Report

Motion made to accept the September 2017 Financial Report as presented by Lori Wright/Seconded by Melissa Cabine. Approved unanimously.

##### 2. Accept 2016-2017 Audited Financial Statements

Motion made to accept the 2016-2017 Audited Financial Statement as presented by Taylor & Morgan by Melissa Cabine /Seconded by Lori Wright. Approved unanimously.

#### VIII. Board Committee Reports/Comments

None.

IX. LSSU Authorizer's Liaison Report – Garnet Green – LSSU Representative

Garnet Green shared that Jenny Peterman would like the board to note there is a webinar scheduled on October 25, 2017 at 6:30 pm and would like to encourage the board to attend the webinar. Lake Superior State University is hoping to have a “webinar library” in the future for board use.

Garnet shared that Ms. Hernandez asked if Lake Superior State University would help pay for the Administrative Guidelines? Mr. Green shared he would inquire on this and get back with Ms. Hernandez and Mr. Buetow.

X. Announcements

None.

XI. Call to the Public

None.

XII. Adjournment

Motion made to adjourn at 7:34 pm by Melissa Cabine/Seconded by Lori Wright.  
Approved unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at: 7:34 pm