

WAY Academy of Flint
817 E. Kearsley
Flint, MI 48503
Board of Directors'
Regular Meeting
Thursday, March 16, 2017
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: 6:38pm

Buetow X
Nelson X
Spencer X
Wright X
Tomczak Absent
Hazard Absent

II. Approval of Agenda

Jennifer Hernandez requested to add discussion of Application to Amend Charter Contract, new Technology Plan, and DriveOne presentation under New Business. In addition, Howard Buetow requested to formally nominate Precious Spencer after the approval of the agenda.

Motion made to accept the agenda as amended by Precious Spencer/Seconded by Angela Nelson. Approved unanimously.

Motion made to nominate Precious Spencer for another term on the board by Howard Buetow/Seconded by Angela Nelson. 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 February 2017 Meeting

Motion to accept the February 23, 2017 Regular Meeting minutes by Lori Wright/ Seconded by Precious Spencer. Approved unanimously.

V. Correspondence

None.

VI. Old Business

a. Discussion Items

b. Action Items

VII. New Business

a. Discussion Items

1. Superintendent/ Director Report

Met with Marie Miller regarding the upcoming OnSite Review for Title I. Met with her to ensure we are on track for this review and have everything we need. Mary confirmed that we are on-track and prepared for the visit and gave some pointers on areas of improvement. Meeting with Mike McGraw on March 20th.

Completed all director evaluations and have spoken with Tim and Madeline regarding their evaluations.

Spring count: 169 researchers at Flint and 32 researchers counted at Washtenaw.

2. Flint Campus Update

3. Ann Arbor Campus Update

4. Academic Progress Report

Discussed the data dashboards for Flint and Washtenaw. These data graphs go over credit attainment, monthly attendance, and expert evaluations for each location. Explained transition process of standards to strands.

5. February 2017 Financial Report

Kelli discussed the balance sheet and bank reconciliation for February. She explained how they both match and is fully reconciled. Also discussed Profit and Loss and discussed how a new line item will be added next meeting to reflect the Robotics donations. Explained how Internet access is over budget as of March. Corrections will be made for this for next meeting.

6. Technology Plan - Presented by Jennifer Hernandez

Jennifer explained the new technology plan updates. This is one of four segments that we will receive. This first segment breaks down definitions, explains the new plan and procedures, privacy guidelines, and changes to terminology.

7. Budget Timeline for School Year 2017/18

Kelli explained the budget timeline is planned for next school year. Breaks down dates that list an outline of budgetary items to ensure the budget is planned out for the upcoming school year. Budget will be sent to LSSU by June 30.

8. Financial Audit Letter of Engagement for School Year 2016/17

Kelli explained the upcoming audit and what they will be doing and what they will not be doing so we know what to expect for the audit.

9. School Special Education Instructor designated as the Academy's local liaison for Homeless Children and Youth is authorized under Title VII-B.

Our current liaison is actually working in Brazil, so we have designated Special Education Instructor Dawn Starr for this.

10. Application to Amend Charter Contract

Jennifer explained this under Discussion item number 6.

11. DriveOne Presentation

DriveOne is a potential partnership we are looking at. Currently they work with middle and high school at-risk youths. They offer job-training programs, automotive, woodworking, machining, welding, auto design & clay working.

Provides skilled trade job training for youths. Helps prepare students to take the state certification tests and assists students in obtaining internships and employment upon graduation. Instructors are from Chrysler, GM, Ford, and other skilled trade organizations. These instructors are all volunteers as well.

We would be providing them with a lab setting with experts to fill the academic piece. The DriveOne portion would be completed during the evening. Held a visit with DriveOne at Flint so they could see our lab in action. They were impressed especially with the robotics and could possibly open up other opportunities in that area.

Board discussed a possible visit at DriveOne to see how things work with them. They are projecting about 100 current students and predict the student population will increase with our partnership.

Jennifer explained how the partnership with DriveOne and Roseville is a mutual ending, and will need a facility place. One of DriveOne's partners has offered them to use one of their facility locations to rent that would suit an academic and the mechanic side.

The board shared their concerns regarding this potential site with DriveOne. Jennifer again posed the idea for a visit with DriveOne to help answer some of their concerns. They are wanting further, more in depth, more structured details on this potential partnership.

Angela Nelson suggested that board members submit questions to Howard who will compile a list of questions to send to Jennifer. These questions will then be addressed at the April board meeting.

Discussed possibly closing Washtenaw due to low student enrollment. Talked about what potential options we would have if we chose to close this site.

12. Considering Amending Charter with LSSU

Garnett shared that we would need to send LSSU this potential charter amendment within the next 30 days. We need to decide what we need to do with Washtenaw and the DriveOne in order to make this happen.

b. Action Items

1. Accept Financial Report

Motion to accept the February 2017 Financial Report as presented by Lori Wright/
Seconded by Precious Spencer. Approved unanimously.

2. Approval of Technology Plan

Board requested this be added as an agenda item for April's board meeting.

3. Approve Budget Timeline for School Year 2017/18

Motion to approve the Budget Timeline for School Year 2017/18 as presented by Precious Spencer /Seconded by Angela Nelson. Approved unanimously.

4. Approve Financial Audit Letter of Engagement for School Year 2016/17

Motion to approve the Financial Audit Letter of Engagement for School Year 2016/17 as presented by Angela Nelson/ Seconded by Lori Wright. Approved unanimously.

5. Approve Special Education Instructor as the Academy's local liaison for Homeless Children and Youth as authorized under Title VII-B

Motion to approve the Special Education Instructor as the Academy's local liaison for Homeless Children and Youth as authorized under Title VII-B by Precious Spencer/ Seconded by Angela Nelson. Approved unanimously

6. Approve amended charter

N/A

VIII. Board Committee Reports/Comments

Howard Beutow shared that he had asked Kelli Glenn if new state guidelines would affect our school. She replied no because we are a blended model and not fully online.

Howard is still talking with a potential new board member to come on for next school year. He stated that we would need to nominate her today to do this, but that he does not have adequate information on her. Kelli shared that she is a returned business manager, and is now a financial consultant for public and charter schools.

Motion made to approve nomination of Melissa Cabine as Board Member by Howard Buetow, Seconded by Precious Spencer. Approved unanimously.

IX. Announcements

Garnett Green shared that with an incoming 5th board member, once they have been nominated and voted on, the application would then be forwarded to LSSU. Garnet would then have to conduct an interview either in person or over the phone. He would like to have this complete by May 5th.

X. Call to the Public

None.

XI. Adjournment

Motion made to adjourn at 8:17 pm by Precious Spencer/Seconded by Angela Nelson. Approved unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at: 8:17pm