

WAY Academy of Flint
817 E. Kearsley
Flint, MI 48503
Board of Directors'
Regular Meeting
Thursday, April 20, 2017
6:30 PM

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 6:30 pm

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

II. Approval of Agenda

Howard Buetow asked to add Washtenaw Field Trip Proposal as an agenda item and Action item under New Business.

Motion made to accept the agenda as amended by Angela Nelson/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 March 16, 2017 Regular Meeting

Motion to accept the March 16, 2017 Regular Meeting minutes by Lori Wright/Seconded by Angela Nelson. Approved unanimously.

V. Correspondence

None.

VI. Old Business

a. Discussion Items

1. Board Policy Updates

Fall 2016 Special IT Board Policies updates were shared by Jennifer Hernandez at a previous board meeting.

b. Action Items

1. Approve Board Policy Updates

Motion to approve the Fall 2016 Special IT Board Policy Updates as presented by Angela Nelson/Seconded by Lori Wilson. Approved unanimously.

VII. New Business

a. Discussion Items

1. Superintendent/ Director Report

March Credit attainment for Flint:

HS - .30 credits per researcher with 53% attendance

MS - .34 credits per researcher with 52.5% attendance

March Credit attainment for Washtenaw:

HS - .39 credits per researchers with 46% attendance

P-Sat and SAT testing has been going on at both campus sites.

Title I Onsite Review was held yesterday at the Flint Campus. Numerous Flint staff were involved with the review. We had zero findings for school and district levels. MDE Consultants were very impressed with the Flint Campus.

AdvancEd review will be held next week. Numerous staff, parents and students will be interviewed. They will also do a walkthrough at our campus site.

On May 1, 2017, Flint will receive a visit from State Superintendent Brian Whiston from Michigan Department of Education. We will share an overview of our program and walkthrough of the Flint Campus.

Discussion was held on closing the Washtenaw Campus site. The cost of this building outweighs the student enrollment. We want to continue supporting the researchers at our Washtenaw Campus. We will be informing researchers/parents on the closure within the next month. We could look at sending one of our experts to meet with these researchers at a local library.

2. Flint Campus Update

Tim Kumar shared that Flint has one graduate since the last board meeting. We currently have four total graduates slated for the next graduation.

Poetry club will be starting on Tuesday's after school with Lisa Maas who is one of our Flint Teachers.

Robotics team traveled to Lake Superior State University on March 30 – April 2, 2017 and did well individually. However, they were not able to move onto state competition. Lake Superior State University has indicated they will assist with food expenses for our team next year.

Field Trips Scheduled:

May 2 & 3 – Sloan Museum and Longway Planetarium to visit the Titanic Exhibit, as well as, Violent Universe program.

June 5 – For-Mar Nature Center (Wilderness Survival Program for High School)

June 12 – For-Mar Nature Center (Geocaching Program for Middle School)

5 Middle School and 2 High School researchers are signed up to attend Lake Superior State University STEAM and Leadership Summer Camps.

3. Ann Arbor Campus Update

Two-day seminar was recently held with researchers dealing with responsibility.

Some of our researchers recently went to Detroit Historical Museum for a field trip.

Madeline Black shared on upcoming field trip that she would like to offer some our researchers to attend at Lake State Superior University on May 22 – May 23, 2017. A van would be rented with licensed driver to take the researchers to Lake Superior State University. We are hoping to build up college culture with these researchers.

4. Academic Progress Report

Refer to Superintendent/Director Report.

5. March 2017 Financial Report

Kelli Glenn shared the March 2017 Financial Report with the board.

6. Proposed LSSU Field Trip for Washtenaw Researchers

Refer to Ann Arbor Campus Update

b. Action Items

1. Accept Financial Report

Motion made to accept the March 2017 financial report as presented by Lori Wright/Seconded by Angela Nelson. Approved unanimously.

2. Approve Lake Superior State University Field Trip for Washtenaw Researchers

Motion made to approve the Lake Superior State University Field Trip for Washtenaw Researchers as presented by Angela Nelson/Seconded by Lori Wright. Approved unanimously.

VIII. Board Committee Reports/Comments

None.

IX. Announcements

Lori Wright will not be in attendance for the May board meeting. Board asked for update on Roseville site. Jennifer Hernandez shared information on this with the board.

Board held discussion on opening an Elementary School out of the Flint district. Ms. Hernandez shared that we are continuing to look for available site locations for an Elementary School for the 2018/19 school year.

Garnet Green shared they are excited to have conversation with the potential new board member for Flint.

X. Call to the Public

None.

XI. Adjournment

Motion made to adjourn at 7:05 pm by Lori Wright/Seconded by Angela Nelson.
Approved unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at: 7:05 pm