

WAY Academy of Flint
817 E. Kearsley
Flint, MI 48503
Board of Directors'
Regular Meeting
Thursday, May 18, 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: 6:35 pm

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

II. Approval of Agenda

Howard Buetow shared that we would be adding Adoption of Resolution for Closure of Washtenaw/Ann Arbor Campus under New Business as an Action Item.

Motion made to accept the agenda as amended by Precious Spencer/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 April 2017 Meeting

Motion to accept the April 20, 2017 Regular Meeting minutes by Precious Spencer/Seconded by Angela Nelson. Approved unanimously.

V. Correspondence – None.

VI. Old Business

A. Discussion Items – None.

B. Action Items – None.

VII. New Business

A. Discussion Items

1. Superintendent's Report

Jennifer Hernandez shared data dashboard handout to the board, which showed credit attainment and attendance for both campus sites. Flint researchers showed .182 credit attainment per researcher for April. Washtenaw researchers showed .22 credit attainment per researcher for April.

AdvancEd Accreditation review was held a couple weeks ago. There was only one area they wanted us to improve which was the need to use data within the district and corporate levels. They were very pleased with the work we are doing.

Jennifer Hernandez shared on the recent MDE site visit at Flint which went very well.

Tim Kumar has submitted resignation and will be working for WAY Clio. We offer him congratulations and wish him well. Teacher Shelly Smith has returned to teaching after being off work due to injury.

MDE will be sharing information on Title allocations in the near future.

2. Flint Campus Director's Report

Flint has had two additional graduates since the last board meeting. We will have six graduations for the June ceremony. One additional researcher may complete his work in time for the June graduation. Flint has three researchers who will be ready to graduate in August.

Went to Woodland Academy Park in Grand Blanc to share information with middle school students offering them information on attending WAY Academy Flint. Reginald Kirkland indicated he would like to have additional conversation on possibly sending students to WAY from the International Academy of Flint should it be a better fit for the student. Courtney Morey was awarded Teacher of the Month award by Farmers Insurance.

3. Ann Arbor Campus Director's Report

Nicole Attard was awarded Teacher of the Month by WDIV TV.

Ten researchers will be leaving on Monday traveling to Lake Superior State University for a visit.

Potentially will be three graduates for June graduation.

Ongoing testing within the building.

Numerous field trips scheduled between now and end of June 2017.

4. Academic Goals and Progress Report – Refer to Superintendent's report.

5. Close Ann Arbor Campus

Board held additional conversation on closing the Washtenaw/Ann Arbor site. Numerous programs are available in this area and it's very hard to compete against the number of educational options available to students. We currently have 32 students attending the Washtenaw/Ann Arbor site.

Board asked if parents and students have been notified of the school closure. Jennifer Hernandez shared that Washtenaw Campus hosted a parent meeting, however, only one parent showed up. Madeline Black will be contacting the parents to inform them of the school closure.

Ms. Hernandez shared that we could possibly send Nicole Attard out to the library one/twice weekly and work with the existing researchers. Jennifer shared additional options on how we could still continue to education the researchers who wish to remain attending WAY. Board shared they would like to see financial and enrollment numbers for the Washtenaw Site as a rationale as to why we should close the school as we have invested a lot of time and money into the program. Board shared they might want to hold recruitment during the summer to see if enrollment might be increased before making the decision on closing the school. Board indicated that Madeline Black has done a great job at Washtenaw.

6. Required credits for graduation

Jennifer Hernandez shared on Michigan Merit Curriculum High School Graduation Requirements and graduation tracks for our researchers. (Handout was shared with the board) These requirements would assist those students who are up in age and close to aging out of the program. Jennifer shared that student required courses remain as is, however, elective courses would be removed. Board shared they would like to see the parent portal on HERO more user friendly for parents.

7. April 2017 Financial Report

Kelli Glenn shared the April 2017 financial report with the board. (Handout was shared with the board) Kelli shared that the state funds with payment of \$7,511 per student x 31 Washtenaw students = \$232,841. (Line item for Rent for Washtenaw is \$121,143, Teacher Salary is approximately \$40,000, Special Education costs are at approximately \$60,000). If we deduct this amount from our state funds, the Washtenaw campus as a whole is not fiscally sound at this time. Additional conversation was held on Washtenaw Campus site closure.

8. 2017-18 Financial Budget

Kelli Glenn shared information on the Draft 2017-18 Financial Budget. (Handout was provided to board) We will be looking at voting on the 2017-18 Financial Budget at the June 2017 board meeting to meet the state deadline.

Budget is based on 210 researchers anticipated enrollment for Fall 2017. We anticipate a slight increase from the state for the per pupil allowance. The 2016-17 budget information will be shared along with the 2017-18 financial budget information with the board at the June board meeting.

9. Cash Flow Borrowing

Kelli Glenn shared information on the cash flow borrowing process with the board. We would pursue borrowing from the Department of Treasury. Phase one deadline is June 9, 2017. However, the board president would need to allow Kelli Glenn permission to contact Bond Council. Howard Buetow has indicated that Kelli Glenn has his consent and can contact Bond Council on WAY Academy of Flint's behalf.

10. Federal Fund Budget Amendment

Kelli Glenn shared this information with the board (Handout was provided to the board) This information pertains to Title I and Title II budgets.

11. Flint On Site Review Letter

Jennifer Hernandez shared this letter with the board, which showed zero findings.

B. Action Items

1. Accept Financial Report

Motion made to accept the April 2017 financial report as presented by Precious Spencer/Seconded by Angela Nelson. Approved unanimously.

2. Approve Federal Fund Budget Amendment

Motion made to approve the Federal Fund Budget Amendment as presented by Angela Nelson/Seconded by Precious Spencer. Approved unanimously.

3. Approve Flint On Site Review Letter

Motion made to approve the Flint On Site Review Letter as presented by Precious Spencer/Seconded by Angela Nelson. Approved unanimously.

4. Adopt Resolution for Closure of Washtenaw/Ann Arbor Campus

Board held additional conversation on whether or not parents have been notified of the closure and their desire to possibly table this for the June 2017 board meeting. Board shared we could possibly keep this open until July, as the lease will expire as of mid-August 2017. Board asked for clarification on whether or not we have to give notice of vacancy to the landlord. Board shared that we need to notify parents we are potentially closing the building pending board approval. Board shared that we could look into possibly transferring the Washtenaw researchers to the Flint campus. Board would like a presentation/report in writing to review prior to voting on resolution as to how we are handling the closure of Washtenaw and the impact/solutions for researchers/parents. This information will be shared with the board at the June board meeting.

VIII. Board Committee Reports/Comments

Board asked for update on the potential new board member. Garnet Green from Lake Superior State University shared there is no word yet on her status. The goal is to have her on board by July 1, 2017.

Board held conversation on whether or not they should hold a special board meeting prior to the June 15, 2017 board meeting. Board shared they would like to host a "special meeting" at our Washtenaw campus on June 8, 2017 at 6:30 pm. Parents could also be invited to attend should they want additional information on the potential closure.

IX. Announcements

None.

X. Call to the Public

Garnet Green from Lake Superior State University, shared on upcoming due dates email that he sent earlier this week. He will be doing RECON follow-ups within the next couple weeks.

XI. Adjournment

Motion made to adjourn at 8:35 pm by Angela Nelson/Seconded by Angela Nelson. Approved unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at: 8:35 pm.