

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

Board of Directors Regular Meeting
Tuesday, September 26, 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: 6:36 pm

Buetow X
Nelson X
Spencer Excused
Wright Excused
Cabine X

II. Approval of Agenda

Howard Buetow requested adding Parent/Researcher Handbook under New Business as a Discussion item (#7), and approval of Parent/Researcher Handbook under Action Item (#3).

Motion made to accept agenda as amended by Melissa Cabine/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 August 2017 Meeting

Motion made to accept minutes of the August 17, 2017 Special Meeting by Angela Nelson/Seconded by Melissa Cabine. Approved unanimously.

V. Correspondence

Howard Buetow shared he had received an email indicated WAY Academy would be awarded a Compliance Grant from Lake Superior State University.

VI. Old Business

A. Discussion Items

1. 2017 Spring Board Policies

Discussion was held around the 2017 Spring Board Policies. Board shared their thanks to Ms. Hernandez for explaining these policies to the board.

B. Action Items

1. Approve 2017 Spring Board Policies

Motion made to approve the 2017 Spring Board Policies as presented by Angela Nelson/Seconded by Melissa Cabine. Approved unanimously.

VII. New Business

A. Discussion Items

1. Superintendent's Report

WAY Academy Flint was awarded a compliance grant from Lake Superior State University in the amount of \$2985.00 for College and Career Access. Ms. Hernandez spoke on monies that will be used for college tours and a staff member who will be responsible for guiding this process within the school.

On August 9th, we received our reauthorization packet/application, which is due back to Lake Superior State University by October 18, 2017. Ms. Hernandez shared she would like input from the board on some of the questions that are in the packet/application. She shared that the board will want to complete the section titled "Governance and Future Plans". Conversation was held around nominating a board member to work with Ms. Hernandez on the application. Board requested that Howard Buetow work with Ms. Hernandez on the application. Mr. Buetow agreed to assist Ms. Hernandez with this application. Ms. Hernandez shared a checklist of items that need to be submitted for the reauthorization. Ms. Hernandez would like permission to contact the board attorney (Jim Delaney) to begin working on the closing checklist. Board asked if Ms. Hernandez had any idea on how long this process might take with the attorney. Ms. Hernandez shared that she is hoping to have streamlined the process, which should help with cost. She indicated the closing date is June 25, 2018, however, her feels it would take several months to correspond back and forth with Dykema to complete some of these items.

Community partnership lead led to meeting with Kori Dean of Learning Dreams who would like to partner with the Flint Campus on her ReCAST grant of \$10,000. Ms. Hernandez shared on this organization, their grant and the criteria for applying for the grant. Ms. Hernandez shared in order to participate, we would need to show how we can sustain the program after the grant ends. The 3-tier approach would allow researchers to receive counseling, social work and other support services at the school versus recommending them to outside agencies. Board would like an update on this at future board meetings. (Get the contact name for this program). Kori Dean also indicated she would connect us with other partners which could potentially offer additional enrollment at our Flint Campus.

Current Flint Campus Enrollment – 174 students

Ms. Hernandez shared the Flint Campus is hoping to reach 180 researchers before count day. She and Scott Henwood will be working on increasing enrollment through November and implement a year round marketing strategy.

2. Director's Report

Scott Henwood shared the Flint Campus has recently hired two additional teachers. We hired a Social Studies teacher, and an ELA teacher for the middle school. Mr. Henwood shared he is excited with potential partnership opportunities. He shared on marketing plans, which will be promoted throughout the year. Mr. Henwood indicated the Flint Campus is working on building a strong parent club at our Flint campus this year.

3. Academic Goals and Progress Report

Jennifer Hernandez shared that September is the first month back from break and we will discuss this at the October board meeting. Ms. Hernandez indicated she should be able to provide accurate information to the board at that time.

4. August 2017 Financial Report

Kelli Glenn shared the August 2017 Financial Report with the board and provided them with a handout.

5. Foster Care Liaison

Ms. Hernandez shared the school board needs to appoint a Foster Care Liaison with the State, and the recommendation for this would be the Special Education Teacher.

6. Insurance Proposal

Kelli Glenn shared the General Agency Company insurance proposal with the board. The proposal and summary was provided to the board for review. This policy does meet the MUSIC requirements that are required for the Flint Campus. The board asked for clarification as to whether or not the insurance is competitive in price/cost. Board recommended that insurance pricing be reviewed/compared every few years.

7. Parent/Researcher Handbook

Ms. Hernandez shared the parent/researcher handbook with the board. Spoke on items that have been added this year. (Track changes approved by the board have been added, code of conduct has been added, and additional Special Education information has been added) The handbook has been reviewed and approved by board attorney Jim Delaney.

B. Action Items

1. Accept Financial Report

Motion made to accept the August 2017 Financial Report as presented by Angela Nelson/Seconded by Melissa Cabine. Approved unanimously.

2. Accept Foster Care Liaison

Motion made to accept the Special Education Teacher as the Foster Care Liaison by Melissa Cabine/Seconded by Angela Nelson. Approved unanimously.

3. Approve Parent/Researcher Handbook

Motion made to approve Parent/Researcher Handbook as presented by Angela Nelson/Seconded by Melissa Cabine. Approved unanimously.

4. Accept Insurance Proposal

Motion made to accept the Insurance Proposal as presented by Melissa Cabine/Seconded by Angela Nelson. Approved unanimously.

VIII. Board Committee Reports/Comments

Board would like an update next month on exploring elementary options and would like Ms. Hernandez to share her ideas on this. Also would like to see more Facebook postings. Board shared they are enjoying the Facebook posts.

Board would like an update on the Washtenaw students at the next board meeting. Would like to see a plan as to whether or not they are attending another school.

IX. Announcements

Garnet Green shared information on the reauthorization process. Please make sure the board gets their attorney involved early in the process. Mr. Green indicated if we need any support from Lake Superior State University, please contact himself or Chris Oshelski prior to speaking to attorney.

X. Call to the Public

Garnet Green shared that Lake Superior State University would like to reiterate the minutes be accurately recorded.

Mr. Green shared the board should add "LSSU Report" as an agenda item on the Board Agenda.

Mr. Green indicated the board signature would need to be on the reauthorization application.

XI. Adjournment

Motion made to adjourn at 7:36 pm by Angela Nelson/Seconded by Melissa Cabine. Approved unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at: 7:36 pm