

WAY Academy of Flint

817 E. Kearsley Street, Flint, MI 48503

Board of Directors Regular Board Meeting

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January 16, 2020

6:30 pm

MINUTES

- I. Call to Order by the President at 6:32 pm
- II. Attendance Roll Call
Buetow X
Nelson X
Wright X
Cabine X
Spencer Absent
- III. Approval of Agenda - Board President Howard Buetow requested adding Discussion Item #7 under new business "Board Member Precious Spencer Resignation", and adding Action Item #2 under new business "Accept Board Member Precious Spencer Resignation".

Motion made to approve the agenda as amended by Angela Nelson/Seconded by Melissa Cabine. All members voted with Aye. There were none opposed. Approved unanimously.

- IV. Call to the Public: None
- V. Consent Agenda

Accept Minutes of December 19, 2019 Regular Meeting

Motion made to approve the minutes of the December 19, 2019 regular board meeting by Lori Wright /Seconded by Melissa Cabine. All members voted with Aye. There were none opposed. Approved unanimously.

- VI. Correspondence: None
- VII. Old Business: None
- VIII. New Business
 - A. Discussion Items
 1. Superintendent's Report – Madeline Black

Superintendent Madeline Black shared information on working with Directors on a new system called "Xello" which will replace our current EDP plan. We will roll this out very soon. School Improvement Plans are ongoing and will be working with our team on this. Ms. Black indicated she'd love to have the board attend some of the School Improvement meetings. Lori Wright indicated she would like to attend.

2. Director's Report – Shelly Smith

Shelly Smith shared information with the board around enrollment, attendance and credit attainment and provided them with a handout.

Points of Pride:

1. Graduation ceremony with 15 graduates. Each received a new backpack with college information, an official transcript and "stuff".

2. Girl's etiquette workshop with Ms. Kacey Seay was a big success.
3. Ferris Wheel field trip had 25 students attending and learning about entrepreneurship.
4. Mott Community College were on campus to assist 3 graduates complete the Flint Promise Scholarship and FAFSA.
5. December 19th the teachers participated in the Candy Crush Spelling Bee Challenge. The purpose was to model what a spelling bee looks like and how it is easy to spell words incorrectly. We modeled the 2nd part very well. Mark Faupel was the best speller on staff.
6. 7th grade researcher has been nominated an award of recognition from Kaleidoscope: A Celebration of Authors. Winners will be announced in February. Board President Howard Buetow inquired as to what type of program this is? Ms. Smith indicated she was unsure, however, it's an English program.

Ms. Smith shared a marketing slideshow presentation with the board. Students worked on the slideshow as well. Board Member Lori Wright asked if we had used Canva as it could create a book around WAY Academy which could be used for marketing purposes. Ms. Black indicated that she would look into this as it could be beneficial.

3. Academic Goals and Progress Report – Madeline Black

Superintendent Madeline Black spoke to the board and indicated she is still in the process of obtaining the data to share with the board at a future meeting. She's basing the information on a three-year cohort. We are looking at using this information to gauge goals for our school. We'd like to ensure our students are taking the tests seriously and try to increase the reading level. Board Member Lori Wright inquired on whether this information is based on standard testing, and if so, what about the students that struggle with testing? Ms. Black indicated she'd like to make this a graduation requirement for this reason. Board Member Lori Wright indicated that standardized testing doesn't work for every student. She's hoping there is a way to balance this for the struggling students.

4. December 2019 Financial Report – Kelli Glenn

Kelli Glenn shared on this information and provided the board with a financial handout. Ms. Glenn shared that the governor restored the funding to Charter Schools and will make that retroactive. Budget adjustments will be shared with the board at the February board meeting. Ms. Black shared information on the Flint Campus obtaining a nametag machine which will be used within the Flint Campus. They will use the nametags for scanning into the building. The nametags can also serve as 2nd ID for our students. Board Member Angela Nelson shared they could use the ID to obtain student discounts and would be an awesome security measure as well.

Shelly Smith shared that some of the Flint students are going to Lansing in the near future to share on why they chose WAY Academy. College visits are getting scheduled for our students as well.

5. Legal Services RFP

Kelli Glenn shared information around the Legal Services RFP. Proposals have been sent and we are awaiting on responses.

6. Training: Melissa Weisburger indicated there was a webinar held last night for board members. These webinars are recorded for those who were unable to attend and available on the website.

7. Precious Spencer Resignation

Board President Howard Buetow shared a resignation letter he received from board member Precious Spencer. He indicated that Ms. Spencer now resides in Florida on a permanent basis.

B. Action Items

1. Accept December 2019 Financial Reports

Motion made to accept the December 2019 Financial Report as presented by Melissa Cabine/Seconded by Angela Nelson. All members voted with Aye. There were none opposed. Approved unanimously.

2. Accept Precious Spencer Resignation Letter

Motion made to accept Precious Spencer's Resignation Letter as presented by Lori Wright/Seconded by Melissa Cabine. All members voted with Aye. There were none opposed. Approved unanimously.

IX. LSSU Authorizer Liaison Report - Melissa Weisburger

Melissa Weisburger indicated that January is board appreciate month and wanted to thank the board members and provided them with gift. Ms. Weisburger wanted to remind Melissa Cabine that her term expires in June 2020 and provided her with a document needed for completion, and requested the document be returned to her. Board held additional conversation on identifying an additional board member.

X. Board Committee Reports/Comments: None

XI. Announcements: None

XII. Call to the Public: None

XIII. Adjournment at 7:10 pm

Motion made to adjourn at 7:10 p.m. by Lori Wright/Seconded by Angela Nelson. All members voted with Aye. There were none opposed. Approved unanimously.

Minutes Certification:

Approved minutes of January 16, 2020 regular meeting respectfully submitted,



Board Secretary

2/20/20

Date