

# **Board Meeting Minutes**

## **W-A-Y Academy Flint**

### **(Regular Board Meeting)**

**Date: August 19, 2021**

**Members present: Howard Beutow, Lori Wright, Kelli Glenn**

**Others present: Thea Daniels, Isaiah Pettway, Jennifer Reinhardt, Melissa Weisberger**

**Meeting Called to Order @ 6:38pm**

#### **Roll Call Attendance**

**Howard Beutow (Genesse County)**

**Lori Wright (Genesse County)**

**Kelli Glenn (Washtenaw County)**

#### **Approval of the Agenda**

- Motion to approve amended agenda: Kelli Glenn/2<sup>nd</sup> by Lori Wright
- Roll Call Vote: Kelli Glenn (Y) Lori Wright (Y) Howard Beutow (Y). Motion carries.

#### **Call to the Public:**

- Read by Howard Beutow-no public present or commenting.

#### **Consent Agenda**

- Approval of Regular Board Meeting Minutes July 15, 2021.
- Motioned by Lori Wright/2<sup>nd</sup> by Kelli Glenn
- Roll Call Vote: Howard Beutow (Y) Kelli Glenn (Y) Lori Wright (Y). Motion carries.

#### **Educational Service Providers Report**

- **Superintendent's Report**
  - Mr. Pettway discussed the following:
    - Program Updates: Superintendent search has been narrowed down to two candidates. These candidates will be interviewed by panel consisting of board members, ESP representation, and a parent. Each board is asked to submit the name of a representative to Mr. Rich Klemm for the panel. In addition, Michelle Sarkody has retired. Her responsibilities will be taken on by Alexandra Guzman, the new District Compliance Officer.
    - Enrollment/Marketing Updates: The Enrollment Fair was a huge success. Six families were interested in enrolling. We have hired a Marketing Consultant. His name is Andrell Williams and he is working with Shelly and her team to boost their recruitment efforts.
    - Academic Updates: Several students made great use of Summer School and were able to gain credits towards graduation.
    - Personnel Updates: Both a District Math and Reading Interventionist has been hired to support academic improvement across the district. The district has also undergone a compensation review. As a result, there were several

increases enacted to ensure that compensation is as competitive as the district can make them.

- Legislative Updates: The Consolidated Grants Application has been moved to the NEXYS System. The system is not yet updated. However, once it is available the team will have 30 days to complete the application. If completed during that time coverage will be retroactive to July 1<sup>st</sup> 2021. Also, the State has enacted Public Act 48 which requires school district to administer a state approved benchmark assessment, grades K-8, and report to the state. WAY Flint currently uses Performance Series Assessment as a benchmark and will be setting goals based on that assessment.
- Superintendent's Highlights: WAY Flint's staff worked tremendously hard to have a successful enrollment fair and deserves praise for it. The team will be working to identify new board members for the board.

### **Director's Report**

- Ms. Smith shared the following:
  - Reporting on the Month of July: Enrollment dropped to 62 students. However, it has increased to 69 students. There are 21 students in the process of filling completing the enrollment process.
  - Summer Program: Students were able to work on Argumentative Writing or Math. The average was 1.5 credit for the month of July. One 11<sup>th</sup> grader earned 2 full credits.
  - 20 active leads and 20 applications in progress. Lisa is working to get these individuals through the process and completed.
  - Ms. Glenn asked about the 20 leads and Ms. Smith informed her it does include the six leads from the Community event.
  - Mr. Pettway noted that Lisa Washington's role has transitioned from an Administrative Assistant to being the School Registrar with the goal to assist families in completing applications.
  - The new Social Worker, Sabrina Wolf, started this month and is acclimating well to the school.

### **Treasurers Report**

- **Discussion Items**
  - July 2021 Financial Statements: Ms. Daniels reviewed the July balance sheet. Noted the financials are not audited as the WAY Flint audit is forthcoming and will be presented to the board. Ms. Daniels also reviewed the Income Statement, total assets \$149,012.37.
  - Ms. Daniels reminded the Board that the State Aid payment goes back to the previous month. This is the reason why the income seems low.

### **Monthly ECLP**

- No changes. It was Summer Break. As a result, no additional numbers reported.

### **Training**

- Ms. Glenn shared that she had attended a MSBO training and will be sharing that information with LSSU for professional development credit.

## **Insurance Proposal Presentation (Jennifer Reinhardt)**

- **Changes**
  - The coverage for contents has been lowered from \$100,000.00 to \$65,000.00
  - The student count was updated to reflect that of 89 students. There might need to be additional revisions to the student count.
  - Streamlined to include blanket limit for technology. There was no additional cost added to the policy. Reduced the premium by \$5.
  - There will be a slight increase of 2% over the previous year.
  - Ms. Glenn shared that she was ok with the increase based on what is being seen in the market. Mr. Howard asked if more students were added would the premiums have to be revisited. Ms. Reinhardt informed him that there would not be a need to revisit the policy.
  - The new amount for the renewal is \$11, 663.00.
  - Mr. Pettway will provide Ms. Reinhardt with the Covid Response Plan.
  
- **Action Items**
  - July Financial Statement
    - Motion to approve the July Financial Statement: Kelli Glenn/2<sup>nd</sup> Lori Wright.
    - Roll Call Vote: Beutow (Y) Glenn (Y) Wright (Y). Motion carries.
  - ECLP Board Resolution
    - Motion to approve the ECLP Board Resolution: Lori Wright/2<sup>nd</sup> Kelli Glenn.
    - Roll Call Vote: Beutow (Y) Glenn (Y) Wright (Y). Motion carries.
  - Insurance Renewal
    - Motion to approve the Insurance Renewal: Lori Wight/2<sup>nd</sup> Kelli Glenn.
    - Roll Call Vote: Beutow (Y) Glenn (Y) Wright (Y). Motion carries.

## **LSSU Liaison Updates**

- Ms. Weisberger shared the following:
  - LSSU is currently working on the compliance reports for the 20-21 school year and will be sharing those with the Board once those are completed. They will be reviewed during a Board meeting with the Board. Ms. Weisberger also ask Mr. Beutow to be sure to send the Board Self Evaluations and the Educational Service Provider Evaluation to her to finalize the report.
  - Finding two additional board members is priority #1 this year. It has not been easy to do so. However, it is paramount in order to ensure that moving forward the Board has a quorum. Ms. Weisberger suggested that community partners are tapped in order to gain new members.
  - Earlier in the week LSSU had a meeting with Mr. Pettway and Mr. Beutow regarding the need for additional board members. Another concerned raised was

enrollment and financials. One of the suggestions from LSSU was to consider a merger of WAY Flint with WAY Detroit and have one board run both sites. It would help alleviate some of the pressure for the Board. LSSU is suggesting that these considerations be made as each campus considers reauthorization. However, if it is something that the Board is interested in, due to the behind the scene responsibilities for LSSU, those conversations need to be had sooner than later.

- Ms. Glenn suggested that the team consider reaching out to former employees who still have an interest in WAY Flint to be part of the Board.

### **Board Committee Reports**

- **Policy Report-none**

### **Announcements**

- Mr. Pettway shared that there is a new District Compliance Officer who will be Alexandra Guzman.

**Call to the Public**-No public present/no public comments

### **Adjournment**

- Motion to adjourn: Kelli Glenn/2<sup>nd</sup> by Lori Wright
- Roll Call Vote: Beutow (Y) Glenn (Y) Wrights (Y). Motion carries.

Meeting adjourned at 7:28pm

Minutes submitted by: Isaiah Pettway

**Minutes Certification:**

Approved minutes of July 15, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes respectfully submitted,

*Lori Wright*

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Board Secretary

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Date

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