

WAY ACADEMY OF FLINT
817 E. Kearsley Street
Flint, MI 48503
Board of Directors Regular Board Meeting
March 18, 2021 at 6:30 pm
Minutes

I. Call to Order by President at 6:34 pm

II. Attendance Roll Call

Buetow Genesee County, Michigan
Nelson Shiawassee County, Michigan
Wright Genesee County, Michigan

III. Approval of Agenda – Board Member Lori Wright inquired around a link on the board which showed a Dickinson-Wright invoice (preparing audit response). Board President Howard Buetow requested adding this to agenda under New Business Discussion Item #9. Board President Howard Buetow wanted to add discussion of New Board Members under New Business Discussion Item #10.

Motion made to approve the March 18, 2021 agenda as amended by Angela Nelson/Seconded by Lori Wright. All members voted with Aye. There were none opposed. Approved unanimously.

Roll Call Vote

Buetow Aye _____
Nelson Aye _____
Wright Aye _____

IV. Call to the Public:

Guest visitor Dan Neaton attended the board meeting. Mr. Neaton introduced himself to the board and share on his background.

V. Consent Agenda

a. Accept minutes of February 18, 2021 Regular Meeting

Motion made to accept the February 18, 2021 Regular Meeting minutes as presented by Lori Wright/Seconded by Angela Nelson. All members voted with Aye. There were none opposed. Approved unanimously.

Roll Call Vote

Buetow Aye _____
Nelson Aye _____
Wright Aye _____

VI. Correspondence

VII. Old Business

- a. Discussion Items: None
- b. Action Items: None

VIII. New Business

- a. Discussion Items

- i. Superintendent's Report – Madeline Black

Madeline Black shared information around the Flint Campus and provided the report with the board virtually.

We are required to have a 2-way interaction with 75% of our students per week and 100% of our students should have an interaction by the end of each month.

Week 1: January 29-February 5	75% had 2 communications
Week 2: February 10-16	76% had 2 communications
Week 3: February 17-23	75% had 2 communications
Week 4: February 24-March 3	87% had 2 communications

100% of all students received at least one interaction per week in the month of February.

Current enrollment is 79. We lost 4 researchers in February. One graduate, one moved out of state, and 2 researchers left our program. Discussion is ongoing around how to increase enrollment in the fall. Ms. Black shared some marketing ideas around trying to increase enrollment.

Total credit attainment information was shared. We are trending in the right direction. The campus is open, and we are starting to see a return in our students.

Points of Pride:

1. 65% of our researchers have taken the Winter Performance Series tests. We will have a data report to share with the board at the next meeting. 100% of our Middle School researchers and special education researchers were tested.
2. Tara Wood accepted the position of Resilience Coach and will begin working March 10, 2021. Ms. Black shared information around the responsibilities of the Resilience Coach and how this position is funded.
3. Staff, Student and Family perception surveys were sent out and we are still collecting responses. This information will be shared at a future board meeting.

Reenrollment is scheduled for April 2021. Discussion was held around advertising for the Academy Board Member vacancies. Lake Superior State University liaison Ms. Weisburger indicated board funds should be used to pay for the advertising. Superintendent Black shared information around advertising quotes that she had recently obtained. Ms. Black indicated that she'd like to obtain additional information around what is the best source for advertising in the Flint area. Guest attendee Mr. Neaton indicated that M-Live seemed to be a good source. Board Member Lori Wright

indicated "Advance" newspaper would cover the surrounding areas of Flint. Board President Howard Buetow inquired as to what we would we need to do today to move forward with advertising? Superintendent Black indicated the board could take a vote of moving forward with advertising for Board Members.

Lori Wright and Angela Nelson agreed to work with Superintendent Madeline Black on advertising for the board vacancies. Board Member Angela Nelson asked if Thea Daniels could email her the budget so she could review it. Ms. Daniels indicated there is projected fund balance of \$57,425.

- ii. Director's Report – Shelly Smith
- iii. Academic Goals and Progress Report – Madeline Black
- iv. February 2021 Financial Reports – Thea Daniels

Thea Daniels shared information with the board around the February 2021 Financial Reports and provided them with the information virtually. She had previously provided this information to the board as well.

- v. Discuss Monthly ECLP Board Resolution

Board President Howard Buetow confirmed with Superintendent Black that the Campus met the requirements and would not be changing in the delivery of the instruction for the next month.

- vi. Budget Amendment FY 20-21

Thea Daniels shared information with the board around the FY 20-21 Budget Amendment and shared information with the board around grants and monies that are included in the budget. She shared this information with the board virtually. Board President Buetow inquired around one of the line items which Ms. Daniels address. Mr. Buetow also confirmed that the board would have one additional budget amendment towards the end of the school year. Board had discussion around the Dickinson-Wright invoice.

- vii. Audit Engagement Letter

Thea Daniels shared information with the board around the Audit Engagement Letter from Taylor & Morgan and shared this virtually with the board as well.

- viii. Training

Board members indicated they would be attending future training.

- ix. Dickinson-Wright Invoice - \$118 – Response to Audit Response FY 19/20
- x. Board Members for Next Year

Board Member Lori Wright nominated Howard Buetow as board member for another term/Seconded by Angela Nelson. All members voted with Aye. There were none opposed. Approved unanimously.

Roll Call Vote

Buetow_Aye ___
Nelson_Aye ___
Wright_Aye ___

Lake Superior State University Liaison Melissa Weisberger shared information on current board vacancies. Board held additional conversation around these vacancies and potential candidates. Mr. Deaton indicated he would call Board President Buetow in the next few days to discuss responsibilities of a board member.

Additional conversation was held around approving \$2500 for advertising over a 30-day period in an effort to identify board members.

Motion made to approve spending up to \$2500.00 on advertising within the next 30 days as presented by Lori Wright/Seconded by Angela Nelson. All members voted with Aye. There were none opposed. Approved unanimously.

Roll Call Vote

Buetow_Aye ___
Nelson_Aye ___
Wright_Aye ___

Board held conversation around the prospective board member who had attended the first part of the meeting.

b. Action Items

i. Accept February 2021 Financial Report

Motion made to accept the February 2021 Financial Report as presented by Angela Nelson/Seconded by Lori Wright. All members voted with Aye. There were none opposed. Approved unanimously.

Roll Call Vote

Buetow_Aye ___
Nelson_Aye ___
Wright_Aye ___

ii. Approve Budget Amendment FY 20-21

Motion made to approve the Budget Amendment FY 20-21 as presented by Angela Nelson/Seconded by Lori Wright. All members voted with Aye. There were none opposed. Approved unanimously.

Roll Call Vote

Buetow_Aye ___

Nelson __Aye__
Wright __Aye__

iii. Approve Audit Engagement Letter

Motion made to approve the Audit Engagement Letter as presented by Lori Wright/Seconded by Angela Nelson. All members voted with Aye. There were none opposed. Approved unanimously.

Roll Call Vote

Buetow __Aye__
Nelson __Aye__
Wright __Aye__

iv. Approve Monthly ECLP Board Resolution

Motion made to approve the Monthly ECLP Board Resolution as presented by Lori Wright/Seconded by Angela Nelson. All members voted with Aye. There were none opposed. Approved unanimously.

Roll Call Vote

Buetow __Aye__
Nelson __Aye__
Wright __Aye__

IX. LSSU Authorizer Liaison Report-Melissa Weisberger

Ms. Weisberger shared information around an upcoming board succession planning webinar and board members will receive one PD hour if they attend. Board members need to send Jenny Peterman three takeaways from the PD.

Ms. Weisberger also shared that as of 3/21/21, the State Resolution around Zoom Board Meetings is ending. Meetings will return face-to-face at the campus site. However, a Zoom link will be provided for guest attendees.

- X. Board Committee Reports/Comments - None
- XI. Announcement - None
- XII. Call to the Public - None
- XIII. Adjournment at 7:38 pm

Motion made to adjourn at 7:38 pm by Angela Nelson/Seconded by Lori Wright. All members voted with Aye. There were none opposed. Approved unanimously.

Roll Call Vote

Buetow __Aye__
Nelson __Aye__
Wright __Aye__

Minutes Certification:

Approved minutes of March 18, 2021 Regular meeting respectfully submitted,

Lori Wright

Board Secretary

04/21/2021

Date

Signature Certificate

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