


Minutes Certification:

Approved minutes of ____April 18th, 2024_____ Regular Meeting

respectfully submitted,


Venetta Tucker (Jul 9, 2024 10:28 EDT)

Board Secretary

09/07/2024

Date

Board Meeting Minutes

W-A-Y Academy Flint (Regular Board Meeting)

Date: April 18th, 2024

Members Present: Howard Buetow, Venetta Watt Tucker, Sanford J. Edwards III and Kelli Glenn (Via zoom)

Others present: Shelli Smith, Melissa Weisburger, Isaiah Pettway, Trena Braswell, Deon Williams and Stephens Murphy

Meeting Called to Order @ 6:32 pm

Roll Call Attendance

Howard Buetow (Genesee County)- Present

Kelli Glenn (Washtenaw County)-Via Zoom

Venetta Watt Tucker (Genesee County)- Present

Sanford J. Edwards III (Genesee County)- Present

Approval of the Agenda

Motion moved by Venetta Watt Tucker/2nd by Sanford J Edwards III

Roll Call Vote: Howard Buetow (Y) Kelli Glenn (Y) Venetta Watt Tucker (Y) Sanford J Edwards III (Y). Motion carries.

Call to the Public:

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

Consent Agenda

- Approval of the February 15th, 2024, Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Motion moved by Venetta Watt Tucker/2nd by Sanford J Edwards III

Roll Call Vote: Howard Buetow (Y) Kelli Glenn (Y) Venetta Watt Tucker (Y) Sanford J Edwards III (Y). Motion carries.

Correspondence

- None

Old Business

- None

New Business

Discussion Items

Superintendents Report

Superintendent Isaiah Pettway announced the following:

Program Updates:

- Supt Pettway asked the Board Members if everyone was receiving communication through their board email address. Everyone agreed.

Enrollment, Recruitment & Marketing:

- All students were counted for the Spring 2024 Count Collection.
- Enrollment goal for the 24-25 School Year is 105 Students.
- Director Shelly Smith and the WAY Academy Flint Team have already started recruiting with the community by partnering up with local organization and talking to students at neighboring schools about the school.
- Acknowledged the Administrative Assistant Ms. Lisa Washington for her efforts engaging families during the enrollment process.
- They would also like to institute a referral program throughout enrollment.

Academic Updates:

- The school has completed the Winter NWEA Testing. This is the mid-year check point to make any adjustments for students until the spring testing. The contractual comparative scores are only Fall to Spring.
- Currently in the middle of MStep Testing.
- Ms. Smith, Mr. Pettway, Mr. English (MDE) and the ISD Representative met about the RAGS Grant. It was agreed they were on target with plan submitted at the beginning of the school year.
- There was a special education review completed by the ISD. During this review they identified a list of items for improvement.
- Ms. Ronda Carter, the Director of Special Education will be presenting this to the board members at the next month's board meeting along with the systems put in place.

Personnel Updates

- No vacancies.

Legislative & Authorizer Updates

- There was an Educator Compensation Grant given to the schools from the state. This allowed staff to receive a bonus last Friday.
- The Consolidated Grants Application was submitted during the amendment period. Everything was approved and the funds have been made available.
- They applied for additional Grants like the 23G, Michigan Kids on Track Grant. They were awarded the grant in the amount of \$8,748 to offset the cost of the summer school program this year which will focus on Math and Science.
- They also received the 31AA grant, School Safety and Mental Health grant. They have received preliminary approval of those funds. This will help them purchase additional security for the school safety and offset the cost of the salary of the social and emotional counselor. The grant she currently is getting paid through will end at the end of this school year.

Director's Report

Director Shelly Smith shared the following:

- The enrollment of students for the month of March was done by 2 because those students graduated.
- Total Credit attainment throughout the month was 53.6 credits.
- Total Average credit was 0.59 which was a little over the average goal of 0.50.
- The highest grade level who obtained credits were the seniors.
- Ms. Smith summarized the AER Letter and Report.
- Summarized the NWEA Mid point scores and explained the comparisons. Fall to Spring and reminded the board this is the first year they use this exam.

Points of pride:

1. The Academic Success Coach, Mallory Lane, started on February 20th and she has already met with 19 students one on one. She also has small groups of no more than 3 students.
2. 96% of the researchers earned credit this month.
3. The attendance team completed an attendance professional development session virtually. They learned a lot from it and are working on how to implement it.
4. They are also planning their annual Career Day.
5. Ms. Susan Wagner, the social studies teacher does an amazing job preparing students on which questions and how to ask presenters.

Treasurers Report

Supt. Pettway shared on behalf of the Director of Finance Sherry Lynem the following February 2024 Financial reports:

- State Aid Payment Received \$99,016.98
- State of Michigan Payment \$30.00
- GISD Payment \$181,015.14 (Reginal Assistance Grant)
- Monies Owed to WAY Program as of February 2024 \$208,294.79 (3 months of transfer)
- Accounts Payable for February was \$35,13.76
- Payroll Liabilities (Two Payrolls & Healthcare) \$41,792.83
- Request for transfer in the amount of \$76,931.59

March 2024 Financial reports:

- State Aid Payment Received \$110,451.38
- State of Michigan Payment \$52,929.08
- Miscellaneous Revenue \$1,107.84
- Monies Owed to WAY Program as of March 2024 \$76,931.59
- Accounts Payable for February was \$38,319.98
- Payroll Liabilities (Two Payrolls & Healthcare) \$49,153.82
- Request for transfer in the amount of \$87,473.80

Additional Comments:

- There is a new report included within the financial report. It is the Monthly DEP. The state did approve the Deficit of Elimination Plan and now it is a requirement to report it monthly to the board members.
- Board Pres. Howard asked if the deficit went down.

- Supt. Pettway confirmed it was reduced from \$127,000 to \$48,000 because there was revenue found from that fiscal year but was not found until this school year which contributed to the deficit.
- Supt. Pettway did mention there was \$50,000 budgeted in case they had to move. It has been confirmed they won't need to move and the this money will be used to cover the \$48,000 of the deficit at the end of this school year.

Facilities Report

Supt. Isaiah Pettway shared the following items:

- Confirmation from Amy was received. The Authorizers attorneys and LSSU Attorneys have fully agreed on the language for the lease agreement. Final copies will be sent to Ms. Lynem, Supt. Pettway, Board Pres. Howard and the landlords attorney for signatures.

24-25 Financial Audit

Supt. Isaiah Pettway shared the following:

- There is an RFP Proposal being submitted by Allan C Young and Associates.
- They have worked with them through WAY Michigan and the firm is very familiar with their current processes.
- The firm is very responsive with deadlines and guidance if requested by them.

Nominate Board Member

Board President Howard shared the following:

- There is currently only one position opened and two candidates.
- The plan is to nominate a board member tonight.
- There will be an opening in July once Board Pres. Howard's term ends in June 2024.

Training

- None

Action Items

Approval of the March & April 2024 Financial Report:

Motion moved by Venetta Watt Tucker/2nd by Sanford J Edwards III

Roll Call Vote: Howard Buetow (Y) Kelli Glenn (Y) Venetta Watt Tucker (Y) Sanford J Edwards III (Y). Motion carries.

Nomination of Mr. Deon Williams for Board Member:

Motion moved by Venetta Watt Tucker/2nd by Sanford J Edwards III

Roll Call Vote: Howard Buetow (Y) Kelli Glenn (Y) Venetta Watt Tucker (Y) Sanford J Edwards III (Y). Motion carries.

LSSU Liaison Updates

Melissa Weisberger shared the following:

- A reminder that Charter Schools Day in Michigan is May 15th.
- Reminder of the administrative retreat is going to be at Bay City on July 16th-19th, they will reimburse mileage for one car and one hotel room per site. If more want to go that is on the school. Great networking opportunity.
- May 31st is the deadline for the ESP Evaluation (WAY Program).
- Supt. Pettway shared he is recommending to the board members to complete the survey until the data section. Testing is not completed and will not be presented until June. The plan is to submit it without the data portion and resubmit to LSSU once the data piece is presented in June.
- Ms. Brooke from their office is offering a book study class for SCECHs.
- Summarized the boards current positions and their responsibilities.

Announcements

- Supt. Pettway shared with the board they have agreed to a Cybersecurity insurance coverage within next years proposal. The board will see a slight increase in the premium for the next school year.
- He mentioned the governor has released her budget for the next school year and they are seeing a \$360 per pupil increase. The per pupil allowance will go from \$9610 to \$9915.

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

Adjournment -None

Meeting adjourned at 7:33 pm

Minutes submitted by: Alexandra Guzman

Minutes Certification:

Proposed minutes of April 18th, 2024 Regular Meeting respectfully submitted,


Venetta Tucker (Apr 24, 2024 10:35 EDT)

Board Secretary

24/04/2024

Date






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