

**W-A-Y Academy Flint**  
**Regular Board Meeting**  
**Date: May 15th, 2025**

Members Present:

- President- Sanford J. Edwards III
- Secretary- Venetta Tucker
- Treasurer- Kelli Glenn- (Via Zoom)
- Member- L. Deon Williams
- Member- Stephen L. Murphy-(Via Zoom)

Others Present:

- Isaiah Pettway
- Trena Braswell
- Sherry Lynem- (via zoom)

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1. Meeting Called to Order:

- Time: 6:30 pm

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2. Roll Call Attendance:

- Stephen L. Murphy (Genesee County) - Present (Via Zoom)
- L. Deon Williams (Genesee County) – Present
- Kelli Glenn (Washtenaw County) – Present (Via Zoom)
- Venetta Watt Tucker (Genesee County) - Present
- Sanford J. Edwards III (Genesee County) - Present

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3. Approval of the Agenda:

- Motion: Moved by Venetta Watt Tucker / 2nd by L. Deon Williams
- Roll Call Vote:
  - Sanford J. Edwards III (Y)
  - Venetta Watt Tucker (Y)
  - L. Deon Williams (Y)
  - Kelli Glenn (Y)
- Motion carries.

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4. Call to the Public:

- Public Comment: None (Read by Board President Sanford J. Edwards)

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5. Approval of the Consent Agenda:

- Approval of the March 20th, 2025 Rescheduled- Regular Board Meeting Minutes
  - Motion: Moved by L. Deon Williams/ 2<sup>nd</sup> L. Venetta Watt
  - Roll Call Vote:
    - Sanford J. Edwards III (Y)
    - Venetta Watt Tucker (Y)
    - L. Deon Williams (Y)
    - Kelli Glenn (Y)

- o Motion carries.

6. Correspondence:

- o Correspondence from LSSU-
  - o Discussed three-plus-two charter contract extension
  - o Contract set to expire June 30, 2026
  - o LSSU requires narrative addressing:
    - \* Deficit elimination plan
    - \* Enrollment updates
    - \* Governance strategy

Upcoming LSSU Events-Leadership Retreat in Bay City (July 22-23)

Great Lakes State Weekend for students (October 23-24)

7. Old Business: None

8. ESP Report/Directors Report

**ESP Report (Superintendent Isaiah Pettway):**

- The board was informed of proposed Medicaid cuts that could significantly impact the school, specifically regarding the IDA (Individuals with Disabilities Act) grant used for special education services.
- Many special education services—such as occupational therapy and speech pathology—are currently reimbursable through Medicaid. If these reimbursements are cut, schools will still be legally required to provide the services without financial assistance to offset the cost.
- The administration noted the potential financial strain and emphasized the need to prepare accordingly. They expressed hope that the state may offer increased funding support if the cuts are enacted.
- The board was also updated on the spring audit of per pupil accounting. A few reductions in funding were noted due to students who could not be counted.
- These reductions will not affect the current fiscal year and will be accounted for in the fall, allowing the school to end the year as budgeted.

**Director's Report (Shelli Smith):**

- o Total Enrollment: 80 Students
- o Highest Grade Enrolled: 9<sup>th</sup> Grade with 26 Students
- o Total Credits Earned: 64.6
- o Average Monthly Credit: 0.81
- o Average Monthly Credit Level by Grade: 12<sup>th</sup> Grade with 1.4 Average Credit

**Points of Pride**

We completed State of Michigan testing with 91% of our students completing

their assigned tests.

2. We had 4 members of our team attend the Michigan Alternative Education Organization (MAEO) at the end of April.

3. The robotics season ended well with advancement during the Macomb Community College and an interview to advance to the world competition. We were not selected, but it was a great experience.

9. New Business: None

A. Fall Board Policy Updates

- o Supt. Pettway reviewed/summarized all of the board policies presented to the board members.

B. Motion to Adopt all board policies listed and attached:

- Motion: Moved by Venetta Watt Tucker / 2nd by L. Deon Williams
- o Roll Call Vote:
  - Sanford J Edwards III (Y)
  - Venetta Watt Tucker (Y)
  - L. Deon Williams (Y)
  - Kelli Glenn (Y)

10. Treasurer's Report (Director of Finance Sherry Lynem):

● **March 2025 Financial Statements:**

- o State Aid Payment Received of the amount \$99,572.26
- o Miscellaneous \$480.00
- o State of Michigan \$10,307.33
- o GISD \$29,670.88
- o Monies Transferred in **March 2025** \$118,000.00
- o Accounts Payables as of **March 2025** \$31,960.58
- o Payroll Liabilities \$43,440.88
- o Request for transfer in the amount of \$75,401.46

● **April 2025 Financial Statements:**

- o State Aid Payment Received of the amount \$114,282.41
- o Miscellaneous \$5,050.00
- o State of Michigan \$7,256.98
- o GISD \$1,175.18
- o Monies Transferred in **April 2025** \$97,000.00
- o Accounts Payables as of **April 2025** \$31,891.08
- o Payroll Liabilities \$43,440.88
- o Request for transfer in the amount of \$75,331.96

● **DEP Monthly Reports:**

- o Summarized by Sherry as presented to the board.

11. Action Items:

2. Approval of the **March & April 2025** Financial Statements:

- Motion: Moved by Venetta Watt Tucker / 2nd by L. Deon Williams (Y)
- o Roll Call Vote:

- Sanford J Edwards III
- Venetta Watt Tucker (Y)
- L. Deon Williams (Y)
- Kelli Glenn (Y)
- o Motion carries.

12. LSSU Liaison Updates:

- Melissa Weisberger Report (Read by Superintendent Isaiah Pettway):
- **Professional Development:**  
A reminder to board members: two hours of annual professional development are required. One board member has completed the full requirement; another has completed one hour so far.
- **Student Opportunities:**  
Summer camp at LSU is still available for interested students from WAY Academy Flint.
- **Enrollment Projections:**  
Projections are due to LSU via EPICENTER. Please ensure timely submission.
- **Upcoming Events:**
  - o **Charter Week:** May 12–16, 2025.
  - o **Day at the Capitol:** May 6, 2025. All charter schools are invited to gather on the Capitol lawn for lunch and networking.
  - o **Leadership Meeting:** Attendance from a school representative is required.
  - o **Book Club Opportunity:** SSU is hosting a book club on *Generation Z: Unfiltered* and is offering 18.5 SCECHs for participation.

13. Closed Session-Discussion of Student Discipline

- o Closed Session at 7:23 pm
- o Back from Closed Session 7:30 pm

14. Announcements:

- None

15. Call to the Public:

- Public Comment: None

16. Adjournment:

- Time: 7:03 pm

Minutes submitted by: Alexandra Guzman