

**W-A-Y Academy Flint**  
**Regular Board Meeting**  
**Date: March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

Members Present:

- Secretary- Venetta Tucker
- Treasurer- Kelli Glenn- (Via Zoom)
- Member- L. Deon Williams

Others Present:

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

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1. Meeting Called to Order:

- Time: 6:40 pm

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2. Roll Call Attendance:

- Stephen L. Murphy (Genesee County) - Absent
- 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 February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2025 Rescheduled- Regular Board Meeting Minutes
  - Motion: Moved by Venetta Watt/ 2<sup>nd</sup> L. Deon Williams
  - Roll Call Vote:
    - Sanford J. Edwards III (Y)
    - Venetta Watt Tucker (Y)
    - L. Deon Williams (Y)
    - Kelli Glenn (Y)
  - Motion carries.

6. Correspondence:

- o Audit Engagement Letter- A letter was presented confirming that **Alan C. Young** will continue as the auditing firm for the upcoming year. The board president's signature is requested to finalize this.

7. Old Business: None

8. ESP Report/Directors Report

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

- o Total Enrollment: 93 Students
- o Highest Grade Enrolled: 9<sup>th</sup> Grade with 34 Students
- o Total Credits Earned: 52
- o Average Monthly Credit: 0.70
- o Average Monthly Credit Level by Grade: 11<sup>th</sup> Grade with 0.83 Average Credit

**Points of Pride**

Director Shelly Smith shared the following:

**Robotics Team:**

The robotics team has received the **All-Star Rookie Award**, a significant honor. As a result, they have been invited to interview with a panel of judges at Macomb Community College during spring break. Based on the outcome of this interview, they may be invited to participate in the **national competition in Texas**. If selected, the team will seek donations to support travel and participation.

**PA 48/NWEA Exam Results (Fall to Winter):**

- **Math:**
  - o 7% of students met their achievement target.
  - o 56% met their growth target.
- **Reading:**
  - o 15% met their achievement target.
  - o 40% met their growth target.

The goal is for at least 50% of students to meet both growth and achievement targets by spring. Please note: These are interim results and will be finalized after spring testing.

**Board Recognition:**

Board Members Shelly and Kelli Smith congratulated the robotics team and commended the school for the students' growth performance thus far.

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

- **Enrollment Update:**

Spring County is preparing to open for open enrollment in April, with an enrollment goal of 105 students. Currently, the school has 93 students enrolled and is actively working to reach the target.
- **Academic Updates:**

The school is preparing for the upcoming state testing cycle. State testing will begin in

April and will be followed by spring NWEA testing. Testing will take place from April through June.

- **Personnel Updates:**

There are no personnel updates at this time.

- **Grants and Funding:**

The Consolidated Application was submitted on time. Additional funding has been allocated to offset items originally included in the grant request.

**Superintendent Pettway shared key federal updates:**

- The Department of Education announced a projected \$10,000 per-student funding increase for next year.
- Recently, 1,300 federal employees were laid off. An injunction has been filed against this decision.
- New federal guidelines state that schools with policies protecting gender identities beyond male or female, or those requiring COVID-19 vaccinations, risk losing federal funding.
- This potential funding loss could impact approximately 20% of the school's overall budget, including:
  - Title I – School Improvement
  - Title II – Professional Development
  - Title IV – School Wellness
  - IDEA Funds – Special Education
  - RAGS Grant – Administered through Wayne RESA

9. New Business: None

A. Fall Board Policy Updates

- 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
- 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):

- **February 2025 Financial Statements:**

- State Aid Payment Received of the amount \$87, 584.82
- Miscellaneous \$2,321.56
- State of Michigan \$8,186.99
- Monies Transferred in **February 2025** \$93,000.00
- Accounts Payables as of **February 2025** \$34,854.17
- Payroll Liabilities \$43,440.88
- Request for transfer in the amount of \$78,295.05

- DEP Monthly Reports:
    - Summarized by Sherry as presented to the board.
11. Action Items:
2. Approval of the **February 2025** Financial Statements:
    - Motion: Moved by Venetta Watt Tucker / 2nd by L. Deon Williams (Y)
  - Roll Call Vote:
    - Sanford J Edwards III
    - Venetta Watt Tucker (Y)
    - L. Deon Williams (Y)
    - Kelli Glenn (Y)
  - 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:**
    - **Charter Week:** May 12–16, 2025.
    - **Day at the Capitol:** May 6, 2025. All charter schools are invited to gather on the Capitol lawn for lunch and networking.
    - **Leadership Meeting:** Attendance from a school representative is required.
    - **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
- Closed Session at 7:23 pm
  - Back from Closed Session 7:30 pm
14. Announcements:
- None
15. Call to the Public:
- Public Comment: None
16. Adjournment:
- Time: 7:33 pm

Minutes submitted by: Alexandra Guzman