

**W-A-Y Academy  
(Widening Advancements for Youth)**

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**Board of Directors' Special Meeting  
Organizational Meeting  
July 1, 2013  
5:30 p.m.**

**AGENDA**

- I. Call to Order by the President was at 5:35 p.m.

Roll Call

Bauer	<u>X</u>
Croxton	<u>E</u>
Irwin	<u>X</u>
LeRoy	<u>X</u>
Murray	<u>E</u>
Wong	<u>X</u>

Also present were: Glenn Bachman, Glen Taylor, Beth Baker, Shannon Smith, Tabitha Stanley and Mary Jenkins Williams. Father Ed arrived at 7 p.m.

- II. Approval of Agenda  
Bauer asked to have the Minutes of the June 3, 2013 meeting removed from the Consent Agenda so that detail could be completed.  
The following motion was made by LeRoy, supported by Irwin and passed unanimously.

**RESOLVED:** The agenda as amended is approved.

- III. Call to the Public  
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of the public to address the Board and share any thoughts or concerns regarding agenda items only.

No comments were offered.

IV. Consent Agenda

- a. Approval of Minutes
- b. Approval of Treasurer's Report
- c. President's Report

V. Correspondence

Bauer reported that no correspondence had been received.

VI. Educational Service Provider's Report

Smith reported that 11 researchers graduated. The ceremony, held on Friday, June 28 in the Great Room, was warm, wonderful and well attended. Underclass researchers served as ushers. Baker reported that an August ceremony may include 20 researchers. Because of the anticipated attendees an alternate space may be needed for the ceremony. The Public Library is being considered.

Baker reported that the LSSU Report regarding MEAP, MMS AND ACT scores was received. Smith will forward to the Board. Staff will be participating in Data Driven and Reading Apprenticeship (cross curricula training pedagogy for teaching reading).

Team Leader Rebecca was promoted to Coordinator of Assessment and Quality Assurance.

Fletcher Daniels was hired for the West Site. Recruitment of staff and researchers will begin immediately. Three day training for mentors and experts has begun. More team leaders will be hired.

VII. Old Business

- A. Discussion Items
- B. Action Items

1. Irwin moved, LeRoy supported and the Board unanimously passed a motion to approve a checking account at Chase Bank expressly for Food Service with designated signatories: Glen Taylor, Beth Baker and Michelle Sarkody.

2. Irwin moved, Leroy supported and the Board unanimously passed a motion approving signatories for the Trust and Agency (student activity) Account: Glen Taylor, Beth Baker and Michelle Sarkody.
3. Irwin moved, LeRoy supported and the Board unanimously passed a motion to authorize President Bauer to sign approved amendments to LSSU contract.

## VIII. New Business

### A. Discussion Items

1. Items pertaining to annual Organizational Meeting: Bachman reminded us to designate a specific month each for the Organizational Meeting and Annual Budget Hearing.
2. Sustainability Planning for Technology: LeRoy asked how technology would be kept current and if this is included in the budget. Baker said the State requires a Technology Plan every three years. Smith will share this with the Board and will review it at the August Board Meeting.
3. Annual Progress Report for WAY Academy: LeRoy inquired about an annual report of student progress, enrollment, etc. Baker said the State compiles data that is required for transparency that will be posted on The Academy's website. A progress report will be shared in August.
4. Banking Relationship with Huntington Bank: The strict security precautions are cumbersome and bank fees are higher than anticipated. Irwin recommends changing to Chase. Irwin moved, Wong supported and the Board unanimously passed a motion to terminate the Huntington Bank relationship without prejudice.
5. Due diligence regarding elementary site: Wong asked for information that would facilitate an informed decision regarding an elementary school site. Baker reported that WAY Program has been negotiating a proposed K-6 Southwest Campus at 2450 S. Beatrice in Detroit, the site of a former PSA. Documents indicate that there is a lease being negotiated with the Archdiocese of Detroit for the 12 classroom school building. Father Ed reported that Taylor and Baker presented to the St. Andrew Parish Council on Sunday, June 30. The Board has scheduled a Special Meeting to explore the feasibility of an elementary site. No Board decision to approve the additional site has been made.

### B. Action Items

1. Election of Officers:

- A. The President called for nominations for the position of President. Irwin moved, Wong supported and the Board unanimously elected Bauer as **President** of the WAY Academy Board of Directors. The elected President will continue with the election of Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer for the 2013-2014 school year.
  - B. LeRoy moved, Irwin supported and the Board unanimously elected Member Wong as **Vice President** of the WAY Academy Board of Directors.
  - C. Wong moved, Irwin supported and the Board unanimously elected Member Croxton as **Secretary** of the WAY Academy Board of Directors.
  - D. Irwin moved, LeRoy supported and the Board unanimously elected Member Murray as **Treasurer** of the WAY Academy Board of Directors.
2. LeRoy moved, Irwin supported and the Board unanimously passed a MOTION designating Chase Bank as the depository for school funds and that the President, Treasurer and Vice President will be signatories on the account.
  3. Wong moved, LeRoy supported and the Board unanimously passed a MOTION to designate Fletcher Spears, Director of Operations and Finance, as the Academy's Electronic Transfer Officer.
  4. Office of Civil Rights, Title VI, Title IX and Section 504 Contact Person. Irwin moved, LeRoy supported and the Board unanimously passed a MOTION to name Shannon Smith, Director of Charter Schools, as Freedom of Information Act, Sexual Harassment and Title VI, Title IX and Section 504 contact person.
  5. LeRoy moved, Wong supported and the Board unanimously passed a MOTION that the regular Board Meeting will be the first Monday of each month at 5:30 P.M. unless otherwise indicated. All Board Minutes are available for inspection in the Academy's Administrative Offices and at the Offices of our designated attorney. The Board will comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act in making all Board Meetings accessible to those requesting special accommodations. The Director of Charter Schools will be responsible to post the meeting notices in public view. The official posting location will be the Academy's entrance doors. Meeting dates: August 5, September 9, October 7, November 4, December 2, 2013; January 6, February 3, March 3, April 7, May 5 ( Budget Hearing), June 2 ( Organizational Meeting) 2014.

6. LeRoy moved, Irwin supported and the Board unanimously passed a MOTION to appoint Robert Lusk of Lusk & Albertson as the Board's legal counsel.
7. LeRoy moved, Irwin supported and the Board unanimously passed a MOTION to appoint Yeo and Yeo as the auditing firm.
8. Wong moved, LeRoy supported and the Board unanimously passed a MOTION to bond the Board Treasurer and President.
9. Wong moved, LeRoy supported and the Board unanimously passed a MOTION to designate the Board President as the Academy's Chief Administrative Officer.
10. Irwin moved, Wong supported and the Board unanimously passed a MOTION to designate the Director of Operations and Finance as the Academy's AHERA contact.
11. LeRoy moved, Irwin supported and the Board unanimously passed a MOTION that WAY Academy authorized pursuant to the charter application submitted to Lake Superior State University will comply with the provisions of Part 6a of the Michigan Code and subject with the provisions of Part 6a will comply with all other State laws, rules and regulations applicable to public bodies and with Federal laws, rules and regulations applicable to public bodies and school districts.
12. Wong moved, LeRoy supported and the Board unanimously passed a MOTION that the Director of Charter Schools or a designee is hereby designated as the Academy's board correspondent to assure dissemination of notices to the person designated as the person responsible for the Academy's Board correspondence. All communications must be directed to the Academy's address.
13. Wong moved, LeRoy supported and the Board unanimously passed a MOTION that el Centrál and The Michigan Chronicle are designated as the Academy's local newspaper(s) for the purpose of publishing legal notices.
14. Wong moved, LeRoy supported and the Board unanimously passed a MOTION that Bethany Rayl, Regional Executive, is designated as the Academy's local liaison for the Homeless Children and Youth as authorized under Title VII-B.
15. LeRoy moved, Irwin supported and the Board unanimously passed a MOTION to expand the Charter Contract with Lake Superior State University. (Document titled: Resolution Amending the Charter Contract with W-A-Y Academy to add a third site at which various grade configurations are offered)

IX. Board Committee Reports/Comments

1. Schedule summer strategic planning meeting: Wong requested that a date be identified for a Board Strategic Planning session. Bachman will check with NCIS for strategic planning materials. This will be placed on the October Agenda.

X. Announcements

1. Next meeting will be Monday, July 8, 2013 at 5:30 at The Academy to discuss the elementary school site.

XI. Call to the Public

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1. Father Ed from St. Andrews parish shared that he and Bachman had met a couple of months ago when another LSSU Charter was interested in the former Pierre Toussaint location. He indicated that anyone that came into the community with a new school must be engaged with the Parish Council, the community at large and the students and their families. Father Ed said it would be a challenging undertaking with the tight timeframe and the modular classroom issue.
2. Mary Jenkins Williams said she was a teacher at Southwestern when it was closed. It was devastating.
3. Tabitha Stanley, a parent, was interested to know how the project based curricula at the proposed elementary school would work. She questioned how students of various grades would master grade level content expectations.
4. Bachman asked if the Board had approved the final version of the Student/ Parent Handbook. He will also check with NCIS on the status of finalized Board Policies.

XII. Adjournment was at 8:10 P.M.

ERRATUM: The LSSU Authorizer Report was inadvertently omitted from the Agenda.

Minutes of all Board of Director's meetings are available after approval by the

Board at the offices of the Board's attorneys, Lusk & Albertson, PLC, 40950 Woodward Avenue, Ste. 350, Bloomfield Hills, Michigan 48304 (248-258-2850).

Approved minutes will also be posted on the WAY Academy's web site, [www.wayprogram.net](http://www.wayprogram.net).

Public notice of this meeting was posted as required by the Open Meetings Act.