

**MINUTES OF MEETING
W-A-Y ACADEMY
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
JULY 2, 2012**

Member Irwin introduced Mr. J. Ricardo Guzman, LMSW, MPH – Chief Executive Officer of CHASS(Community Health and Social Services). Mr. Guzman warmly welcomed WAY Academy to CHASS and to the community. A brief overview of services rendered to patients from the new \$14 million facility and a profound commitment to improving access to healthcare in Southwest Detroit was shared.

Dr. Felix Valbuena, Jr , CHASS' Chief Medical Officer, treated attendees to a tour of this remarkable clinic. The thought and planning invested in making this a premier clinical and patient focused center is very evident.

Call to Order

The President called the meeting to order at 5:40 p.m. in the Executive Board Room, CHASS, 5635 W. Fort Street, Detroit, Michigan.

Roll Call

The Secretary called the roll. Present were President Bauer, Vice President Croxton, Treasurer Irwin, Member LeRoy and Secretary Wong. All Members were present. Also attending were: Mr. Robert Lusk, Lusk & Albertson; Mr. Glenn Bachman, Lake Superior State University Field Consultant; Mr. Tom Watkins, WAY Program Board of Directors; Mr. Glen Taylor, Co-Founder, WAY Program, Ms. Beth Baker, Co-Founder, WAY Program.

Approval of the Minutes from the June 26, 2012 Organizational Board Meeting

Minutes from the June 26, 2012 were prepared but not distributed. They will be presented for approval at the July 16, 2012 Board Meeting.

Public Comment on Agenda Items

No items were offered for public comment.

Approval of Board Policies Pertaining to MDE Funding Grant

MDE has conditionally granted WAY Academy a funding grant in the amount of \$110,000.00. MAPSA has suggested the Board adopt the policies attached as Exhibit 1 for the purpose of administering the MDE funding grant. The Board will need to consider and adopt separate policies for the Academy's educational and other functions.

The following was moved by Irwin and seconded by Croxton.

RESOLVED: The Board adopts the policies attached as Exhibit 1 with edits discussed as noted by President Bauer for the purpose of administering MDE's conditional funding grant.

The motion passed unanimously.

The edited version will be distributed to Board Members.

Bullying Policy

The Authorizer, LSSU, has suggested the Academy adopt a bullying policy, as required by Section 1310b of the Revised School Code, MCL 380.1310b. The Board has circulated and reviewed two draft policies suitable for that purpose.

Section 1310b, which took effect on December 11, 2011, requires PSAs to adopt certain bullying policies within six months of its effective date, or on or before June 11, 2012, and requires PSAs to submit a copy of the adopted policy to MDE within 30 days of the date of adoption, or on or before July 11, 2012. Section 1310b also requires the Board to conduct a public hearing on the proposed policy, which may be conducted as part of a regular Board meeting.

The following two resolutions were moved by Wong and seconded by LeRoy.

RESOLVED: the Board shall conduct a public hearing on its proposed bullying policy.

RESOLVED: the Board shall adopt the bullying policy, as presented by Lusk, and authorizes its Secretary to work with WAY Program Regional Executive to transmit said policy to MDE as required by Section 1310b of the Revised School Code.

Irwin inquired about the inclusion of cyber-bullying. Baker and Taylor explained that adult supervision and peer to peer monitoring is integral to the program.

LeRoy asked for an explanation of harassment vs. bullying. Harassment is explicitly covered and defined in the school policies.

Newspaper of Record

The Authorizer has suggested the Academy select a newspaper of record for the posting of required legal notices.

The following was moved by Irwin and seconded by Wong.

RESOLVED: The Board selects The Michigan Chronicle and El Centrál as the newspapers of record for the WAY Academy.

The motion passed unanimously.

Proposed Management Agreement

The WAY Program has proposed a Management Agreement to the WAY Academy. The Academy's Board of Directors has drafted and forwarded proposed amendments to the Management Agreement.

The following was moved by Irwin and seconded by LeRoy.

RESOLVED: The WAY Academy approves the Management Agreement, with edits as discussed, and authorizes its President, upon review and approval by legal counsel, to sign the Amended Management Agreement on behalf of the Board of Directors and the Academy.

Proposed Sub-Lease

The WAY Program has proposed a sub-lease to the WAY Academy for certain premises located at 8701 Vernor Road, Detroit, Michigan. The sub-lease is contingent on the Management Agreement and was not ready for action.

The following was moved by Irwin and seconded by Wong.

RESOLVED: The WAY Academy approves the sub-lease, with revisions as discussed, and authorizes its President, upon review and approval by legal counsel, to sign the sub-lease as amended on behalf of the Board of Directors and the Academy.

The motion passed unanimously.

Report and Comments from WAY Program Representatives

Baker reported that the move to the new building has begun. Baker and Watkins were warmly welcomed when they walked through the neighborhood. Many people have stopped by to inquire about enrolling their children. Restaurant owners are intrigued by the flexibility of the program which allows students to work and go to school. Formal enrollment will begin when the School Code is issued by MDE. In the meantime, a list of interested students is being compiled.

Baker offered to have WAY Staff Members present to Board Members to enhance understanding of the program.

All marketing material is being translated into Spanish. The website will be bi-lingual and will offer other translation if necessary,

Report and Comments from Authorizer

Bachman reiterated his support to assist in any way possible. He indicated that the choice of newspapers of record demonstrates knowledge of the target market. Compliance with the Open Meetings Act was highlighted- minutes distribution, public access to meetings are important.

Public Comment, on Non-Agenda Items

No items were offered for public comment.

Comments from and Discussion by Board Members

Wong and Irwin suggested that the Board work on a Diversity Statement that communicates inclusion as a foundational value.

Irwin is setting up a meeting to introduce President Bauer and the WAY Academy to The Honorable Rashida H. Tlaib, State Representative from the 12th District.

Bauer will follow up with Ricardo Guzman regarding further collaborative opportunities and to communicate WAY Academy's desire to be a community partner.

Irwin volunteered to conduct a walking tour of the neighborhood surrounding the school to any interested parties.

Irwin suggested that future board meetings offer a complimentary meal to encourage community participation and to increase outreach.

Bachman encouraged planning of a ribbon cutting/grand opening event.

Next Meeting

The Board of Directors will meet next on Monday, July 16, 2012 at WAY Academy, 8701 Vernor, Detroit at 5:00 p.m.

Adjournment

Irwin made a motion to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Wong
Board Secretary

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