

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
W-A-Y ACADEMY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
AUGUST 6, 2012**

Call to Order

President Bauer called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m. at the WAY Academy, 8701 W. Vernor, Detroit, Michigan.

Roll Call

Roll was called. All Board Members were present: Liz Bauer, Glenn Croxton, Patrick Irwin, Barbara LeRoy, Pam Wong. Also attending were: Bob Lusk, Lusk & Albertson, Attorney; Glenn Bachman, Lake Superior State University, Field Consultant; Bethany Rayl, W-A-Y Program, Regional Executive; Beth Baker, W-A-Y Program Co-Founder; Tom Watkins, W-A-Y Program, Board Member and Shannon Smith, W-A-Y Program, Director of Charter Schools. Steve Privasky, A.J. Gallagher & Co., Area Assistant Vice President, attended to present risk management materials.

Approval of the Minutes from the July 16, 2012 Meeting

Minutes of the special Board Meeting, July 16, 2012 were distributed.

The following was moved by Irwin and seconded by LeRoy.

RESOLVED: The Board approves the minutes of the July 16, 2012 special meeting with the correction noted by Bauer in the spelling of John Kottler's name.

The motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment on Agenda Items

No public comments were offered.

Presentation by Glenn Bachman on National Charter School Institute (NCSI) Policy Development Services.

Mr. Bachman detailed the services offered by NCSI for whom he is a contracted agent. For the \$5000 fee, W-A-Y Academy Board will receive assistance in developing the 60 legally required policies and assistance in developing up to 200 additional policies depending on the Academy Board's needs. After initial policy development, the authorizer, Lake Superior State University, will provide bi-annual updates to assure they remain compliant with federal and state laws and best practices. The LSSU update service is valued at \$1700.00 per year and paid by LSSU.

The following motion was made by Irwin and seconded by Croxton

RESOLVED: The Board will contract with NCSI for the purpose of developing operating policies in an amount not to exceed \$5000.00.

The motion passed unanimously.

Presentation from Insurance Carriers

Steve Privasky, Area Assistant Vice President, A. J. Gallagher & Co., shared an overview of the organization and its ability to handle The Academy's Risk Management needs.

A. J. Gallagher, the world's 4th largest insurance brokerage, is a value-based, family run organization. They are "niche" driven and committed to developing market expertise in select areas. Community involvement is a hallmark of their approach.

Questions were answered and a contact list was promised so that Board Members may seek further information from Gallagher's current clients.

Appointment of Financial Institution

The Board has received and considered proposals from various banking institutions.

The following was moved by Wong and seconded by LeRoy.

RESOLVED: The Board appoints Huntington Bank and authorizes its President, Vice-President and Secretary to take all reasonable and necessary actions to establish the accounts necessary to handle the Academy's financial transactions.

The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Management Agreement

The President was authorized by the Board to negotiate specific changes and to execute a Management Agreement between WAY Program and WAY Academy. That work has been completed. The final Management Agreement was attached to the agenda.

The following was moved by Irwin and seconded by Croxton.

RESOLVED: The Board ratifies the attached Management Agreement.

The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Sub-Lease

The President was authorized to negotiate certain changes and to execute a sub-lease for the school facility with WAY Program. That process has been completed. The final sub-lease was attached to the agenda.

The following motion was made by Wong and seconded by LeRoy.

RESOLVED: The Board ratifies the attached sub-lease.

The motion passed unanimously.

Grant Status Report

Bethany Rayl reported on the status of the Michigan Department of Education funding grant. The grant has two parts, planning and implementation. Action has been taken and progress has been made to meet the requirements for accessing funds.

The grant requires copies of contractual agreements for the purpose of Board Training.

The following was moved by Irwin and seconded by LeRoy.

RESOLVED: The Board authorizes its President to negotiate and to execute an agreement with MAPSA, MASB or another appropriate organization to provide Board Training in an amount not to exceed \$5,000.

The motion passed unanimously.

Bethany reported that the Academy's application for the Walton Family Foundation Public Charter Startup Grant is due Monday, August 13, 2012. She will forward the application for review and comment prior to submission.

Discussion of Academy's Mission Statement

Board Members and WAY Program representatives discussed the following Mission and Vision Statement.

Mission Statement

WAY Academy recognizes that each student is a unique individual; that all students have the ability to learn and that all students desire to succeed. We respect the individual needs of the students we serve by offering a customized, global learning experience that inspires self esteem, academic excellence and lifelong learning.

Vision Statement

If our students can **perceive** success and our students can **believe** success, then our students can **achieve** success.

There is interest in asking students what the Mission says to them.

The following was moved by Wong and seconded by LeRoy.

RESOLVED: The Board adopts the Mission and Vision Statements.

The motion passed unanimously.

Report and Comment from WAY Program Representatives

Shannon Smith reported on community outreach efforts. He has met with the following community leaders:

Maria Salinas -President - Congress of Communities
Joined and attended their education committee
Christine Bell -Human Development Director- Urban Neighborhood Initiatives
Participated in neighborhood walk
Accepted invitation to join educational leaders network
Attending community picnic
Vincente Martin- Executive Director- Human Synergy Works
Hosts radio show. We will be on-air next week
Tyrone Carter-President-The Original United Citizens Of Southwest Detroit
Lydia Florez-Executive Director- Latino Family services
Hassan Jaber-Executive Director- ACCESS
Ninfa Cancel- Community Center Administrator
Elizabeth Santos- Clark Park Community Organizer

We have also been to a host of local businesses and community agencies
Participated in Shop Your Block Friday August 3:

- Community Painting
- Information table
- Snacks

This past Saturday we worked to beautify the neighborhood as part of ARISE Detroit

Cleared and cleaned overgrown vacant lots:

- Lawndale and Senator
- Lawndale and Whittaker
- Church Lot

Board Members shared additional contacts. Shannon will follow up with each of them this week.

Shannon has been going directly to students to recruit them. Students from a wide geography are interested. The first student is from Livonia. Home visits have been well received and add credibility to relationship building. Much effort is needed to gain trust with people in the neighborhood.

The facilities are progressing and will be in good shape to welcome students.

Darrell Wanamaker, Director of Multi Media and Design, WAY Program, shared an overview of the WAY Academy website.

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

No items were offered for public comment.

Comments from and Discussion by Board Members

LeRoy requested an update regarding food service. Baker reported that the RFP needs approval by the State.

Wong reported that Board Meetings have been publicly noticed in the *Michigan Chronicle* and *el Central* newspapers as required by the Open Meetings Act.

Next Meeting

The next Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 10, 2012 at WAY Academy, 5:00 p.m.

Adjournment

Wong made a motion to adjourn at 7:35 p.m.

Approved minutes of all Board of Directors meetings are available on the WAY Academy's web site www.wayacademy.net, which will be launched soon. In the meantime, approved minutes are available at the offices of the Board's attorneys, Lusk & Albertson, PLC, 40950 Woodward Avenue, Ste. 350, Bloomfield Hills, Michigan 48304 ((248) 258-2850).

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