

W-A-Y Academy Detroit  
(Widening Advancements for Youth)  
8701 West Vernor Hwy.  
Detroit, MI 48209

Board of Directors' Regular Meeting  
Monday, October 20, 2014  
5:30 p.m.

## MINUTES

### I. Call to Order by Pamela Wong, Vice-President at 5:35 pm.

#### Roll Call :

Bauer - Excused  
Croxtton - Present  
Irwin - Present  
LeRoy - Excused  
Murray - Present  
Wong - Present

Guests Present : Bethany Rayl, WAY Program; Madeline Black, WAY Academy Director; Shawn Hill; Beth Baker, WAY Program; Glen Taylor, WAY Program; Kelli Glenn, WAY Program; Shannon Smith, WAY Program.

### II. Approval of Agenda

It was moved by Patrick Irwin and seconded by Glenn Croxtton to approve the agenda. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

### III. Call to the Public

This meeting is a meeting of the Board of W-A-Y Academy in public for the purpose of conducting the School District's business and is not to be considered a public community meeting. We now invite members of the public to address the Board and share any thoughts or concerns regarding agenda items only.  
No Public Comments.

#### IV. Presentation by Researchers and Staff

None – Will reschedule for future meeting.

#### V. Consent Agenda

A. Approval of Minutes Regular Meeting, September 15, 2014

B. Approval of Minutes Special Meeting, September 27, 2014

It was moved by Michael Murray and seconded by Patrick Irwin to approve the consent agenda items from September 15, 2014 and September 27, 2014. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

Pamela Wong encouraged board members to share any comments they may have about the recent retreat with Elizabeth Bauer.

#### VI. Educational Service Provider's Report

A. Comprehensive review of data:

Educational Goals per LSSU Contract

Student Achievement

Bethany Rayl shared on comprehensive review of data.

Academies have just finished MAP testing. This is Fall assessment testing that provides baseline data regarding growth. Should have some data to share at the next scheduled board meeting.

B. Update on Count Day

Madeline Black, Director of West Campus indicated they had 171 researchers for count day. The goal was set for 180 students.

Discussion on activities that were held on count day within the building. West Campus is looking forward to having Music offered at their building in the near future. Music and PE will be a collaboration between the two campus sites. Students who completed testing will be rewarded tomorrow with an Ice Cream Extravaganza. Shared on student visit to Central Michigan University that was held with Cody students and WAY students. Madeline Black reported on student disciplinary issue. She indicated the student is doing well and behavior indicates better decision making.

Shawn Hill, Director of Southwest Campus indicated they had 291 researchers (18 may not be counted which will bring them to 273). They are lower on numbers than expected. They had a goal set for 360 researchers. Reasons for the variance are being analyzed. Efforts are in progress to boost enrollment. Shared on student enrollment requirements and student projects that are going on within the lab. Shawn Hill spoke about how they are using the new room on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor for ACT testing, work area for special education and more. She also shared that students are interested in a visit to the Holocaust Museum, which could allow them to earn some Social Studies and ELA standards.

## VII. LSSU Authorizer Liaison Report

Not present.

## VIII. Old Business

### A. Discussion Items

#### 1. West Campus After School Program Financial Support

Discussion on the after school basketball program previously presented to the board is on hold until next year. Students must meet the MHSAA eligibility requirements in order to participate. May be difficult for some students. We are looking at what is currently offered at Don Bosco Hall. Don Bosco Hall has a program starting in December that West Campus is interested in participating. Cost is \$80 per student, which includes uniform. Games are held at Don Bosco Hall. Cost for the insurance rider is \$500-\$1000. Board shared that a mandatory physical would be needed for each student participating. This should not be a financial burden as Henry Ford Health System provides free care twice each week. Must be Title IX compliant not approved. Madeline Black is still researching the Don Bosco Program and our liability. She is also researching assistance for the \$80 student fee.

Additional conversation on sports that could be offered to students. Patrick Irwin indicated that he would be willing to assist Shawn Hill with a track/running team if students were interested.

## B. Action Items

1. Support for West Campus After-School Program with Don Bosco Hall, has been put off for vote until next month.

## IX. New Business

### A. Discussion items

#### 1. Food Service Proposal

Shannon Smith share with board and discussion was had around acceptance of Edibles Rex Food Service as the vendor for Southwest and West Campus. This proposal has been approved by the Michigan Department of Education. Shawn Hill shared that she had a positive experience with Edible Rex in the past.

#### 2. Board member reimbursement requests (Croxtton, others)

Glenn Croxtton had no receipts to present. Patrick Irwin submitted for mileage \$386.56 and \$110.32 for at total of \$496.88.

#### 3. Approval of Lusk & Albertson invoice \$588.00 for documentation review and correspondence re: EMC insurance cancellation.

### B. Action Items

#### 1. Motion to accept the Food Service Proposal

It was moved by Michael Murray and seconded by Patrick Irwin to approve the Food Service Proposal from Edibles Rex Food Service. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

#### 2. Motion to approve Board member reimbursement requests as submitted.

It was moved by Michael Murray and seconded by Glenn Croxtton to approve mileage reimbursement to Patrick Irwin in the amount of \$496.88. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

#### 3. Motion to approve payment of Lusk & Albertson invoice

It was moved by Patrick Irwin and seconded by Michael Murray to approve the payment of Lusk & Albertson invoice in the amount of \$588.00. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

## X. Board Committee Reports/Comments/Action

### A. Finance Committee: Action: Accept report

Michael Murray discussed the budget report, which was shared with the financial committee. Currently shows a board fund balance of \$112,000.00 It was moved by Glenn Croxton/seconded by Pamela Wong to approve the finance report. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

Michael Murray wanted to discuss how financials can benefit each board member. He would like feedback from board on their expectations (i.e. What am I looking at and why should I be looking at this?) Michael Murray indicated he would like to see anything that may show a negative impact in the financials.

### B. Nominating Committee – progress report

Discussion shared on how to recruit additional board members. Pamela Wong indicated she would be sending an inventory grid for each board member to complete. It will show at a glance, the collective skills possessed by the board. The grid will guide with board recruitment.

### C. Strategic Plan – progress report

Once testing is complete, board asked that the results be shared at monthly meetings. Could accept strategic plan draft at the next scheduled board meeting. School Improvement Plan measurables will be held at the March board meeting. Bethany Rayl shared she had a conversation with Nick Ochelski (Lake Superior State University). Nick indicated they would look at gap differential and measure progress. Bethany Rayl indicated that she was waiting on written clarification.

## XI. Announcements:

A. Next Regularly Scheduled Board meeting: November 17, 2014 at W-A-Y Academy Detroit, 8701 W. Vernor Highway, Detroit, MI 48209.  
5:30 p.m.

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Tabitha Stanley shared on the need for sports physicals for students as noted above.

### XIII. Adjournment

It was moved by Michael Murray and seconded by Glenn Croxton to adjourn the meeting. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 6:27 p.m.

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