

**W-A-Y ACADEMY
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
DECEMBER 3, 2012
MINUTES**

Call to Order

President Bauer called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m. at the WAY Academy, 8701 W. Vernor, Detroit, Michigan.

Roll Call

The Secretary called the roll. Present were President Bauer, Vice President Croxton, Treasurer Irwin and Secretary Wong. Member LeRoy was excused. A quorum was present. Others in attendance included: Glen Taylor, Beth Baker, Bethany Rayl, Shannon Smith, Glenn Bachman, Shelly Griffiths and Bob Seestadt from Apparatus Solutions and Mike Murphy.

Public Comment on Agenda Items

No comments were offered.

Approval of Minutes of November 5, 2012 Regular Meeting

Proposed minutes of the November 5, 2012 regular meeting were distributed.

The following motion was made by Croxton, seconded by Irwin and passed unanimously.

RESOLVED: The Board approves the minutes of the November 5, 2012 regular meeting as presented.

President's Report

An opportunity for report and comment from the President.

- Hosted visits to WAY Academy-Eileen Weiser and Mary Kay Shields will return on December 14 along with representatives from Central Michigan University to discuss teacher preparation. On December 4 Marianne McGuire and Kathleen Straus, State Board of Education members, will visit WAY Academy.
- Expanding WAY Board - President Bauer met with Mike Murphy at The Academy. Need to think about strategic needs of Board- may grow to 7. Mike is a CPA and grew up in Southwest Detroit and has a strong desire to give back to the community.

The following motion was made by Wong, supported by Croxton and passed unanimously.

RESOLVED: The Board approves the nomination of Michael Murphy to Lake Superior State University for consideration as a Director of WAY Academy.

- Inventory of Fixed Assets Update: The inventory was completed by WAY Staff. A purple binder containing the information was given to President Bauer
- FOIA Request from AFT- was sent to 125 schools. After AFT remits a check to cover expenses, we have 5 days to respond. We have heard nothing from AFT to date.

Treasurer's Report

President Bauer reported that she is working with Huntington Bank to set up electronic funds transfer.

President Bauer presented the budget prepared with the assistance of Apparatus Solutions.

The following motion was made by Wong, seconded by Croxton and passed unanimously.

RESOLVED: The Board approves the budget as presented.

President Bauer agreed to ask attorney Lusk for guidance regarding noticing of Budget Hearings.

Report and Comments from WAY Program Representatives

- Michigan Future Schools Group grant: Glen Taylor reported that this is a \$800,000 grant over four years- \$250k for planning, \$350k for implementation and the remainder for expansion. No contract has been signed. The search has begun for a site in northwest or midtown Detroit. Lou Glazer has a meeting scheduled for December 12, 2012. WAY Academy will need to amend its contract with LSSU to accommodate this contract.
- McKinney-Vento Act: Bethany Rayl reported that WAY Academy will receive services from Wayne RESA to support homeless students.
- Concurrent Credits: Beth Baker reported that WAY Program staff met with the LSSU Provost and Deans regarding a program to offer concurrent college credits to Academy students. This requires that WAY Academy staff have adjunct faculty credentialing. Staff portfolios have been prepared and sent to LSSU.
- Shannon Smith reported that 246 students are enrolled and 50 are on the waiting list. Shannon said that credit attainment depended on demonstrated proficiency and that customized feedback was the key to success. Year to date, most students have attained 1 credit.
- Shannon Smith reported that a vendor had been selected for food service. The food service program will be self-sustaining.

The following motion was made by Irwin, seconded by Croxton and passed unanimously,

RESOLVED: The Board approves CanStrong Food Service as the vendor for the State approved meal program and instructs WAY Staff to move forward with due diligence to develop a contract for the services..

Report and Comments from Authorizer

Glenn Bachman reported that the revised, legally required Board Policies should be ready soon. He will follow up with Wong and LeRoy to develop Best Practices Policies.

LSSU Directories were distributed. Personnel changes were effective in November.

Bachman will share a template that will enhance the efficiency and productive of Board Meetings.

Bachman will forward information directly to Mike Murphy regarding information necessary for vetting.

The Annual Charter Review criteria will be shared to facilitate the 2013 evaluation. A template for evaluation of the ESP is being developed.

Public Comment, on Non-Agenda Items

No public comment was offered.

Comments from and Discussion by Board Members

Board Members engaged in a discussion regarding security after the issue was raised by Wong. Smith indicated that he thought students felt safe in school. He has a Crisis Plan in place.

Next Meeting

The Board of Directors will meet next on Monday, January 7, 2013 at the WAY Academy at 5:00 p.m.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Pam Wong, Secretary

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