W-A-Y Academy Flint
Rescheduled Regular Board Meeting
Date: August 31, 2026

Members Present:
- Stephen L. Murphy
- L. Deon Williams
- Venetta Watt Tucker

Others Present:
- Isaiah Pettway
- Ronda Carter
- Melissa Weisberger
- Marilyn Galan *(Via Zoom)*

I. Greetings

II. Meeting Called to Order / Roll Call
- Time: 6:38 PM

Roll Call Attendance:
- Stephen L. Murphy (Genesee County) - Present
- L. Deon Williams (Genesee County) - Present
- Venetta Watt Tucker (Genesee County) - Present
- Sanford J. Edwards III (Genesee County) - Absent

III. Approval of the Agenda
- Motion: Moved by L. Deon Williams (Y) / 2nd by Venetta Watt Tucker (Y)
- Roll Call Vote:
  - L. Deon Williams (Y)
  - Venetta Watt Tucker (Y)
  - Stephen L. Murphy (Y)

IV. Call to the Public
- Public Comment: NONE

V. Consent Agenda

A. Approval of the July 20th, 2026 Regular Board Meeting Minutes
- Motion: Moved by Venetta Watt Tucker (Y) / 2nd by L. Deon Williams (Y)
- Roll Call Vote:
  - L. Deon Williams
  - Venetta Watt Tucker
  - Stephen L. Murphy (Y)

Approved

- Motion carries.

VI. Correspondence

A. LSSU Compliance Report - *Superintendent Pettway*

- Superintendent Pettway congratulated the board on their improvement on the Compliance Report. He noted that there were no RED areas.
- The board was reminded that LSSU grants $15 per student, based on the Spring Count.
- The grant monies received may be used by Director Ronda Carter for projects around the school.
- Mrs. Melissa Weisberger discussed the areas in YELLOW.
- One of the areas that received YELLOW is board members participating in LSSU professional development. Mrs. Weisberger encouraged board members present to complete their 2 hours of professional development.
- Mrs. Weisberger also noted a 2nd area in YELLOW is the board having a process on evaluating the academy director and the management company. She explained that "technically" they are employees of the board and that it is another level of compliance to ensure that the board understands what is being asked versus what is being done.
- The board was reminded that these evaluations are due by May 31st every year.

VII. LSSU Authorizer's Liaison's Report *(Mrs. Melissa Weisberger):*

- Earlier this month there was a review of the Hylant Insurance Policy, this is the insurance which insures the school.
- Some line items were found to be non-compliant but are being worked on.
- The school has been asked to be in compliance by September 11th.
- Reminder that every student graduate is automatically accepted to Lake State with a minimum of $2,000 for 4 years. Former middle school students, who went to a different high school are also eligible to receive this.
- The school was presented with a letter and a plaque to be displayed with this LSSU guarantee.

Approved

- The board was asked to provide a name and address of the new location and to please look at obtaining the certificate of occupancy as soon as possible once a location is agreed on.

- Board members were encouraged to recruit a fifth board member to be compliant.

VIII. Educational Service Provider's Report / Superintendent's Report / Director's Report:
Superintendent's Report - Superintendent Pettway

- The initial Consolidated Grants application has been turned in prior to the deadline of August 26th.

- This grant application applies to Title I, The School Improvement Grant, Title II, the Professional Development Grant, and Title IV, the Wellness Grant.

- Minor modifications are being worked on.

- We have narrowed it down to 2 sites for the new school location. The sites are the Atherton Site, which we looked at prior to today and a location in Baker College. The Atherton site is located at the Word of Life Christian Church.

- The Atherton site will be $13,500 per month, an increase of $1,000 of what we currently pay. We are also waiting to hear back from the developers about the Baker College location. A recommendation will be made to the board when a comparison is made.

- Preliminary lease must be turned in to Mr. Chris Olszewski by September 15th.

- Both the Baker College location and the Atherton location are available for immediate move-in. The Atherton location has a current Certificate of Occupancy, the Baker location would require an inspection prior to obtaining the certificate.

- Board member Watt Tucker asked why the last occupant left the Atherton building thinking along the lines of longevity.

- Mrs. Weisberger inquired when Baker College may be providing their numbers, Superintendent Pettway responded that he was waiting on an email from them that should come at some time today.

Director's Report - Mrs. Ronda Carter

- Students were on vacation in July so there is not much to report. 1.87 credit was earned during the month.

- Enrollment is currently at 87 students.

Approved

- 4 interviews scheduled for tomorrow, 7 interviews scheduled for next week.

- Currently working with 48 leads.

- 8 students have completed inductions.

IX. Old Business

A. Discussion Items:
None

B. Action Items:
None

X. New Business

A. Discussion Items:

1. New Lease-vote to empower Board President Murphy to negotiate and sign the proposed lease to be later ratified by the Board.

    - Superintendent Pettway explained to board members present that they would need to vote so that Board President Murphy may negotiate and sign the proposed lease, to be later ratified by the board.

    - Board members present agreed to Board President Murphy negotiating and signing the proposed lease.

2. Rescheduling of Regular Board Meetings for December, January and February.

    - Board members discussed the rescheduling of regular board meetings for December, January and February.

    - Board members present agreed and voted for the following rescheduled dates:
        - December 14, 2026
        - January 11, 2027
        - February 8, 2026

B. Action Items:

1. Approve New Lease-vote to empower Board President Murphy to negotiate and sign the proposed lease to be later ratified by the Board.

    - Motion to approve New Lease-vote to empower Board President Murphy to negotiate and sign the proposed lease to be later ratified by the Board moved by Venetta Watt Tucker (Y) / 2nd by L. Deon Williams (Y)
    - Roll Call Vote:

Approved

- L. Deon Williams (Y)
- Venetta Watt Tucker (Y)
- Stephen L. Murphy (Y)

- Motion carries.

2. Approve Rescheduling of Regular Board Meetings for December, January and February.

- Motion to approve Rescheduling of Regular Board Meetings for December, January and February moved by L. Deon Williams (Y) / 2nd by Venetta Watt Tucker (Y)
- Roll Call Vote:
  - L. Deon Williams (Y)
  - Venetta Watt Tucker (Y)
  - Stephen L. Murphy (Y)
- Motion carries.

XI. Board Committee Reports / Comments / Action

Finance Committee - *Superintendent Pettway on behalf of Mrs. Sherry Lynem*

A. Discussion Items

1. July 2026 Financial Statements
   - State Aid Payment Received - $108,871.60
   - State of Michigan - $7,798.96
   - GISD - $30,110.94
   - Monies Transferred in July 2026 - $84,690.11
   - Accounts Payables as of June 2026 - $44,581.30
   - Payroll Liabilities (7/10, 7/24 & Healthcare) - $45,679.92
   - Request for transfer in the amount of - $90,261.22

B. Action Items

1. Approve July 2026 Financial Statements
   - Motion to approve June financial statements on both discussion and action items moved by Venetta Watt Tucker (Y) / 2nd by L. Deon Williams (Y)
   - Roll Call Vote:
     - L. Deon Williams (Y)
     - Venetta Watt Tucker (Y)
     - Stephen L. Murphy (Y)
   - Motion carries.

XII. Announcements:

XIII. Call to the Public:

- Public Comment: NONE

Approved

XIV. Adjournment:

- Motion to Adjourn moved by L. Deon Williams (Y) / 2nd by Venetta Watt Tucker (Y)
- Roll Call Vote:
    - L. Deon Williams (Y)
    - Venetta Watt Tucker (Y)
    - Stephen L. Murphy (Y)
- Motion carries.

The meeting ended at 7:10 PM
Minutes submitted by: Marilyn Galan

Approved

Minutes Certification:

Approved minutes of **August 31st, 2026** Rescheduled Regular Board Meeting respectfully submitted,

Venetta Tucker (Sep 22, 2026 12:02:04 EDT)

Board Secretary

22/09/2026

Date

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