Board Meeting Minutes
W-A-Y Academy Detroit
Regular Board Meeting

Date: August 18th, 2026

1. Attendance

Board Members Present:

- Michael Murray (Wayne County) - Present
- Laura Chavez-Wazeerud-Din (Wayne County) - Present
- Danielle Bascomb (Wayne County) - Absent
- Sheila Flanagan (Wayne County) - Absent
- Patricia Moesner (Wayne County) - Present

Others Present:

- Madeline Black
- Isaiah Pettway
- Trena Braswell
- Cameron Nichols
- Sherry Lynem

Meeting called to order by Michael Murray at 6:05 PM

II. Oath of Public Office - Sheila Flanagan - *tabled until Board Member Flanagan arrives.*

III. Approval of the Agenda

- Motion to approve the agenda moved by Laura Chavez/ 2nd Patricia Moesner (Y)
    - **Roll Call Vote:** Laura Chavez (Y), Patricia Moesner (Y), Michael Murray (Y). Motion carries.

IV. Call to the Public

NONE

V. Consent Agenda

A. Approval of Minutes, Rescheduled Regular Board Meeting, July 28th, 2026

- Motion to approve moved by Laura Chavez / 2nd Patricia Moesner (Y)
    - **Roll Call Vote:** Laura Chavez (Y), Patricia Moesner (Y), Michael Murray (Y). Motion carries.

VI. Correspondence

A. LSSU Compliance Report

- Superintendent Pettway discussed the Annual LSSU Compliance Report. The report is specific to items turned into EpiCenter in a timely manner and board meetings held.

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- The board earned GREEN (the highest grade) in all areas of compliance. Because of that a compliance grant will be awarded to us again this year.

VII. LSSU Authorizer's Liaison's Report *(Dr. Garnet Green):* *ABSENT*

- On behalf of Dr. Green, Superintendent Pettway there was nothing at this time other than the Oath of Office of Board Member Sheila Flanagan.

VIII. Educational Service Provider's Report / Superintendent Report / Director's Report
ESP Report / Superintendent's Report: (Superintendent Pettway):

- We are currently in our grant cycle.
- The Consolidated Grants Application has changed again this year. A day-long training is now required pertaining to this application; I have taken the training.
- The first round of the Consolidated Grants Application has been submitted. This was submitted on time and means we are guaranteed the July 1st pay back for the year.
- I will be working on some required modifications.
- We received a slight reduction in Title I funds because of last year's carry over.
- The start of the school year is looking good. The move to the new location is currently underway for our West campus.
- Faculty and staff have been around the neighborhood introducing themselves and have received a warm welcome.
- The city has moved the original inspection for August 26th to September 1st which is very close to the beginning of the new school year.
- We will continue to prepare to welcome new students into the new school on September 8th.
- If the Certificate of Occupancy has not been established by then, students will begin the school year on-line, at least for the first week of school.
- I plan to come to the board to ask that you appropriate funds that were not accounted for in the original budget. It will be to run a bus route from the current school building or in that area to the new school. The route would include a morning pick-up and drop-off and a Noon pick-up and afternoon drop-off.
- Board Member Moesner questioned Superintendent Pettway about a prior conversation where it was noted that a bus to transport students would involve a great deal of liability

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and would be very expensive. Superintendent Pettway clarified that the idea is to contract an insured company to run the route.

- Several quotes for transportation have been requested and will be presented to the board for consideration. President Murray asked how many days will transportation be provided and Superintendent Pettway responded, 4. Board member Laura Chavez mentioned the importance of transportation and thanked Superintendent Pettway for looking into it.

- The per pupil allowance will increase again this year.

- A $250 increase is expected, making it $10,300 per student.

- The State is moving to a weighted budget.

- Demographic make-up of schools will affect funding. Formulas have not been released as of yet.

- It was stated on record that Mrs. Braswell and Mr. Nichols have done an amazing job with the transition from one school building to a new one.

ESP Report / Director's Report (Mr. Cameron Nichols):

- During this month our main focus has been the move to a new location.

- Some students have earned credit this Summer but not many. The system is always available for them to work and that is what makes our program so unique.

- Open House for Southwest will take place tomorrow from 11am -1pm and for our new location on Wednesday, August 26 from 11am - 2pm.

- We have been out passing flyers and introducing ourselves to the neighborhood. Flyers have been passed out and placed on many vehicles and have been left at many surrounding restaurants and businesses.

- I have been interviewing new-potential students. Many have been referred by family members, friends and current students.

- Director Braswell talked about a Back to School Community Fair that Mr. Nichols was a part of this weekend where he passed out information about the school. She also mentioned a staff member with a weekend job handing out flyers with every purchase made at her store.

- President Murray asked that a budget for Summer school be worked on so the board may decide if they would like to fund it for next year.

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**President Murray announced to the board that Board Member Sheila Flanagan had an emergency and would not be at tonight's meeting.*

IX. Old Business

A. Discussion Items:

NONE

B. Action Items:

NONE

X. New Business

A. Discussion Items:

1. Strategic Planning Session

- President Murray asked if there was a state requirement and if the planning could be simplified. Superintendent Pettway informed him that it is an LSSU requirement and it must be updated regularly. He said it is best practice to at least have an overview of the strategic planning on-line for the public.

2. School Improvement Committee

- Director Nichols said he did not have much to discuss other than a new EWIMS point person. Her name is Beatrice Benjamin and their first meeting was today.. He reminded the board that EWIMS is Early Warning Intervention Monitoring System.

- Superintendent Pettway informed the board of a new progress monitoring system that was recently purchased. CMU suggested a monitoring tool outside of the NWEA be implemented for another one of our schools and we have decided to use it at all of the schools. It will show us the growth of students before the NWEA.

3. Career Day Committee

- The Board was reminded that Career Day will take place on May 11th this school year.

4. New Lease Update

- Nothing else to report at this time other than what has already been discussed.

XI. Board Committee Reports / Comments / Action

Finance Committee: Mrs. Sherry Lynem

A. Discussion Items

1. July 2026 Financial Statements:

- State Aid Payment Received: $ 211,695.25

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- Wayne RESA: $81,342.48
- State of MI: $14,120.99
- Miscellaneous Deposits: $715.00
- LSSU: $615.82
- Payables as of July 2026: $60,452.83
- Payroll Liabilities (7/10, 7/24 & HC): $85,870.46
- Request for transfer in the amount of: $146,323.29

B. Action Items**:**

1. Approval of the July 2026 Financial Statements

- Motion to approve moved by Laura Chavez / 2nd Patricia Moesner (Y)
  - **Roll Call Vote:** Laura Chavez (Y), Patricia Moesner (Y), Michael Murray (Y). Motion carries.

XII. Announcements

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XIII. Call to the Public

- No public comments were made.

XIV. Adjournment

- Motion to Adjourn moved by Laura Chavez / 2nd Patricia Moesner (Y)
  - **Roll Call Vote:** Laura Chavez (Y), Patricia Moesner (Y), Michael Murray (Y). Motion carries.

- The meeting adjourned at 6:38 PM

Minutes submitted by: Marilyn Galan

Approved

Minutes Certification:

Approved minutes of **August 18th, 2026** Regular Board Meeting respectfully submitted,

Sheila Flanagan (Sep 23, 2026 15:17:33 EDT)

Board Secretary

23/09/2026

Date

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