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

Date: September 15th, 2026

1. Attendance

Board Members Present:

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

Others Present:

- Isaiah Pettway
- Trena Braswell
- Cameron Nichols
- Dr. Garnet Green (Via Zoom)
- Cameron Nichols
- Marilyn Galan

Meeting called to order by Michael Murray at 6:12 PM

II. Approval of the Agenda

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

III. Call to the Public

NONE

Board member Sheila Flanagan was sworn in and took her oath of office

IV. Consent Agenda

A. Approval of Minutes, Regular Board Meeting, August 18th, 2026

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

V. Correspondence

NONE

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VI. LSSU Authorizer's Liaison's Report *(Dr. Garnet Green)*

- The board was reminded to turn in Conflict of Interest Forms if they have not already done so. A copy will be sent to Superintendent Pettway and anyone who has not completed this as of yet.

- A promise letter was read to the board on the LSSU Lakers Guarantee.

- The board will be presented with a framed LSSU Guarantee and Promise Letter for hanging at each school and to be posted in heavy trafficked areas.

VII. Educational Service Provider's Report / Superintendent Report / Director's Report *(Superintendent Pettway)*

- Our Consolidated Grants application has been submitted. Some modifications need to be made to the language; these modifications are currently being worked on.

- There have been some minor reductions in Title grants but nothing that will significantly impact programming.

- The per pupil allowance has increased. There was an increase of $250 per student. The new pupil allowance went from $10,050 to $10,300.

- Other state grants are looking to move to a weighted formula. Specifics are being worked out now. We do not foresee the district being affected negatively.

- There is a strong possibility that our school may receive extra funding since we are a Title I school.

- Several students have been withdrawn from our West site because of our recent move and transportation issues.

- We are currently looking for a bus or transportation agency to transport students from our old Detroit location to our new Redford location.

- Lastly, I have been selected to be a part of a task force to help support improvement in Reading and Math in the State of Michigan.

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

- The move to our new location is complete and everything is now at the new site.

- Classrooms look great as many teachers have worked hard to welcome students back to school.

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- As Superintendent Pettway mentioned we are still working on finding transportation for students registered at our West campus.

- One of our main focuses at both locations has been recruitment and enrollment.

- Both campuses gained students from our Open Houses. Needless to say, they both had a great turnout.

- We will be introducing a Back On Track program for young adults ages 20-22.

- Our $100 incentive (per student) referral program is bringing in students; current students and staff members are referring new families to our schools.

- Board member Bascomb questioned the bus / transportation route. Director Nichols explained that there would be a pick-up and drop-off at the old site, twice per day to accommodate both AM and PM students.

- Board member Chaves asked about the current enrollment numbers. Director Nichols explained that there are currently 160 students enrolled between both campuses - West and Southwest.

- President Murphy asked for the goal number and Superintendent Pettway responded that the goal for both campuses is 210.

- President Murphy asked for a breakdown of each campus' enrollment. Director Nichols explained that Southwest currently has 114 students enrolled and West has 46. Superintendent Pettway further explained that the goal for Southwest is 115 and the goal for West is 95.

- Director Braswell talked about how great the transition from one building to another was and she talked about the great job the movers did as well. She said they went over and beyond and that they even came back the next day to help with the disposal of things at no extra cost.

- Director Braswell also talked about the church personnel being very welcoming and present and available at all times during the move into the school part of the building.

- NWEA testing starts next week.

- Teachers are currently working with students on understanding their test scores in both Math and Reading. They are also reminding students of their goals and the incentives that will follow if they are able to reach that goal.

VIII. Old Business

A. Discussion Items:

NONE

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B. Action Items:
NONE

IX. New Business

A. Discussion Items:

1. Strategic Planning Session
   - Nothing new to report at this time.

2. School Improvement Plan -
   - No new updates besides we now have a new consultant; Mrs. Lisa Dean.

3. Career Day Committee
   - Nothing new to report at this time.

4. Move Update - Mrs. Braswell
   - Update was given during the Director's Report.

5. Reauthorization Update
   - Superintendent Pettway explained that we are now officially in our reauthorization year.
   - He , President Murphy and Ms. Madeline Black along with LSSU representatives attended a reauthorization kickoff meeting.
   - The application for renewal is due at this time. It has been completed and will be sent to Director Braswell for review then to LSSU.
   - LSSU will present the application to its Board of Regents and they will determine the length of time of the extension of our contract. It can be anywhere between 5 to 7 years and in some cases, a 3 +2.

B. Action Items:
NONE

X. Board Committee Reports / Comments / Action

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

A. Discussion Items

1. August 2026 Financial Statements:

- State Aid Payment Received: $264,455.85
- Wayne RESA: $74,120.52
- State of MI: $14,053.23
- Miscellaneous Deposits: $1,003.08
- Payables as of August 2026: $66,203.24
- Payroll Liabilities (9/4, 9/18, 10/2 & HC): $136,351.70
- Request for transfer in the amount of: $202,554.94

Approved

B. Action Items**:**

1. Approval of the August 2026 Financial Statements

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

XI. Announcements

NONE

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XII. Call to the Public

- No public comments were made.

XIII. Adjournment

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

- The meeting adjourned at 6:50 PM

Minutes submitted by: Marilyn Galan

Approved

Minutes Certification:

Approved minutes of **September 15th, 2026** Regular Board Meeting respectfully submitted,

Sheila Flanagan (Oct 21, 2026 16:21:40 EDT)

Board Secretary

21/10/2026

Date

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