

W-A-Y Michigan
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Board of Directors' Regular Meeting

Date: May 20, 2020

Time: 6:00 pm

MINUTES

I. Call to Order by the President at 6:06 pm

Roll Call:

Brown X

Donoghue X

Long Joined Late

Muscat X

II. Approval of Agenda

It was moved by Christine Muscat and seconded by Gregory Brown to approve the May 20, 2020 Regular Board Meeting agenda as presented. All members voted with Aye. There were none opposed. Passed unanimously.

Roll Call Vote:

Brown Aye

Donoghue Aye

Muscat Aye

III. Call to the Public

This meeting is a meeting of the Board of W-A-Y Michigan 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 comment was offered.

IV. Approval of Minutes Regular Meeting April 15, 2020

It was moved by Christine Muscat and seconded by Jesse Donoghue to approve the April 15, 2020 Regular Board Meeting minutes. All members voted with Aye. There were none opposed. Passed unanimously.

Roll Call Vote:

Brown _Aye_
Donoghue _Aye_
Muscat _Aye_

V. Educational Service Provider Report
Superintendent/Director

Superintendent Black shared a conversation she had with CMU liaison Jennifer Joubert. She indicated that Ms. Joubert would be contacting Amy Long pertaining to her board membership renewal in the near future. Board President Muscat indicated she would reach out to Ms. Joubert as well. Superintendent Black shared information on some great work that has been going on with WAY Michigan students. This information is showcased on the website. We plan to advertise early for enrollment.

Director James Middleditch shared information with the board around enrollment, attendance and credit attainment and shared a power point with the board via Zoom. In the month of April, our enrollment has decreased by 11 researchers. We believe that this number will continue fall in the next couple months as researchers graduate. We have an enrollment plan in place that will work towards increasing the enrollment by June. We hope to end this school year with more researchers than last June (157). Most of our grade level cohorts continue to remain about the same. Our 12th grade cohort has decreased by nine. We believe we will continue to see a decrease in the 12th grade cohort as more students graduate. As we continue to monitor our grade level cohorts, we hope to get feedback on how we can increase enrollment in Middle School and 9th grade for the 2020-21 school year.

The Researcher retention at WAY Michigan decreased 7 percent for April. We believe that the retention rate will continue to fluctuate as researchers graduate and students determine their plans for the 2020-21 school year. Currently, we have 13 researchers that are on pace to graduate by June. Board Member Jesse Donoghue inquired on enrollment trends and Director James Middleditch shared a spreadsheet with the board showing this information. Mr. Donoghue asked if Mr. Middleditch would send this information to the board.

Our online attendance decreased from 72% in March to 70% in April. I believe that we have done well to continue to have our researchers log in during the COVID-19 crisis. We will want to work towards increasing to 80% of total days attended over the next year. Our attendance Liaison has worked to start using "Robo Calls" in our plan to increase attendance.

Board President Muscat inquired on whether or not we are having issues with reaching all of our students? Mr. Middleditch shared there are just a handful that are hard to reach. Board member Jesse Donoghue indicated he was impressed with the team keeping up with student engagement during this time of COVID 19. Superintendent Black shared we will be highlighting some of this information in a marketing campaign for upcoming enrollment.

Our total credit in April has decreased by 6 credits. I believe that the total credit earned has decreased due to a decrease in enrollment from seniors graduating. We believe that a focus on providing additional academic support and reviewing how to complete projects completely has helped with credit attainment. Our average credit attainment has decreased from .61 to .59 in April. We look forward to maintaining over .50 credit average. With our work on reinforcing our recommitment process and meetings with the Assistant Director and Team Leaders, we hope to work towards increase the number of researchers on the Honor Roll each month. In April the 6th grade continued to have a credit average over 1 credit. The high school cohorts all earned over .50 credit average. 7th grade struggled the most dropping from .75 to .48 credit average in April. We will need to specifically target 7th and 8th grade researchers for support to get them above the .50 credit average.

Points of Pride:

1. Our Superintendent, Madeline Black, was asked to speak at the virtual National Charter School day event hosted by the Michigan Association for Public School Academics (MAPSA).
2. 58 percent of our researchers made it on the honor roll for April. We send out prizes of the researchers choosing for Gold (1.0+ Credit) and Silver (.70-1.0 Credit). Our Bronze (.50-.70 Credit) receive a certificate for being on the Honor Roll.
3. We had 5 researchers graduate since our last board meeting. We are looking to collect student and staff speeches for our graduation slideshow.
4. The WAY Michigan School Improvement team has met twice a month over the last couple of months to complete our school improvement plan. During our next meeting we hope to review and revise our goals and activities to complete our school improvement plan for this year. Staff and student spirits are high. We have received messages from students and staff about how much they appreciate our school and the staff's dedication to supporting them especially in this time of COVID-19.

Director James Middleditch shared that WAY Michigan did not make the cut for the CMU Innovation Award for Innovative Schools.

VI. Treasurer Report

A. Discussion Items:

1. April 2020 Financial Statements

Kelli Glenn shared information pertaining to the April 2020 Financial Statements and provided the board with this information prior to the meeting.

B. Action Items:

1. Accept April 2020 Financial Statements

It was moved by Christine Muscat and seconded by Gregory Brown to accept the April 2020 financials as presented. All members voted with Aye. There were none opposed. Passed unanimously

Roll Call Vote:

Brown _Aye____
Donoghue _Aye____
Long _Aye____
Muscat _Aye____

VII. Correspondence

Kelli Glenn shared on a Thank You postcard which CMU had sent to WAY Michigan. Ms. Glenn indicated she would provide the board with the MAPSA Link which showcased Superintendent Black's speaking on behalf of Charter Schools recently.

VIII. Central Michigan University liaison updates - CMU Liaison Jennifer Joubert – Not in attendance

IX. Old Business

A. Discussion Items:
None

B. Action Items:
None

X. New Business

A. Discussion Items:

1. WAY Michigan Annual Board Meeting Calendar

2. Spring 2020 Board Policy Updates

Superintendent Madeline Black shared information around the Spring 2020 Board Policy Updates and shared this information with the board online.

3. Proposed 2020/2021 school calendar

Superintendent Madeline Black shared information around the Proposed 2020/21 School Calendar and shared this information with the board online. Board Member Jesse Donoghue inquired as to when AP classes would begin. Superintendent Black shared the AP classes were available this year but anticipate more students will take these courses beginning in the fall.

4. Potential Budget Reductions/Impacts

Kelli Glenn provided information around potential state budget reductions with the board and shared this information with the board online. The school will likely experience a \$650 per student cut. The school has received a little over \$79,000 in ESSR funds from the Cares Act. Ms. Glenn shared the criteria for spending these ESSR funds with the board. By law, the school would need to have a budget proposal approved by the board which would be due to the state by June 30th. Board Member Jesse Donoghue inquired if we do anything with 23a and capture student funding in this manner? Ms. Glenn indicated she would look into this.

5. PSA State Aid Note Program

Ms. Glenn shared information around the PSA State Aid Note borrowing program with the board and provided them with the requirements/criteria for borrowing. Application deadline is in July and the funds are made available in September.

B. Action Items

1. Approve WAY Michigan Annual Board Meeting Calendar

It was moved by Christine Muscat and seconded by Amy Long to approve the WAY Michigan Annual Board Meeting Calendar as presented. All members voted with Aye. There were none opposed. Passed unanimously.

Roll Call Vote:

Brown _Aye____
Donoghue _Aye____
Long _Aye____
Muscat _Aye____

2. Approve Spring 2020 Board Policy Updates

It was moved by Christine Muscat and seconded by Gregory Brown to approve the Spring 2020 Board Policy Updates as presented. All members voted with Aye. There were none opposed. Passed unanimously.

Roll Call Vote:

Brown _Aye____
Donoghue _Aye____
Long _Aye____
Muscat _Aye____

3. Approval of proposed 2020/2021 school calendar

It was moved by Christine Muscat and seconded by Amy Long to approve the WAY Michigan Proposed 2020/2021 School Calendar as presented. All members voted with Aye. There were none opposed. Passed unanimously.

Roll Call Vote:

Brown _Aye____
Donoghue _Aye____
Long _Aye____
Muscat _Aye____

XI. Call to the Public

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None.

XII. Adjournment at 7:09 pm

It was moved by Christine Muscat and seconded by Jesse Donoghue to adjourn at 7:09 pm. All members voted with Aye. There were none opposed. Passed unanimously

Roll Call Vote:

Brown _Aye____
Donoghue _Aye____
Long _Aye____
Muscat _Aye____

A copy of the meeting minutes are available for public inspection at the offices of WAY Program, 407 E. Fort St. Suite 201, Detroit, MI 48226 within 8 business days for proposed minutes and within 5 business days of approval for approved minutes. Approved minutes will be posted on the WAY Academy's website: <http://www.wayprogram.net>. Public notice of this meeting was posted as required by the Open Meetings Act.

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Minutes Certification:

Approved minutes of May 20, 2020 Regular meeting respectfully submitted,

Gregory Brown

Board Secretary


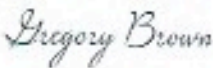

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