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Board of Directors' Regular Meeting

Date: September 16, 2015 Time: 6:00 p.m.

Minutes

I.	Call to Order by the President at 6:00 p.m.
	Roll Call Barker _ X Hines _ X Muscat _ X Stanton _ X
II.	Approval of Agenda
	William Barker asked to amend the agenda by adding speaker Riley Justice (National Charter Institute), who would present on the bullying policy and would speak after the treasurer's report. Would also like to add background update under correspondence. Riley Justice indicated he would speak to this subject as well.
	It was moved by Thea Hines and seconded by Christine Muscat to approve the agenda as amended. Approved unanimously.
III.	Call to the Public
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	None.
IV.	Approval of Minutes Meeting August 19, 2015

A copy of the meeting minutes are available for public inspection at the offices of WAY Program, 407 E. Fort St. Suite 205, 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.

2015 board meeting minutes. Approved unanimously.

It was moved by Sheila Stanton and seconded by Thea Hines to approve the August 19,

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V. Treasurer Report

Christine Muscat shared August treasurer's report with the board. WAY Michigan is now a member of MAPSA. This will show up as a future budget line item. WAY Michigan books have been audited by Taylor & Morgan. They had zero findings. They will present and share this information to the board in October.

It was moved by Christine Muscat and seconded by William Barker to approve the Treasurer's report as presented. Approved unanimously.

At this time Riley Justice from National Charter Institute presented to the board. National Charter Institute works with Central Michigan University.

Bullying policy – Board needs to make a decision on this. Riley Justice shared that all bullying reports should go to the school leader. This information will be reported on the state site at the end of the year. Board held additional conversation around this topic. Beth Baker shared that Alex Cintron would most likely be responsible for this, working along with Jennifer Moser (WAY Michigan Team Leader). This needs to be written in the Board Policy. Riley Justice will assist with task and work with the board. A decision needs to be made and is due to MDE by September 30, 2015.

It was so moved by William Barker and seconded by Christine Muscat to approve the bullying policy as presented by Riley Justice. Approved unanimously.

Riley Justice shared on state fingerprint policy discussion that was recently held – Oct 12th is deadline. If the board receives the fingerprints, the Red Light/Green Light rules will apply when board is sharing information with WAY. Christopher Schropshire shared on this as well. Wayne RESA is available to assist with this process, as well as, MDE. Shared that fingerprint report needs to be submitted prior to employment offer to any prospective candidates. No action is required at this time, however, decisions will need to be made in the very near future. Riley Justice indicated the board can set the precedence on the frequency of fingerprinting. Board asked if there was a state law that we could follow and Riley Justice indicated this information is available.

Records would need to be in a locked file at the Board's office.

It was moved by William Barker and seconded by Christine Muscat to appoint Thea Hines as the designated board member to obtain Michigan State Police criminal background fingerprint information effective October 12, 2015. Approved unanimously.

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Riley Justice spoke on process, and shared on various policies that are coming up in the near future. National Charter Institute will work with board on these policies if needed. National Charter Institute can answer a lot of questions on behalf of the board if the board will work with them. Please reach out to Riley Justice to schedule any time the board may need.

CPL license will allow you to open carry within the school. The law supersedes any decision.

Beth Baker shared that we need to seek out information as a board from CMU to ensure that we are following best practice procedures.

VI. Educational Service Provider Report

Review of WAY Michigan & changes made within the past year Academic Testing Requirements – ACT, SAT, etc.

Introduction of Marilee Bylsma who will be the Director of WAY Michigan. She comes with an extensive background in training principals/directors, as well as, works with special education as well.

Marilee Bylsma shared with the board on her first three days here at WAY, and shared on her background experience.

Introduction of Jennifer Reichow who will be working as the Team Leader for WAY Michigan. Jennifer is personable, very organized and we are happy to have her on board.

Jennifer Reichow shared with the board on her background experience. Shared that Rachel Sarkody has been working hard along side her the past two weeks.

Introduction of Steven Beaulieu who comes from EAA with a strong data/testing background.

Steven Beaulieu shared with the board on his background experience. Also shared his excitement on working with our WAY Michigan researchers.

Alex Cintron wanted to give kudos to Rachel Sarkody and Bethany Rayl for their work the past few weeks. Alex provided a recap on what Jennifer Reichow & Rachel Sarkody have been working on in regards to communicating with our researchers and parents. We are hoping to have 120 for fall enrollment. (Currently have 12 incomplete packets & 10

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complete packets). Beth Baker shared on marketing that has been done on behalf on WAY Michigan. Amelia Duran, our community coordinator has been working diligently on marketing. Our researchers are also working on marketing strategies to promote WAY Michigan.

William Barker asked if we could have a HERO update at the October board meeting.

Steve Beaulieu spoke on letter that CMU sent to board regarding High School assessment testing. SAT will be getting the most publicity. Starting this year, all Junior students are required to take the SAT as part of the Michigan Merit Exam. CMU is asking the board to adopt the policy to participate in the SAT test. Additional conversation was held around what type of assessment testing we may want to offer in the near future. Alex Cintron shared that we are looking at cost and quality of assessment tests that are available. Steve Beaulieu shared we are working very diligently to ensure that we are in compliance.

VII. Correspondence

None

VIII. Central Michigan University liaison updates

Christopher Schropchire explained what the board was being asked to approve. (Refer to CMU letter dated 7/30/15) Board is being asked to approve a Charter amendment. (focus on Schedule 7) We will start having these discussions around March 2016. Resolution would need to be approved today.

It was moved by William Barker and seconded by Christine Muscat to approve the CMU Contract Resolution as presented. Approved unanimously.

IX. Old Business

None

X. New Business

CMU Contract Resolution (Refer to Section VIII)
Revised School Safety & Anti-Bullying Policy (Refer to Section V)
School calendar discussion (Beth Baker indicated this was added in error-no discussion required)

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XI. Action Items

Accept August 2015 Financials (Refer to Section V)
Approve Revised School Safety & Anti-Bullying Policy (Refer to Section V)

XII. Call to the Public

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William Barker was presented a plaque on behalf of Central Michigan University.

XIII. Adjournment

It was moved by William Barker and seconded by Thea Hines to adjourn the meeting at 7:34 p.m. Approved unanimously.

Minutes Certification:

Approved minutes respectfully submitted,

Board Secretary

Date

10/23/2015

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