

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

**Date: February 19, 2020**

**Time: 6:00 pm**

**MINUTES**

**I. Call to Order by the President at 6:07 pm**

Roll Call:

Brown X

Donoghue X

Long X

Muscat X

**II. Approval of Agenda**

Board President Muscat requested adding Item #2 under New Business Discussion: Contract Amendment Request Resolution

It was moved by Christine Muscat and seconded by Amy Long to approve the February 19, 2020 Regular Board Meeting agenda as amended. All members voted with Aye. There were none opposed. Passed unanimously.

Board Member Amy Long requested adding discussion on the Innovation & Vision Award as Item #3 under new Business. It was moved by Amy Long/Seconded by Christine Muscat to approve the February 19, 2020 Regular Board meeting agenda as amended. All members voted with Aye. There were none opposed. Passed unanimously.

**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.

None.

### III. Approval of Minutes Regular Meeting January 15, 2020.

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

### V. Educational Service Provider Report Superintendent/Director

James Middleditch shared information with the board around enrollment, attendance and credit attainment and provided them with a handout. Mr. Middleditch shared he had spent the day in Lansing spending time lobbying for "Charters Matter". Board President Muscat inquired on which legislative staff he had spoken with. Mr. Middleditch shared additional information on those he spoke with.

#### Points of Pride:

1. For month of January, we had less than 10% of researchers earning 0 credit. This has been our goal to address and have finally made it. We hope to continue this success in future months.
2. Madeline Black, Superintendent of WAY Charter Schools, was nominated for the Administrator of the Year award through MAPSA. We wish her luck on receiving this award.
3. 49 percent of our researchers made it on the honor roll for January. We send out prizes of the researchers choosing for Gold (1.0 +Credit). Our Bronze (.50-.70 Credit) receive a certificate for being on the Honor Roll.
4. We have graduated 3 researchers since January and plan to graduate another 20 researchers by the end of the School year.
5. Field Trips are planned on February 21<sup>st</sup> to Kalamazoo Valley Community College and Kalamazoo College, and on February 28<sup>th</sup> to Wayne State University and University of Michigan-Dearborn.

Superintendent Black indicated that count requirements are going well. WAY Michigan will be audited by the pupil accounting auditor for the Spring 2020 count. Staff have been attending numerous PDs around testing, data, etc. MDE Title audit was held recently, and the auditor has requested additional information which is required within the next 30 days. Once the information has been provided, the school will have one year to implement the changes.

Board President Muscat noted and shared her excitement with the increase in credit attainment. Potential board member inquired on how much credit the student should be earning on a monthly basis? Mr. Middleditch advised on this.

### VI. Treasurer Report

#### A. Discussion Items:

1. January 2020 Financial Statements

Kelli Glenn shared information with the board around the January 2020 Financial statement and provided them with a handout. Ms. Glenn shared that she will be presenting the Spring Board Amendment for approval at the March meeting. Board Member Donoghue requested clarification on the loan interest process which Ms. Glenn addressed.

Board President Muscat inquired on the dual enrolled students and asked if this increased? Ms. Glenn shared that it had increased, and this would be reflected in the Spring Board Amendment next month.

Board President Muscat asked for clarification on Indirect Costs which Ms. Glenn explained to the board.

B. Action Items:

1. Accept January 2020 Financial Statements

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

VII. Correspondence - None

VIII. Central Michigan University liaison updates

Jennifer Joubert shared information on a project "Opportunity Youth" which Ms. Black and Mr. Middleditch have been participating. CMU is trying to measure schools that are unique such as WAY Michigan. The board will be asked to attend a future meeting as this will impact their contract.

On March 18, 2020, CMU will be hosting an event entitled, "Direction of Michigan Education" and board is encouraged to attend.

Board Development Series will be held in the near future.

Board appreciation month was in January and Ms. Joubert presented the school with a banner showing the mission statement.

Board Member Jesse Donoghue received his official plaque and name plaque.

IX. Old Business

A. Discussion Items:

None

B. Action Items:

None

X. New Business

A. Discussion Items:

1. Fall 2019 Board Policy Updates

Superintendent Black shared information around the Fall 2019 Board Policy Updates with the board. She provided a synopsis on each of the updates.

2. Contract Amendment Request Resolution – Board indicated there are no contract amendment changes and the resolution is not required at this time.

Superintendent Black indicated that we have no contract amendment requests and do not need to complete the resolution. Board President Muscat wanted it noted in the minutes that there is no need to complete the resolution due to no changes.

3. Innovation and Vision Award

Board member Amy Long shared on an email the board received from CMU pertaining to the Innovation and Vision Award. Ms. Long thought the board should perhaps apply for the award and asked for input from the board. Mr. Middleditch indicated he had reviewed the email and thought we could apply. Ms. Glenn asked the board for their input on how they think WAY Michigan is innovative? Board Member Long and Board President Muscat shared their input around this. The board held additional conversation as well. Deadline for submission is April 3, 2020.

B. Action Items

1. Approve Fall 2019 Board Policy Updates

It was moved by Christine Muscat and seconded by Amy Long to approve the Fall 2019 Board Policy Updates as presented. All members voted with Aye. There were none opposed. Passed unanimously

XI. Call to the Public

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Potential board member was in attendance at the meeting and introductions were shared around the table. The potential member and board members held additional conversation around the available board vacancy.

XII. Adjournment at 7:16 pm

It was moved by Christine Muscat and second by Amy Long to adjourn at 7:16 pm. All members voted Aye. There were none opposed. Passed unanimously.

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.

The Academy shall comply with subtitle A of Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, Public Law 101-336, 42 USC § 12101 et seq or any successor law. Should you require specific accommodation(s) please contact WAY Michigan offices at (313) 444-9292 prior to the meeting.

**Minutes Certification:**

Approved minutes of February 19, 2020 Regular meeting respectfully submitted,

*Gregory Brown*

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Board Secretary

04/17/2020

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Date

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