

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

**Date: May 19, 2021**

**Time: 6:00 pm**

**MINUTES**

<https://wayprogram.zoom.us/j/91841199008>

**I. Call to Order by the President at 6:08 pm**

**Roll Call:**

Bogart X Wayne County  
Brown X Macomb County  
Donoghue X Wayne County  
Long X Oakland County

**II. Approval of Agenda – Board President Gregory Brown requested the below listed items be added to the agenda under New Business Discussion & Action Items:**

New Business Discussion Item #6 WAY Michigan District Calendar 2021/22

New Business Discussion Item #7 Annual Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting Calendar 2021/22

New Business Discussion Item #8 Strategic Planning Proposals

New Business Discussion Item #9 COVID Response Plan

New Business Action Item #5 Approve WAY Michigan District Calendar 2021/22

New Business Action Item #6 Approve Annual Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting Calendar 2021/22

New Business Action Item #7 Approval on one of the Strategic Planning Proposals

New Business Action Item #8 Approve COVID Response Plan

Strategic Planning Proposal Presentation by Mr. Rod Green from Michigan Association of Schools will be presenting prior to the Educational Service Provider Report (Item V.)

It was moved by Gregory Brown and seconded by Amy Long to approve the May 19, 2021 Regular Meeting agenda, as amended. All members voted with Aye. There were none opposed. Passed unanimously.

**Roll Call Vote:**

Bogart - Aye  
Brown - Aye  
Donoghue - Aye  
Long - 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.

None.

IV. Approval of Minutes

1. Regular Meeting Minutes April 21, 2021

It was moved by Gregory Brown and seconded by Mandi Bogart to approve the April 21, 2021 Regular Meeting minutes, as presented. All members voted with Aye. There were none opposed. Passed unanimously.

Roll Call Vote:

Bogart - Aye

Brown - Aye

Donoghue - Aye

Long - Aye

Mr. Rod Green from the Michigan Association of Schools presented information around strategic planning and shared a proposal with the board. Discussion was held around the type of strategic planning that Mr. Green would offer at the Board Retreat. Board Member Amy Long inquired as to what the deliverables would look like at the end of the session. Mr. Green indicated the board would have goals and objectives at the end of the session. Board Member Mandi Bogart inquired on what type of governance information would be shared at the session. Mr. Green shared information pertaining to governance, which could be offered at the retreat.

V. Educational Service Provider Report  
Superintendent/Director

Mr. Rich Klemm (WAY Program Executive Director), wanted to share information with the board around Superintendent Madeline Black's pending retirement. Ms. Black shared her thanks to WAY Michigan for the opportunity of serving the students, staff and board. Mr. Klemm indicated he would be keeping the board informed of Madeline's replacement.

Information around enrollment, attendance and credit attainment had previously been provided on the board portal.

Superintendent Black shared information around the end of the year parent survey which will be sent to the parents in the very near future. We should be able to share this data with the board at the retreat. Board President Brown asked if a question could be added pertaining to graduation

ceremonies being held in two different counties. Board Member Amy Long offered guidance on how to ask question #6, which Ms. Black shared she would edit and change.

Superintendent Black inquired if any of the Board Members would like to record a short video to be shared at the upcoming graduation. Graduation is scheduled for June 24<sup>th</sup>.

WAY Michigan Director James Middleditch provided the board with the Winter 2021 NWEA Growth Data on the board portal.

VI. Treasurer Report

A. Discussion Items:

1. April 2021 Financial Statements

Thea Daniels shared information around the April 2021 Financial Statements and provided this information to the board virtually. Ms. Daniels had previously provided this information to the board prior to the meeting. Ms. Daniels wanted to remind the board that she would need to schedule a budget hearing and would need to meet with the board. The board agreed to hold the budget hearing at the upcoming retreat in June.

2. Accounts Payable Report & Funds Transfer

Thea Daniels shared information around the Accounts Payable Report & Funds Transfer and provided this information to the board virtually. Ms. Daniels had previously provided this information to the board prior to the meeting.

B. Action Items:

1. Accept April 2021 Financial Statements

It was moved by Gregory Brown and seconded by Mandi Bogart to accept the April 2021 Financial Statements, as presented. All members voted with Aye. There were none opposed. Passed unanimously.

Roll Call Vote:

Bogart - Aye

Brown - Aye

Donoghue - Aye

Long - Aye

2. Approve Accounts Payable Report & Funds Transfer

It was moved by Gregory Brown and seconded by Amy Long to approve the Accounts Payable Report & Funds Transfer, as presented. All members voted with Aye. There were none opposed. Passed unanimously.

Roll Call Vote:

Bogart - Aye  
Brown - Aye  
Donoghue - Aye  
Long - Aye

VII. Correspondence: None

VIII. Central Michigan University Liaison Updates

CMU Liaison Jennifer Joubert expressed her congratulations to Superintendent Black on her pending retirement. Ms. Joubert noted that Board President Brown attended the recent CMU round table session. Ms. Joubert wanted to remind the board about having discussion around the extra grant monies that may be available. Board President Brown asked Thea Daniels to remind the board at the next finance committee meeting to discuss the grant monies.

IX. Old Business

A. Discussion Items:

1. RFP for Auditing Services

Board confirmed they had reviewed the proposals. Board member Mandi Bogart indicated that she was impressed with the Rehmann proposal and shared additional information around this. Board President Brown shared information around references he had obtained on the auditing firms. Board members Jesse Donoghue and Amy Long indicated they reviewed the information and appreciated that Board Member Mandi Bogart had shared her perspective. Board Member Amy Long noted that Thea Daniels had been listed as a reference for Rehmann and inquired as to her connection with this firm. Ms. Daniels shared on her previous experience with Rehmann.

B. Action Items:

1. Approve RFP for Auditing Services

It was moved by Amy Long and seconded by Mandi Bogart to approve Rehmann for Auditing Services providing that Rehmann identify an independent auditor from their firm who doesn't service any other WAY Academy locations. All members voted with Aye. There were none opposed. Passed unanimously.

Roll Call Vote:

Bogart - Aye  
Brown - Aye  
Donoghue - Aye  
Long - Aye

X. New Business

A. Discussion Items:

1. Dickinson Wright invoice 1570774 For \$69.00

Thea Daniels shared information with the board around the Dickinson Wright invoice #1570774 for professional services provided to the board. The invoice had previously been provided on the board portal.

2. Discussion of the Bedrock Lease agreement

Board President Brown shared information around the Bedrock Lease Agreement. This information was reviewed by the board's legal counsel.

3. Discussion of new Board candidate

One of the potential candidates had an emergency and was unable to attend tonight's meeting.

4. Spring Board policy updates – Postpone for the next board meeting

5. Discussion of School enrollment plan

Superintendent Madeline Black shared information around the school enrollment/marketing plan scheduled for the 2021/22 school year. Word of mouth is our greatest recruitment tool. We'd like to offer incentives to some of our students/families for bringing in new recruits. Ms. Black shared additional ideas and provided this information with the board virtually as well. The Board had additional conversation around the marketing ideas. Board President Brown indicated we should be paying the students a fee of \$150-\$200 or more if the recruit stays through count day. Discussion was held around tracking the data from recruitment. Ms. Black shared that we could potentially create a project for the students to earn credit based on recruitment/enrollment and offer them a stipend as well. Board member Jesse Donoghue indicated he was on board with Ms. Black's idea of involving the student in the process. Discussion was held around offering a stipend to someone who is in charge of recruitment. Board held additional conversation around enrollment/marketing. Ms. Black indicated she would provide the final marketing plan to the board within the next week. Board President Brown indicated the incentive could be extended to teachers and administrative staff. Board President Brown attended a recent parent meeting and shared that we should not be afraid of spending money on the parent meetings.

6. 2021/22 WAY Michigan District Calendar – The calendar had been provided to the board portal prior to the meeting.

Board President Brown shared information around the WAY Michigan District Calendar.

7. 2021/22 Annual Regularly Schedule Board Meeting Calendar – The calendar had been provided to the board portal prior to the meeting.

8. Strategic Planning Proposals

Board President Brown and Board Member Jesse Donoghue shared information around the potential proposals that would be available for the upcoming Board Retreat. The proposals had previously been shared with the board. Board held additional conversation around the goals/expectations they would want to achieve with the strategic planning.

#### 9. COVID Response Plan

##### B. Action Items

##### 1. Approve Dickinson Wright invoice 1570774 For \$69.00

It was moved by Gregory Brown and seconded by Mandi Bogart to approve the Dickinson Wright Invoice 1570774 in the amount of \$69.00, as presented. All members voted with Aye. There were none opposed. Passed unanimously.

##### Roll Call Vote:

Bogart - Aye  
Brown - Aye  
Donoghue - Aye  
Long - Aye

##### 2. Approve Bedrock Lease agreement

It was moved by Gregory Brown and seconded by Mandi Bogart to approve the Bedrock Lease Agreement, as presented. All members voted with Aye. There were none opposed. Passed unanimously.

##### Roll Call Vote:

Bogart - Aye  
Brown - Aye  
Donoghue - Aye  
Long - Aye

##### 3. Approve new Board candidate

It was moved by Gregory Brown and seconded by Amy Long to postpone approval of the new board candidate. All members voted with Aye. There were none opposed. Passed unanimously.

##### Roll Call Vote:

Bogart - Aye  
Brown - Aye  
Donoghue - Aye  
Long - Aye

4. Approve Spring Board policy updates

It was moved by Gregory Brown and seconded by Mandi Bogart to postpone approval of the Spring Board policy updates. All members voted with Aye. There were none opposed. Passed unanimously.

Roll Call Vote:

Bogart - Aye  
Brown - Aye  
Donoghue - Aye  
Long - Aye

5. Approve 2021/22 WAY Michigan District Calendar

It was moved by Gregory Brown and seconded by Mandi Bogart to approve the WAY Michigan District Calendar, as presented. All members voted with Aye. There were none opposed. Passed unanimously.

Roll Call Vote:

Bogart - Aye  
Brown - Aye  
Donoghue - Aye  
Long - Aye

6. Approve 2021/22 WAY Michigan Annual Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting Calendar

It was moved by Gregory Brown and seconded by Amy Long to approve the 2021/2022 WAY Michigan Annual Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting Calendar, as presented. All members voted with Aye. There were none opposed. Passed unanimously.

Roll Call Vote:

Bogart - Aye  
Brown - Aye  
Donoghue - Aye  
Long - Aye

7. Approval of Strategic Planning Proposal

It was moved by Gregory Brown and seconded by Jesse Donoghue to approve the one-day Movements Impact Group Strategic Planning Proposal and post an RFP for School Strategic Planning, which should post from May 28 - (required number of posting days), as presented. All members voted with Aye. There were none opposed. Passed unanimously.

Roll Call Vote:

Bogart - Excused at 7:45 pm

Brown - Aye  
Donoghue - Aye  
Long - Aye

#### 8. Approved COVID Response Plan

It was moved by Gregory Brown and seconded by Jesse Donoghue to approve the COVID Response Plan, as presented. All members voted with Aye. There were none opposed. Passed unanimously.

#### Roll Call Vote:

Bogart - Excused at 7:45 pm  
Brown - Aye  
Donoghue - Aye  
Long - Aye

#### XI. Call to the Public

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None.

#### XII. Adjournment at 7:56 pm

It was moved by Gregory Brown and seconded by Amy Long to adjourn at 7:56 pm. All members voted with Aye. There were none opposed. Passed unanimously.

#### Roll Call Vote:

Bogart - Excused at 7:45 pm  
Brown - Aye  
Donoghue - Aye  
Long - 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 19, 2021 Regular meeting respectfully submitted,

*Mandi Bogart*

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Board Secretary

05/27/2021

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Date

# Signature Certificate

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