

WAY MICHIGAN ACADEMY**407 East Fort - Suite 201****Detroit, MI 48226****Telephone: 313.638.2716****Fax: 313.638.2717****SPECIAL MEETING
WAY MICHIGAN ACADEMY BOARD OF DIRECTORS****DATE: 5/16/2023****TIME: 6:00 pm****LOCATION: Globe Building****407 E. Fort****Suite 201****DETROIT, MI 48226****APPROVED****MINUTES****MEETING TYPE:** ☐ REGULAR ☒ SPECIAL ☐ PROPOSED ☒ APPROVED**I. CALL TO ORDER**

PRESIDENT DAVID BEAUMONT called the meeting to order at 6:04 ☒ P.M./ ☐ A.M. on Tuesday, May 16, 2023.

II. ROLL CALL

Dr. David Beaumont, President

☒ Present☐ Absent

Ms. Marquita Tharpe, Vice-President

☒ Present☐ Absent

Dr. Tamara Halliburton, Secretary

☒ Present☐ Absent

Dr. Schequita Owens, Treasurer

☒ Present☐ Absent

**Vice President Tharpe left the room at 8:15 P.M. and returned at 8:18 P.M.*

ADMINISTRATIONMs. Madeline Black, Executive Director, WAY (**Virtual**)

Mr. Isaiah Pettway, Superintendent, WAY Michigan Academy

Mr. James Middleditch, Director of Programs, WAY Michigan Academy

Ms. Kelli Glenn, Interim Finance Director (**Virtual**)**OTHERS PRESENT (all or a portion of the meeting)**

Mrs. Felicia Williams, Board Accountant, Provision

Mrs. Vanessa Gulley, Board Liaison, Provision

Mrs. Rachel Horne, Board Liaison, Provision

Mr. Ed Roth, Field Operations, CMU

THE PROPOSED AGENDA WAS DISTRIBUTED.

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III. PUBLIC COMMENT *(on agenda items only)*

- **PRESIDENT BEAUMONT** asked what the Zoom link was for.
Mr. Pettway stated that link was instituted during COVID, and the previous Board elected to continue with the link.
PRESIDENT BEAUMONT advised that the public needs to be able to get into the building.
Mr. Pettway shared that typically there is someone who is available to let others into the building and that he will make sure that someone is there going forward.
PRESIDENT BEAUMONT shared that the Board packet had moved around over several days. He advised that going forward, he would like to have the final packet distributed the Friday before the meeting.

IV. APPROVAL OF THE Tuesday, May 16, 2023 MEETING AGENDA

MOTION: VICE-PRESIDENT MARQUITA THARPE MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE Tuesday, May 16, 2023 MEETING AGENDA AS PRESENTED.

SUPPORT: PRESIDENT DAVID BEAUMONT SECONDED.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

V. APPROVAL OF THE THURSDAY, MAY 04, 2023 MEETING MINUTES

MOTION: VICE-PRESIDENT MARQUITA THARPE MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE THURSDAY, MAY 04, 2023 MEETING MINUTES WITH CORRECTIONS: THE WORD PACKAGE BE CHANGED TO PLAN ON PAGE 2 OF 6.

SUPPORT: SECRETARY TAMARA HALLIBURTON SECONDED.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

The Board was reminded to submit their pictures and bios for the website.

VII. NEW BUSINESS**a. Approval of Annual Calendar of Regularly Scheduled Meetings**

MOTION: VICE-PRESIDENT MARQUITA THARPE MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE ANNUAL CALENDAR OF REGULARY SCHEDULED MEETINGS.

SUPPORT: SECRETARY TAMARA HALLIBURTON SECONDED.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

- **Vice-President Tharpe** advised that the 3rd Tuesday was the date that was originally agreed upon for the Annual Calendar of Regularly Scheduled Meetings.

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Mr. Pettway shared that WAY Mich already has a standing meeting on the 3rd Tuesday.

Mrs. Gulley advised that Epicenter has a due date of June 8th to submit the Annual Calendar of Regularly Scheduled Meetings.

President Beaumont advised that the 2nd Thursday would be helpful.

Mrs. Gulley shared that the next scheduled Board meeting is June 20th and July is when the Board will begin meeting on the 2nd Thursday of each month.

b. Approval of 23/24 WAY Mich School Calendar

MOTION: VICE-PRESIDENT MARQUITA THARPE MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE 23/24 WAY MICH SCHOOL CALENDAR.

SUPPORT: SECRETARY TAMARA HALLIBURTON SECONDED.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

- **President Beaumont** asked Mr. Pettway to explain the school calendar and schedule.
Mr. Pettway shared the following:
 - The calendar is determined by the ISD-Wayne Resa and must be approved by the Board.
 - WAY Mich staff have 3 weeks off during the month of July.
- Ms. Black** shared that students have access to certified teachers/online staff all year round.

VIII. ESP REPORTS

a. Superintendent Report

- **Mr. Pettway** shared the following:
 - WAY Mich is working to partner with Ennis Children Services, which would schedule 30 students to enroll into WAY.
 - Ennis Children Services are assuming all start-up costs, and they are not looking to receive a portion of the per pupil allowance.
 - The ~~grade~~ *graduation* rate is the reason WAY was identified as a CSI school.
 - The CSI goal is to improve the graduation rate for WAY.
 - Benchmark Assessment is on-going and the NWEA test results will be shared on the academic dashboard.

President Beaumont asked if the contract with Ennis will be with WAY or the Board.

Mr. Pettway stated that the contract will be with the Board.

President Beaumont asked when will the Spring NWEA data be available.

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Mr. Middleditch shared that June 2nd is the completion date and that that he and his team have been working hard on the CSI plan, which will be presented to MDE on June 7th.

President Beaumont asked Mr. Pettway what the enrollment will be for next year.

Mr. Pettway shared that he is looking at 115-125 of students returning.

Vice-President Tharpe asked Mr. Middleditch what his plans were to change the results of Goal #1 for Math, grades 6-8.

Mr. Middleditch shared that they are looking for a Math Interventionist.

b. WAY Mich Director Report

President Beaumont asked if the presentation is long because it is already 7 PM.

Ms. Black shared that the presentation is very comprehensive. However, she will email it to the Board.

IX. FINANCIAL REPORT

a. Provision Financial Dashboard-April

- **Mrs. Williams** introduced herself as the Co/owner of Provision and presented the Financial Dashboard as of April 30th. She shared that the information is taken from the current year, and two previous years.

President Beaumont asked why the cash is at \$61,000 in 21/22 but over \$400,000 in 22/23.

Mrs. Williams shared that Adam made some payments for outstanding invoices that were not included in the financials.

Secretary Halliburton asked Mrs. Williams what the next steps are.

Mrs. Williams stated that a list of invoices is available but must be paid.

President Beaumont shared that the Board is comfortable with Provision showing them how to get online access and when the system is set up.

Mrs. Gulley stated that she would make sure that the Board gets the information from the Bank.

Vice-President Tharpe asked how we can increase the Fund Balance.

Mrs. Williams stated that the Fund Balance changes from month-to-month and that the liabilities are more than the assets.

b. Board Financial Presentation

- **Ms. Glenn** shared that as of April 30th, \$138,097.82 has been received in State Aid payments. She also shared that the total amount payable is \$251,633.24.

President Beaumont asked Ms. Glenn if she was repeating Provision's report.

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Ms. Glenn said yes, and that she was not aware that Provision would have a report.

President Beaumont asked Ms. Glenn to move on to the 23/24 Proposed Budget.

c. 23/24 WAY Mich Proposed Budget

- **Ms. Glenn** shared the following:
 - ESSER II funds are fully expended.
 - Mr. Middleditch has confirmed that no new computers need to be purchased.

President Beaumont asked if there are any open positions.

Mr. Pettway shared that there is an open position for Math Interventionist.

President Beaumont asked how long the position has been open.

Mr. Pettway shared that because the position was vacant, it was cut to balance the budget.

President Beaumont asked what information will be at the public hearing.

Ms. Glenn the information that is being presented tonight is what will be presented at the budget hearing.

MOTION: PRESIDENT DAVID BEAUMONT MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT APPROVE THE PROVISION FINANCIAL DASHBOARD-APRIL, AND THE BOARD FINANCIAL PRESENTATION., THE 23/24 WAY MICH PROPOSED BUDGET, AND THE 23/24 SAN BORROWING.

SUPPORT: TREASURER SCHEQUITA OWENS SECONDED.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOTION: VICE-PRESIDENT MARQUITA THARPE MADE A MOTION TO REIMBURSE THE AMOUNT OF \$273,618, WHICH INCLUDES ALL OUTSTANDING PAYABLES.

SUPPORT: TREASURER SCHEQUITA OWENS SECONDED.

AYE: THARPE, OWENS, HALLIBURTON NAY: BEAUMONT

MOTION CARRIED.

- **President Beaumont** asked Ms. Black if the young lady that's starting in July is currently her employee.

Ms. Black said yes, the young lady has been doing some consulting. She stated that there are two systems that are utilized for the grants NEXSYS and MEGSPPLUS. She stated that as of her employment date, Sherry Lynem will need to access to draw down funds.

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MOTION: PRESIDENT DAVID BEAUMONT MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE SHERRY LYNEM'S NEXSYS, GRANT, APPLICATION & CASH MANAGEMENT SYSTEM SECURITY ACCESS FORM.

SUPPORT: TREASURER SHEQUITA OWENS SECONDED.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

- **President Beaumont** asked what the determination regarding the credit card was.
Ms. Black recommended transferring ownership of the credit card from the previous Board President to her.
President Beaumont asked why Mr. Pettway didn't have a credit card for expenses.
Ms. Black stated that she will get WAY a credit card.
Mr. Middleditch asked what he should do with the card he has.
President Beaumont stated that he will trust him for the next 30 days not to use it and asked Mrs. Gulley to ask the bank how to change the name on the credit card.

d. 23/24 SAN Borrowing

- **Ms. Glenn** shared info. regarding the process for SAN borrowing.
President Beaumont asked Ms. Glenn how much she recommends we ask for.
Ms. Glenn stated that she doesn't know as of yet but historically it has been approximately \$200,000.
President Beaumont stated that the letter from CMU did not speak to them being okay with WAY borrowing and asked Ms. Glenn if she will engage the Authorizer.
Ms. Glenn stated that CMU provided the letter back and that WAY is in good standing.

X. OTHER BUSINESS

None.

XI. CORRESPONDENCE

a. CMU EPR Final Report

Mr. Pettway shared the following:

- CMU's feedback on improvement was in-sync with what WAY Mich had reflected on.

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- CMU was very supportive and no highly critical areas were identified.
- Celebrated Mr. Middleditch and his team for doing an amazing job in meeting with support staff.

XII. EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENT

Mrs. Gulley thanked the Board of Directors for utilizing Provision's services. She requested that the Provision contracts be placed onto the agenda for consideration at the June Board meeting.

President Beaumont asked if Provision's services involve one or two contracts.

Mrs. Gulley shared that there would be two contracts: one for Board Liaison services, and one for Accounting Consulting Services.

XIII. AUTHORIZER COMMENTS

Mr. Roth stated that CMU's idea is to have a partnership for success. He also shared that the review meeting with WAY Mich went well and was instrumental in setting the framework for the future.

XIV. BOARD COMMENTS

President Beaumont shared that the meeting was too long. He advised that going forward, he wants more concise, surgical responses to the questions that are being asked.

XV. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: PRESIDENT DAVID BEAUMONT MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 8:50 ☒ P.M./ ☐ A.M.

SUPPORT: VICE-PRESIDENT MARQUITA THARPE SECONDED.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MINUTES CERTIFICATION

Proposed minutes respectfully submitted,

Rachel Horne

Recording Secretary

5/23/2023

Date

Approved by the WAY Michigan Academy Board of Directors:

Tamara L Halliburton

Tamara L Halliburton (Jun 21, 2023 10:44 EDT)

Board Secretary

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