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## MARVIN L. WINANS ACADEMY OF PERFORMING ARTS

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**Marvin L. Winans Academy of Performing Arts  
Board Meeting  
October 27, 2021**

### AGENDA

- I. Moment of Reflection
- II. Call to Order
- III. Roll Call
- IV. Approval of Agenda
- V. Approval of Minutes
- VI. Reports from Principals
  - a. 2021-2022 Enrollment
  - b. Information items
- VII. Management Company
  - a. Action items
  - b. Information items
- VIII. Reports from the President
  - a. Action items
  - b. Informational items
- IX. Old Business
  - a. Action items
  - b. Information items
- X. New Business
  - a. Action items
  - b. Informational items
- XI. Public Comment
- XII. Adjournment



Marvin L. Winans Academy of Performing Arts

Board of Directors

Minutes of meeting held on:

Wednesday, October 27, 2021

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Board of Directors Meeting

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The monthly meeting of the Board of Directors of the Marvin L. Winans Academy of Performing Arts was held on Wednesday, October 27, 2021, via Zoom, at 6:30 p.m.

**The following Board Members were present:**

- Terra Webster – Board President – Ann Arbor, MI: Washtenaw County)
- Lauren Campbell – Board Secretary/Treasury (Sterling Heights, MI: Macomb County)
- Jason Gold – Board Member (Belleville, MI: Wayne County)
- Charles Murphy – Board Member (Bloomfield Hills, MI: Oakland County)

**The following Board Members were not in attendance:**

- Fernando Parker – Board Vice President

**Guest included:**

- Lateefah Scott – Solid Rock Management
- Dr. James Spruill – Principal
- Tomi Ingram – District Academic Officer
- Tina Meredith – Special Education Director
- Darren Penson – Dean of Students
- Margina Cohen – Global Psychological Services (GPS)
- Tareia Caldwell – Global Psychological Services (GPS)
- LaShanda Thomas – Clairmount Group, PLC
- Janaire White – Administrative Assistant
- Ken Tesauro- Quality Performance Resource Group
- Lynn Coleman – Winans Academy Middle School Math Teacher
- Deja Randall – Winans Academy Student
- Makayla Johnson – Winans Academy Student

**Parent Guest:**

H'Arian Haywood

Terra Webster officially called the meeting to order at 6:36 p.m.

Board moved to approve the October agenda. Motion made by Charles Murphy and seconded by Jason Gold.

➤ **Roll Call Vote:**

Yeas: Terra Webster, Charles Murphy, Lauren Campbell, Jason Gold

4 Yeas and 0 Nays

The motion was approved.

Board moved to approve the minutes from the September board meeting. Motion made by Jason Gold and was seconded by Lauren Campbell.

➤ **Roll Call Vote:**

Yeas: Terra Webster, Charles Murphy, Lauren Campbell, Jason Gold

4 Yeas and 0 Nays

The motion was approved.

**Principals' Reports:**

**District Report: (presented by Dr. James Spruill):**

➤ **Calendar**

- a. Oct 6           Count Day
- b. Oct 14         PTC & Progress Report #1\*
- c. Oct 15         District Training for Launch of Online Learning
- d. Oct 18         Launch of Online Learning
- e. Oct 27         WAPA Board Meeting
- f. Oct 29         Harvest Day

➤ **Enrollment is as follows:**

- a. Re-enrollment/Enrolment: The goal is to retain 90%-100% of students year to year. Enrollment target is 450 students.
- b. 320 Enrolled as of Wednesday, September 9, 2021
- c. Retained 90% of our students from the end of the year (260 of 289) [340 minus 51 8<sup>th</sup> graders]
- d. 300 enrolled as of Tuesday, October 19, 2021:
  - K=33; 1<sup>st</sup> = 35; 2<sup>nd</sup> = 29; 3<sup>rd</sup> = 28; 4<sup>th</sup> = 34; 5<sup>th</sup> = 30; 6<sup>th</sup> = 36; 7<sup>th</sup> = 42; 8<sup>th</sup> = 33
  - Online Students: K = 0; 1<sup>st</sup> = 3; 2<sup>nd</sup> = 0; 3<sup>rd</sup> = 2; 4<sup>th</sup> = 3; 5<sup>th</sup> = 3; 6<sup>th</sup> = 1; 7<sup>th</sup> = 3; 8<sup>th</sup> = 2

➤ **Attendance**

- a. 93% Average Daily Attendance from Tuesday, September 7<sup>th</sup> – Friday, October 8, 2021
- b. Partnered with EnGage Michigan to assist in attendance issues
- c. Count Day
  - 300 students
  - Tracking 19 students, 7 returned but still waiting on 3 more
  - Nine classes had perfect attendance

- **K-8 Culture and Climate:** The goal is to have less than 150 hundred behavior incidents and a reduction in suspensions per school.
- a. Held Restorative Circle with Mr. Najor on Friday, October 8, 2021.
  - b. Held Restorative Circle with 8B and Ms. Connell, Mr. Zinevich and the Dean of Students Tuesday, October 19<sup>th</sup>.
  - c. Admin posted in hallways
  - d. SIS: School Inside School Alternative to Suspension Placement – One Week – Only Once
    - Students recommended by grade level teachers based upon behavior
    - Students will report to school and proceed directly to their assigned class
    - Students will surrender their cellphones upon entering their assigned class
    - Student will be given their assigned laptop and will remain in their assigned classroom throughout the day including lunch and Pas working online
    - Students will be escorted and have supervised dismissal with administrator
    - Students recommended for SIS twice will be reassigned to online learning from home
  - e. Students with two fights will be assigned to online learning from home
  - f. Five of 9 incidents involved students with serious emotional behavior concerns in need of counseling and/or medication
  - g. One student referred to Board for possession of drug paraphernalia (marijuana)
  - h. One student referred to Board for possession of drug paraphernalia (vaping pen).
    - We are now placing students on virtual from home for a week if their behavior warrants it. A meeting must be held with the parent upon their return. If they return and are still disruptive, they will go online until January.
  - i. One student in consistent uniform violations due to refusal to wear a uniform skirt
    - Per MDE: “Dress Code. Students should have the right to express their gender at school, within the parameters of the school’s dress code, without discrimination or harassment. The schools dress code should be gender neutral. In the event that the dress code has differing expectations or practices based on gender, students should be permitted to dress in accordance with their gender identity.”
    - The boards attorney was consulted regarding dress code. We’ll be revisiting the dress code policy at the end of the school year. The school is not in violation right now.

- j. Discipline Suspension = 9
  - K-5<sup>th</sup> = 2
  - 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> = 7

➤ **SPED (Special Education)**

**Tier 4 Activities**

**A. Caseload Total (16 Students)**

- a. K-8 Resource Room (13 students)
- b. Social Worker (13 Students)
- c. Speech (5 students)

**B. Curriculum and Services**

- a. Mrs. Olivia Buckhout, Speech Therapist for both districts begin, Monday, October 11, 2021.
- b. Due to the shortage of applicants, Social Works, Mrs. Cheryl Ward, will begin once her fingerprints are approved. She is two days virtual per week; one day at each school until a face-to-face person arrives.
- c. We may need to consider getting a part time applicant to assist with services and compliance.

**C. Professional Development Training:**

- a. SpedTrack's new Progress Monitoring Training date still to be determined. We are waiting for our staff to arrive to begin the training.
- b. The SVSU SE Administrators meeting is on Wednesday, 3:30-4:30pm.
- c. The Wayne County RESA Monthly PSA SE Administrators meeting will be Wednesdays, October 27<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am – 12:00 pm.

**D. MTSS/SAT PLC Meetings**

- a. Dr. Spruill and I coordinated our first Tier 4 Virtual Parent meeting will be Thursday, October 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm to discuss Language Delays vs Impairment. A specific write up will be shared with teachers to include in their newsletters and parent communications.
- b. Tier 4 MTSS/SAT Meeting should be Friday, October 15<sup>th</sup> (third Friday of the month) with a focus on results of writing samples and students to be observed and screened. This meeting will be rescheduled due to PD already scheduled for that same date.

**E. Website Changes**

- a. Website compliance information adding MTSS, SAT, Section 504, Homebound, Hospitalized, Social Work Crisis Intervention Links and Resources, and Speech & Hearing Center information.

**Compliance**

- A. The Catamaran Workbook of September 15<sup>th</sup> reported “no findings!”

- B. Gender Neutral uniform requirements need discussions for compliance with MDE guidance in 2016. Four hundred schools were turned in this school year for not changing their uniform requirements to gender neutral. This situation has caused at least 2 requests for social worker conversations regarding gender.
- C. Act 18 Agreement ISD Plan must be signed by the principal and returned to Wayne RESA before October 15, 2021.
- D. IEPs Scheduled for September 2021 are 100% compliant. There were 7 scheduled; but one student withdrew prior to his IEP date. There should be a possible 2-3 Initial IEPs for October 2021 if parents bring medical documentation as expected.
  - a. September IEP Compliance = 6
    - i. K-5<sup>th</sup> = 2
    - ii. 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> = 4

➤ **K-8 Updates**

- a. Exotic Zoo came to the school on Wednesday, October 13, 2021. This was a reward for so many classes receiving perfect attendance on count day.
- b. Onsite Immunization Clinic Wednesday, October 20, 2021; rescheduled to Friday, October 22, 2021.
- c. COVID 19 Positivity Rate as of October 11, 2021
  - Detroit – 8.1 (Previous two weeks 8.0%)
  - Wayne County – 5.5% (Previous two weeks 5.8%)
  - Michigan – 10.1% (Previous two weeks 10.1%)
- d. BOARD COVID-19 Update
  - Detroit is at Risk Level Very High as of October 19, 2021.
  - Zip code 48224 COVID-19: 3,021 (3,021) cases, 128 deaths (122) as of September 10, 2021
  - WAPA Cases of Positive COVID-19; 1 case for staff during this period.
    - Per the Michigan Department of Health, no quarantine is required in a K12 setting (school) when an individual is identified as a close contact in the following situation: The exposure occurred only in the classroom while both the individual identified as COVID positive and the close contact were masked and sitting at least three feet apart, and the identified close contact remains asymptomatic (no COVID-19 symptoms). We follow CDC guidelines regarding mask wearing, temperature taking, social distancing and all our desks have shields around them.
  - WAPA Hospitalizations due to COVID-19; Zero cases during this period
  - WAPA Number of deaths resulting from COVID-19 over a 14-day period: Zero cases during this report period.

- WAPA percentage of positive COVID-19 tests over a 4-week period: Zero cases during this period
- **K-8 Academics**
  - a. Parent/Teacher Conferences held on Thursday, October 14, 2021, from 4:00pm – 6:00pm
    - 126 parents attended
    - Distributed Progress Report #1
  - b. Subs
    - Still a struggle to find substitutes
    - 4<sup>th</sup> Grade long term sub declined to return; Ms. Walton, long term sub will assume the 4<sup>th</sup> Grade class as of Wednesday, September 13, 2021
  - c. Technology
    - Assigned ALL students a device as of Monday, October 11, 2021
  - d. Online Option
    - Launch date Monday, October 18, 2021
    - Complete review of all resources
  - e. STEM Science Club (partnership with Society of Plastics Engineers)
    - 20-40 students
    - Paid Coordinator
  - f. After School Tutoring starts in November
  - g. After School Computer Programming starts in November
  - h. Staffing Needs
    - Two (2) 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Teachers
    - One (1) 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Teacher
    - One (1) Middle School Science Teacher
    - One (1) Performing Arts Teacher – Instrument/Orchestra
    - One (1) Performing Arts Teacher – Dance (filled)
    - One (1) Performing Arts Teacher – Art
    - One (1) Math Interventionist
    - One (1) Skill builder Parapro (Filled)
    - Two (2) Parapros
- **K-8 Curriculum (Reported by Ms. Ingram)**
  - a. NWEA Data Talks with Students
  - b. CIA Report
    - PSAT 8/9 data was discussed.
    - NWEA Fall data was discussed.
  - c. We now have an increased math block. Teachers are receiving skills that close the gap.
  - d. Parents need training on how to read and interpret IXL and Exact Path.
- **GPS Report**
  - a. Schedules were created where Middle School teachers will have open sessions to meet with students and work on areas (Reading/Math).



- b. Three (3) Teachers being monitored by Mrs. Cohen to take over MTSS.
    - Mrs. Grays
    - Ms. Hicks
    - Dr. Calderon
  - c. Child Focused is supporting K-4 with focused reading intervention on fundamental skills including phonic awareness and decoding. Some students are able to double dip with intervention and Child Focused.
- **K-8 Professional Development:**
- a. Dr..Spruill completed first session of Principal Wellness Professional Learning Community (PWPLC) Fellowship on Saturday, October 16, 2021.

Board moved to approve the Principals', GPS and Curriculum Report as presented. Motion was made by Charles Murphy and seconded by Lauren Campbell.

➤ **Roll Call Vote:**

Yeas: Terra Webster, Charles Murphy, Lauren Campbell, Jason Gold  
4 Yeas and 0 Nays  
The motion was approved.

**The Management Company Financials (Presented by Lateefah Scott)**

- September financials were discussed.

**The Management Company Report (Presented by Lateefah Scott)**

- N/A

Board moved to approve the Management Company's financials as presented. Motion made by Lauren Campbell and seconded by Jason Gold.

➤ **Roll Call Vote:**

Yeas: Terra Webster, Charles Murphy, Lauren Campbell, Jason Gold  
4 Yeas and 0 Nays  
The motion was approved.

Board made motion to change the agenda and have the auditor present. Motion made by Charles Murphy and seconded by Lauren Campbell.

➤ **Roll Call Vote:**

Yeas: Terra Webster, Charles Murphy, Lauren Campbell, Jason Gold  
4 Yeas and 0 Nays  
The motion was approved.

Lashanda Thomas presented Winans Academy's Financial Statement audit on behalf of the Clairmount Group, PLC.

Board moved to approve the Financial Statements single audit report from the Clairmount Group, PLC and LaShanda Thomas subject to the final findings. Motion was made by Charles Murphy and seconded by Jason Gold.

➤ **Roll Call Vote:**

Yeas: Terra Webster, Charles Murphy, Lauren Campbell, Jason Gold

4 Yeas and 0 Nays

The motion was approved.

Board made motion to go into a closed session for a student hearing. Motion was made by Charles Murphy and seconded by Lauren Campbell.

➤ **Roll Call Vote:**

Yeas: Terra Webster, Charles Murphy, Lauren Campbell, Jason Gold

4 Yeas and 0 Nays

The motion was approved.

**Discipline Actions:**

**Elementary School**

- Student A – The mother of student A spoke on behalf of her child. Student A spoke to the Board as well.

**Middle School**

- N/A

Board moved to retain Student A under an implemented Plan of Action. Under the POA, the student will meet with a Social Worker as needed, further instances of behavior in violation of the Parent/Student Handbook Code of Conduct can result in being assigned to online learning or possible expulsion, and student must enroll in one of the Board recommended organizations. Motion was made by Charles Murphy and seconded by Jason Gold.

➤ **Roll Call Vote:**

Yeas: Terra Webster, Charles Murphy, Lauren Campbell, Jason Gold

4 Yeas and 0 Nays

The motion was approved.

Board moved to come out of the closed session and return to the general meeting. Motion was made by Charles Murphy and seconded by Jason Gold.

➤ **Roll Call Vote:**

Yeas: Terra Webster, Charles Murphy, Lauren Campbell, Jason Gold  
4 Yeas and 0 Nays

The motion was approved.

**Presidents Report: (Presented by Terra Webster)**

The Board made mention of the Board Policies that were previously reviewed by the Board.

Board moved to approve the updated board policies as presented. Motion was made by Charles Murphy and seconded by Lauren Campbell.

➤ **Roll Call Vote:**

Yeas: Terra Webster, Charles Murphy, Lauren Campbell, Jason Gold  
4 Yeas and 0 Nays

The motion was approved.

**Old Business:**

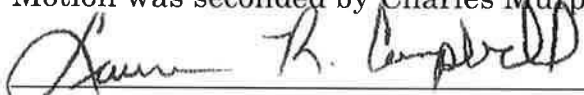
➤ N/A

**New Business:**

➤ N/A

**Adjournment:**

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by board president Terra Webster. Motion was seconded by Charles Murphy. Meeting was adjourned at 8:56 p.m.



Lauren Campbell, Secretary