

YOUTH ADVANCEMENT ACADEMY/OMBUDSMAN
REGULAR BOARD MEETING

6750 Chime Street
Kalamazoo MI 49009

Tuesday, April 14, 2015
5:30 p.m.

MINUTES

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:40 p.m. by Vice President Ridders.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Roll Call

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mollie Peterson, Jeff Pellerito (entered at 5:45 p.m.), Mark Fricke, and Jim Ridders.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Bob Hamet and Stacey Randolph.

OTHER: Amber Long, Brad Storms and Faye Goldner.

IV. Call to the Audience ~ Audience may address the board at this time ~ Comments are limited to five minutes

V. Approval of Regular Agenda

It was moved by **Fricke** and supported by **Peterson** to remove Item III – B. from the agenda and table discussion to a subsequent meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

VI. Approval of Minutes

It was moved by **Fricke** and supported by **Pellerito** to approve the minutes of the March 3, 2015, Special Meeting - Expulsion Hearing and of the March 10, 2015, Regular Meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

VII. Communications

A. Director's Report - Mrs. Amber Long

Mrs Long highlighted the following during her report:

- Currently 44 students enrolled
- Three students will be transitioning back to their home schools at the start of the district's third trimester.
- Maria Bonak, transition specialist, will be speak to a youth group who participate in a sports-based youth development program.
- YAA's intern, Ryan Speese is studying social work at WMU and is currently focusing on suicide prevention and school social work.

- M-STEP testing will begin on Tuesday, April 28, 2015.
- Progress reports will go out next week
- Graduation is Friday, June 5, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. at the school.

B. Update on Potential Board Members

Mrs. Long stated the article in mLive generated some interest for potential board members. She indicated that she received calls and individuals will be taking a tour of the school and possibly meeting with President Hamet and herself.

VIII. Regular Agenda

A. Financial Report ~ Mr. Brad Storms

1. Regular Budget Update

Mr. Storms indicated local revenue is higher in the budget because the school received \$5,000 more from the ACT test grant. He also stated the federal revenue along with most of the expenses paid to Ombudsman are lower than last year. He stated that is because of the cash flow issue earlier, and Ombudsman was paid later. It was a timing issue.

2. Preliminary 2015-2016 Budget

Mr. Storms stated there are a lot of assumptions included in the preliminary budget for 2015-2016. He said the revenue will go up because of the foundation grant money. He did have good news, however. Revenue over expenses is better than past years.

B. Approve Revised Contract with Ombudsman

Mr. Storms indicated the revised contract does not reflect what he and President Hamet understood the changes would be regarding how much Ombudsman would be paid if the number of students were lower than 47 students. This item will be discussed at a subsequent meeting once they've had a chance to speak with Scott Russell for clarification.

C. Strategic Plan and Update

Work continues on the strategic plan.

Trustee Peterson stated that she would like to see more volunteers sought to help students and provide support in anti-bullying and harassment. She stated she feels that students need to see that community members are willing to help school administrators. She further stated that she believes the board should reach out to more volunteers.

IX. Next Meeting ~ Tuesday, May 12, 2015, at 5:30 p.m.

X. Adjourn

It was moved by Peterson and supported by Fricke to adjourn the meeting at 6:20 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Faye L. Goldner, Recording Secretary

Robert P. Hamet, President

Stacey Randolph, Secretary/Treasurer

Date: _____