

YOUTH ADVANCEMENT ACADEMY/OMBUDSMAN
REGULAR BOARD MEETING

6750 Chime Street
Kalamazoo MI 49009

Tuesday, November 11, 2014
5:30 p.m.

MINUTES

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:35 p.m. by President Robert Hamet.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Roll Call

MEMBERS PRESENT: James Ridders, Mark Fricke, Mollie Peterson, Jeff Pellerito, and Bob Hamet.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Stacey Randolph.

OTHERS: Amber Long, Ashley Esterline, Rich Hamann, Michele Seaberry (parent), Scott Ryder, Scott Russell, Brad Storms, Corey VanDyke (Plante-Moran) 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 **Ridders** and supported by **Fricke** to approve the agenda as submitted. The motion passed unanimously.

VI. Approval of Minutes

It was moved by **Ridders** and supported by **Pellerito** to approve the minutes of the October 14, 2014, Regular Meeting and minutes of the October 28, 2014, Special Meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

VII. Communications

A. Director's Report

Mrs. Long highlighted the following as a part of her report:

- Current enrollment is at 41 students
- Report cards were mailed on November 7, 2014
- There are currently 18 students involved in weekly counseling at the school.
- Grant money was received from the Gilmore Foundation to continue the ACT study groups. Scores continue to improve.
- 80% of the current student population has earned credit in at least one class.
- Retesting for STAR has begun.

B. Fall Policy Update

President Hamet and Director Long have reviewed the policies and have made some changes. The policies will be brought to the board at the regular December 9, 2014, meeting for first reading.

C. Board members were reminded that the Kalamazoo County School Officers Meeting is being held on November 12, 2014

D. Parent Letter on Student Enrollment

The Board discussed a letter that was sent to the parent of the student who was incorrectly enrolled in the YAA program.

VIII. Regular Agenda

A. Audit Presentation

Mr. Corey VanDyke, auditor from Plante-Moran presented the audit report for the 2013-2014 school year. Youth Advancement Academy received a clean audit.

It was moved by **Fricke** and supported by **Rikkens** to accept the 2013-2014 audit report. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Financial Report

Mr. Brad Storms informed the Board the first state aid payment has been received. He indicated YAA is still waiting for federal revenue from Title I funds which help pay Ombudsman.

It was moved by **Fricke** and supported by **Rikkens** to accept the financial report. The motion passed unanimously.

- C. Amend the Contract with Kalamazoo RESA to Set the Maximum Number of Students for the 2014-2015 School Year at 47 Students

It was moved by **Fricke** and supported by **Rikkers** to amend the contract with Kalamazoo RESA to set the maximum number of students for the beginning of the 2014-2015 school year to 47 students.

ROLL CALL VOTE ~

AYES: Rikkers, Fricke, Pellerito, Peterson, and Hamet.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Randolph.

Motion passed.

- D. Amend Contract With Kalamazoo RESA to Confirm Language That Verifies The Youth Advancement Academy is a Strict Discipline Academy

It was moved by **Rikkers** and supported by **Fricke** to amend the language in the contract with Kalamazoo RESA confirming the Youth Advancement Academy is a strict discipline academy.

ROLL CALL VOTE ~

AYES: Rikkers, Fricke, Pellerito, Peterson, and Hamet.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Randolph.

Motion passed.

- E. Amend the Contract With Ombudsman Increasing Student Enrollment to 47 Students

It was moved by **Rikkers** and supported by **Fricke** to amend the contract with Ombudsman increasing student enrollment to 47 students.

ROLL CALL VOTE ~

AYES: Rikkers, Fricke, Pellerito, Peterson, and Hamet.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Randolph.

Motion passed.

- F. Explore the Space, Staffing and Cost of Expanding the Program to More Than 47 Students

The Board began initial discussion on the impact on the budget and available space created by the potential student increases.

Vice President Ridders recommended the administrative/personnel strategic plan committee meet and come up with a couple of different scenarios on how the board can address the needs and discuss how local districts can help look at the trends. He also suggested the committee find out from Ombudsman what it would look like if the enrollment was to increase to 55 students. It was suggested the committee provide a preliminary report to the Board at its regular January board meeting.

G. Strategic Plan and Update

- Academic
- Administrative/Personnel
- Marketing/Financial
- Vocational

IX. Student Random Selection Drawing and Establish Official Waiting List

At this time Carl III drew names of students who are currently on a waiting list to get into the Youth Advancement Academy. The students will be accepted in the order their name was drawn, as vacancies occur.

X. Next Meeting ~ Tuesday, December 9, 2014, at 5:30 p.m.

XI. Adjourn

It was moved by **Ridders** and supported by **Pellerito** to adjourn the meeting at 6:25 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Faye L. Goldner, Recording Secretary

Robert P. Hamet, President

Stacey Randolph, Secy/Treasurer

Date: _____

