

YOUTH ADVANCEMENT ACADEMY/OMBUDSMAN  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING

6750 Chime Street  
Kalamazoo MI 49009

Tuesday, May 12, 2015  
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: Mark Fricke, Jeff Pellerito, Stacey Randolph (entered at 5:45p.m.) and Robert Hamet.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mollie Peterson and James Rikkers.

OTHERS: 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 **Pellerito** to approve the agenda as submitted. The motion passed unanimously.

VI. Approval of Minutes

It was moved by **Fricke** and supported by **Pellerito** to approve minutes of the April 14, 2015, regular meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

VII. Communications

A. Director's Report - Mrs. Amber Long

Mrs. Long highlighted the following:

- Current enrollment is at 43 students

- The majority of the M-Step testing has been completed.
- R. Hamann and Mr. Gorton will be attending the Michigan Alternative Education Organization Conference
- Graduation will be held June 5, 2015 at 5:30 p.m.
- All graduates have applied to KVCC for the fall.

#### B. Spring Policy Update

President Hamet informed the board that in a couple of weeks the policy updates will be brought to the board for approval. He stated the bullying policy will require a public hearing.

### VIII. Regular Agenda

#### A. Financial Report

Mr. Brad Storms provided an overview of the financial report for the period ending April 30, 2015. He stated the Academy will receive a few dollars less in Title II monies than last year. He also stated that with the passage of the special education millage, additional funding will be added.

#### B. Set Date and Time for the Annual Budget Hearing

It was moved by **Fricke** and supported by **Pellerito** to approve setting the annual budget hearing for June 9, 2015, at 6:30 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

#### C. Identify Individuals Who Have Indicated Interest in Serving on the YAA Board

The following individuals will be interviewed for the two open seats on the board: Hal Jenson, Zadie Jackson, Randy Fielder, John Lotz and Kris Mbah.

#### D. Options to Select Qualified Candidates

The consensus of the Board was to interview the identified candidates and after the process each board member will select their top two candidates, and rank choices in 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, or 5<sup>th</sup> choices.

#### E. Consider Establishing a Special Board Meeting to Interview Candidates;

It was the consensus of the Board to interview candidates at the regular

June 9, 2015, board meeting. Each board member was assigned a prospective candidate and asked to contact references.

F. Approve Contract Amendment With Ombudsman

Mr. Storms informed the Board that with the new Ombudsman amendment they are continuing the freeze on the contract for the base 44 slots for 2015-2016, however the additional 3 slots to reach 47 students would be charged up to an additional 2 slots, giving YAA a discount of one slot. He did state, however, with the new amendment the fund balance will be going down due to these additional 2 slots costs not being in the previously presented 2015-16 budget..

It was moved by **Pellerito** and supported by **Fricke** to approve the contract amendment with Ombudsman for the 2015-2016 school year.

ROLL CALL VOTE-

AYES: Randolph, Pellerito, Fricke and Hamet.

NAYS None.

ABSENT: Ridders and Peterson.

Motion approved.

G. Strategic Plan and Update

No new items to report on at this time.

President Hamet stated he and Mrs. Long met with Mr. Dave Campbell, KRESA superintendent, to discuss the possibility of servicing 8<sup>th</sup> grade students and the possibility of partnering with a Virtual Learning Academy for 6-8 grade students. Board members voiced concern about entering into something the Academy has no expertise in, and that it would be better to continue doing what they are currently doing, and have success in doing it.

X. Next Meeting ~ Tuesday, June 9, 2015, at 6:30 p.m. Budget Hearing, Regular Meeting 6:45 p.m.

XI. Adjourn

It was moved by **Randolph** and supported by **Pellerito** to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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Faye L. Goldner, Recording Secretary

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Robert P. Hamet, President

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Stacey Randolph, Secy/Treasurer

Date:\_\_\_\_\_