

YOUTH ADVANCEMENT ACADEMY/OMBUDSMAN

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

6750 Chime Street
Kalamazoo MI 49009

Tuesday, June 9, 2015

5:30 p.m.

MINUTES

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by President Robert Hamet.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Roll Call

MEMBERS PRESENT: James Ridders, Mollie Peterson, Jeff Pellerito, and Robert Hamet.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Stacey Randolph and Mark Fricke.

OTHERS: Amber Long, Brad Storms, Scott Ryder, Randy Fielder, John Lotz, Kris Mbah, Zadie Jackson, Rich Hamann and Faye Goldner.

IV. Board Candidates

A. Consent and Certification

B. Interviews

President Hamet explained the interview process and the timeline for submission to the Kalamazoo RESA board for approval.

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

Kris Mbah thanked the board for the opportunity to interview for one of the vacant Board of Director seats.

VI. Approval of Agenda

It was moved by **Rikkers** and supported by **Pellerito** to approve the agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

VII. Approval of Minutes

It was moved by **Pellerito** and supported by **Peterson** to approve the minutes of the May, 12, 2015 regular meeting, minutes of the May 27, 2015 expulsion hearing, and the May 27, 2015, closed session. The motion passed unanimously.

VIII. Communications

A. Director's Report – Mrs. Amber Long

Mrs. Long provided information on the following:

- Attendance percentage is at 88%
- Summer program starts July 6, 2015 and goes through August 13, 2015. Seven students are enrolled at three different placements. The placements include Kalamazoo Gospel Mission, Ed's Basic Auto Body and Kalamazoo Drop in Child Care Center
- YAA's annual picnic is June 10, 2015
- Last day of school is June 22, 2015
- End of the year data will be presented at the July board meeting.

Trustee Peterson thanked Mrs. Long for a wonderful graduation. She suggested in the future invite someone from the community to come and speak.

IX. Regular Agenda

A. Financial Report – Mr. Brad Storms

Mr. Storms stated the Federal revenue is lower than last year because the final Ombudsman payment had been made by this time and the Federal money could be collected. However, Ombudsman final payment has not been made yet, and therefore, the revenues cannot be collected. On the flipside, expenses are lower because of the same reason.

B. Approve Final Budget Amendment for 2014-2015 Budget

Mr. Storms informed the Board the State revenue is higher than what was originally anticipated because a little more at risk money being received.

The Federal money, however, is staying the same, and special education is staying the same. Fund balance is anticipated to be \$22, 889.

It was moved by **Pellerito** and supported by **Peterson** to approve the final budget resolution for 2014-2015.

ROLL CALL VOTE

AYES: Ridders, Peterson, Pellerito and Hamet.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Fricke and Randolph.

Motion approved.

C. Approve Summer Program Budget

Mrs. Long informed the Board that Ms. Esterline wrote grants for the summer program and the program is almost entirely grant funded expect for \$4,000 Title monies. Students will receive a stipend at the end of the program.

It was moved by **Ridders** and supported by **Peterson** to approve the summer program budget of \$13,000.

ROLL CALL VOTE

AYES: Ridders, Peterson, Pellerito and Hamet.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Fricke and Randolph.

Motion approved.

D. Approve 2015-2016 Budget Resolution

It was moved by **Pellerito** and supported by **Peterson** to approve the 2015-2016 budget resolution.

ROLL CALL VOTE

AYES: Ridders, Peterson, Pellerito and Hamet.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Fricke and Randolph.

Motion approved.

E. Special Recognition Resolution

Vice President Ridders was recognized for his service and leadership on the board.

F. Prospective Board Member Selection

Board went through process.

- i. Reference Check Feedback by Board Members
- ii. Select, and Nominate, Top Two Candidates to Fill Vacant Seats
- iii. Rate Candidates, 1 to 4
- iv. Explain Board Member Candidate Pool
- v. Other Items or Questions

Candidates Randy Fielder, John Lotz, Zadie Jackson and Kris Mbah were interviewed for the two vacant seats on the Board. Each candidate was asked the same questions.

After all four interviews were complete Board members were asked to select their top two candidates and submit their ballot to the recording secretary. One candidate, Randy Fielder, was selected by all four Board members present, and became the 1st choice. One candidate, Kris Mbah, did not receive any votes. There was a two-way tie between John Lotz and Zadie Jackson, for the second seat.

It was moved by **Pellerito** and supported by **Peterson** to nominate Randy Fielder to fill one of the vacant, three year term seats, on the Youth Advancement Academy Board, and submit his name to the Kalamazoo RESA Board of Education for approval.

ROLL CALL VOTE

AYES: Rikkers, Peterson, Pellerito and Hamet.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Fricke and Randolph.

Motion approved.

It was moved by **Pellerito** and supported by **Peterson** to bring candidates John Lotz and Zadie Jackson names back to the YAA Board at the July 14, 2015, Board meeting, in order for the Board to vote for one of them for the remaining vacant seat.

ROLL CALL VOTE

AYES: Rikkers, Peterson, Pellerito and Hamet.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Fricke and Randolph.

Motion approved.

X. Next Meeting ~ Tuesday, July 14, at 5:30 p.m.

XI. Adjourn

President Hamet adjourned the meeting at 7:40 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Faye L. Goldner, Recording Secretary

Robert P. Hamet, President

Stacey Randolph, Secretary/Treasurer

Date: _____