

YOUTH ADVANCEMENT ACADEMY/OMBUDSMAN

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

6750 Chime Street  
Kalamazoo MI 49009

Tuesday, October 13 , 2015

5:30 p.m.

MINUTES

I. Call to Order Regular Meeting

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

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Roll Call

MEMBERS PRESENT: Randy Fielder, Mark Fricke, Robert Hamet, John Lotz, Mollie Peterson, and Stacey Randolph.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Jeff Pellerito.

OTHERS: Scott Ryder, attorney, Ashley Esterline, Brad Storms and Faye Goldner.

IV. Approval of Agenda

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

V. Call to the Audience ~ Audience may address the Board at this time. Comments are Limited to Five Minutes

VI. Approval of Minutes

It was moved by **Fricke** and supported by **Fielder** to approve the minutes of the September 8, 2015, Regular Meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

VII. Communications

A. Director's Report

Mrs. Esterline shared with the Board some of her job responsibilities which include not only teaching, but she also writes grants, creates tests and summer program. She stated that she is gearing up for the new school year

and writing grants. She stated the summer program was very successful and the students received a \$900 stipend this year.

She shared there were 42 students on count day.

## VIII. Regular Agenda – Discussion/Action Items

### A. Financial Report ~ Brad Storms

Mr. Storms stated State Aid money has not been received, and therefore, there hasn't been many expenditures, to date. Once Title I funding is received, Ombudsman will be paid.

He also stated the when the Ombudsman contract was amended there was a minimum charge for 44 students. Since YAA only has 42 students, it is costing more because YAA is paying for 42, but being charged for 44.

### B. Discuss Media Role as a Print and Electronic Source and Costs

Fricke asked about publication and posting of notices of meetings and voiced a concern about the cost. Attorney Ryder stated that bylaws state that notices are suppose to go to the print media and that it is his opinion the Board should continue publishing notices like they are doing now and also make the meeting schedule available on the school's website.

It was moved by Fricke and supported by **Fielder** to continue to post meeting notices via local school districts and the ISD. The motion passed unanimously.

### C. Discuss Website ~

#### 1. Usage Statistics

The Board discussed whether or not to re-enter in a contract with Lydium Computer Solution for its website design and creation, and monthly maintenance, hosting and domain fees. Trustee Fricke stated he believes the contract with Lydium is costly for what is provided and that the school could save money by looking at other options.

Other options to consider would be to enlist KRESA to manage the website or possibly teaming up with KVCC students who are going into the field of website design. It was also suggested that Youth Advancement Academy staff and students manage the site. Mr. Storms will check with Anne Goodrich at KRESA and see if they would be able to manage the website.

The strategic plan marketing committee was charged with looking into other options, along with Mr. Storms, and asked to report back along with a recommendation, at the November regular meeting.

D. Discuss Next Steps on Strategic Plan, Assignments and Next Steps.

Trustee Lotz volunteered to facilitate the strategic planning process. The first steps will be to revise the strategic planning components in each committee and bring them back to the board for approval in December.

Committee assignments are as follows:

- Academics – Bob Hamet, Jeff Pellireto, Amber Long and Matthew Gorton
- Administrative/Personnel – Randy Fielder, Amber Long and Khalimah Williams
- Marketing/Financial – Mark Fricke, John Lotz, Ashley Esterline and Rich Hamman
- Vocational – Stacey Randolph, Mollie Peterson, Maria Bosnak, Sharon Nichols-Hicks and Ashley Esterline

IX. Next Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 10, 2015

VIII. Adjourn

President Hamet adjourned the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

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, Secretary/Treasurer

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