

YOUTH ADVANCEMENT ACADEMY/OMBUDSMAN

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

6750 Chime Street  
Kalamazoo MI 49009

Tuesday, December 8, 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 Robert Hamet.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Roll Call

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Jeff Pellerito and Mollie Peterson.

OTHERS: Amber Long, Brad Storms, Rich Hamann and Faye Goldner.

IV. Approval of Agenda

It was moved by **Fielder** and supported by **Lotz** to revise the agenda and establish two expulsion hearings. The motion passed unanimously.

It was moved by **Fielder** and supported by **Lotz** to approve the agenda as amended. 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 **Lotz** and supported by **Fielder** to approve the minutes of the November 11, 2105, regular meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

VII. Communications

A. Director's Report – Mrs. Amber Long

Mrs. Long highlighted the following:

- Current enrollment is at 45 students
- There is a need to hold two expulsion hearings
- Michigan Department of Education will be conducting a field audit of February 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>, 2016.
- Provided attendance percentages for September – November, 2015

- Last day before winter recess is December 19, 2015.

B. Update on Policy Revisions

President Hamet and Director Long met with Dr. Fritz Esch, an associate with the National Charter Schools Institute to review policy revisions. Dr. Esch will get back to the Board with recommended changes.

President Hamet also stated he met with Mr. Dave Campbell, Kalamazoo RESA Superintendent about Covenant and how it may impact the Youth Advancement Academy. They will be exploring possible opportunities for partnering. Trustee Lotz stated that he will assist President Hamet if he needs help in exploring partnering opportunities with the Covenant Academy.

VIII. Regular Agenda – Discussion/Action Items

A. Set Expulsion Hearings

It was moved by Lotz and supported by Fielder to set expulsion hearings for 5:30 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. Wednesday, December 16, 2015. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Financial Report ~ Mr. Brad Storms

Mr. Storms stated besides receiving another state aid payment not much activity has taken place since the last update. Ombudsman will be billing for the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter at the end of December but until the state aide payment is received, they will not be paid. He also stated YAA still owes some for first quarter bill.

C. Strategic Plan Update, Discussion and Action – Trustee John Lotz

Trustee Lotz indicated the process is moving along quite well. Once the plan is updated it will be sent out to all board members to review prior to the January 12, 2016 regular board meeting where it is anticipated it will be approved.

IX. Next Meeting Tuesday, January 12, 2016 at 5:30 p.m.

VIII. Adjourn

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

Respectfully submitted,

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Faye L. Golder, Recording Secretary

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Robert P. Hamet, President

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Stacey Randolph, Secretary/Treasurer

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