

YOUTH ADVANCEMENT ACADEMY/OMBUDSMAN

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

6750 Chime Street
Kalamazoo, MI 49009

Tuesday, April 12, 2016

5:30 p.m.

MINUTES

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:37 p.m. by Vice-President Mollie Peterson.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Roll Call

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jeff Pellerito, Stacey Randolph, Mark Fricke and Mollie Peterson

MEMBERS ABSENT: Robert Hamet, John Lotz, Randy Fielder

OTHERS: Amber Long, Brad Storms, Attorney Scott Ryder

IV. Approval of Agenda – Moved by Fricke, supported by Fielder, passed unanimously.

V. Call to the Audience – Audience may address the board at this time ~ Comments are limited to five minutes – Jeff Palmer, newly adoptive parent of an expelled student (Nov 2015) spoke. He requested reversal of the expulsion so she can attend school in the district where they live. Attorney Ryder that there would not be feedback from the Board at that time, that the Board would consider all options and send a determination at a later date.

VI. Approval of February 9, 2016, Regular Meeting and March 8, 2016 Regular Meeting Minutes.

It was moved by **Fricke** and supported by **Pellerito**. The motion passed unanimously.

VII. Communications

- A. Director's Report – Mrs. Amber Long (attached) – we have 47 students, max capacity at this time.
 - a. Correspondence from Attorney Ryder regarding aforementioned expulsion situation. Fricke acknowledged that the Board received the correspondence and asked Attorney Ryder to address it. It was moved by **Fricke** and supported by **Pellerito**. Passed unanimously.
- B. Board Member Ethics Policy Update
 - a. Board Policy #0144.2, Board Member Ethics – passed out, no vote.
 - b. Letter from Attorney Scott Ryder – received last month

VIII. Regular Agenda – Discussion/Action Items

A. Financial Report – Mr. Brad Storms

Mr. Storms stated that the 3Q payment is due at the end of April. Everything else is status quo.

B. Summer Program and Budget Update – Amber Long

Mrs. Long shared that the summer program will be funded through a grant and Title I funds. The Working for Wellness Program for 14-18 year olds will go from July 2, August 12, 2016.

- C. Approve Contract with Ombudsman – Brad Storms – spoke with Scott Russell and agreed to a 2% increase. There was a price freeze this past year. There will be more funding next year. It was moved by **Fricke** and supported by **Pellerito**.

ROLL CALL VOTE

AYES: Fricke, Randolph, Pellerito and Peterson

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Hamet, Fielder, and Lotz

Motion approved.

- D. Set 2016-2017 Budget Hearing for June 14, 2016 at 5:15 p.m. – FYI for Board.
- E. Set Annual Organizational Meeting for July 12, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. – FYI

F. Strategic Plan Update, Discussion and Action

- Academic – N/A
- Administrative/Personnel – Amber Long – Working on standardized testing and professional development.
- Marketing/Financial – Mark Fricke - Career Day on March 23, 2016 was successful. Pres. Hamet, Stacey Randolph, and Atty Scott Ryder participated, as well as several parents.
- Vocational – Amber Long – Summer program as aforementioned.

IX. Next Meeting ~ Tuesday, May 10, at 5:30 p.m.

X. Adjourn

Vice-President Peterson adjourned the meeting at 6:16 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Stacey Randolph, Secretary

Robert P. Hamet, President

Date: _____