REGULAR BOARD MEETING (MINUTES)

YOUTH ADVANCEMENT ACADEMY

Tuesday, October 10, 2023

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

1. Call to Order (Regular Meeting)
   1. Meeting called to order at 5:30 p.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call
   1. Members present: Mora, Brown, Fielder, Brennan, Saunders, Raines, Lotz
   2. Others present: Dr. Jeff Hamlin (EPI)
4. Approval of Agenda
   1. Motion for approval made by Mr. Fielder, seconded by Mr. Brown
      1. Motion approved by voice vote
5. Call to the Audience (audience may address the Board with comments limited to five (5) minutes)
   1. No members in the audience present
6. Approval of Minutes
   1. September 12, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes
      1. Motion for approval made by Mr. Fielder, seconded by Mr. Brown
         1. Motion approved by voice vote
7. Communications
   1. Director’s Report (Ms. Stacey Smith)
      1. Student of the Month: I. Mbithi
      2. Staff Member of the Month: Mr. Barkley
      3. Current enrollment at 26 students
         1. Expected 10 or more enrollments over the next couple weeks
         2. Students originate from Kalamazoo Public Schools, Portage Public Schools, and Vicksburg Community Schools
      4. Current Staffing
         1. Fully staffed
      5. Events & Initiatives
         1. Tutors from WMU working with students in reading, math, science, and history
      6. Safety
         1. No issues
8. Regular Agenda - Discussion & Action Items
   1. Financial Report
      1. Presented by Dr. Jeff Hamlin, EPI. No major updates from previous month to financial statement. Expected to reach 100 students. Fund balance remains intact and health. No major expenses since the last board meeting.
   2. School Facilities Update
      1. Update provided by Dr. Jeff Hamlin, EPI. A brief discussion on future locations of Youth Advancement Academy. Decision will be upcoming in the next couple months.
   3. Security Proposal
      1. Discussion on needed security at Youth Advancement Academy between board members. Dr. Jeff Hamlin, EPI, presented options for unarmed security personnel. Motion by Mr. Lotz to authorize EPI and Dr. Hamlin to secure security personnel at Youth Advancement Academy up to $45,000.
         1. Motion made by Mr. Lotz, seconded by Ms. Rainese. Roll call vote
            1. Mora - Yea
            2. Brown - Yea
            3. Fielder - Yea
            4. Brennan - Yea
            5. Saunders - Yea
            6. Raines - Yea
            7. Lotz - Yea
         2. Motion carried 7-0
   4. Board Member Retirement Approval
      1. President John Lotz has announced their retirement from the Youth Advancement Academy board effective at the end of the October board meeting. Board members voiced their support for Mr. Lotz’s decision to retire.
      2. Mr. Mora motioned for acceptance of Mr. Lotz’s resignation, seconded by Mr. Fielder. Roll call vote
         * 1. Mora - Yea
           2. Brown - Yea
           3. Fielder - Yea
           4. Brennan - Yea
           5. Saunders - Yea
           6. Raines - Yea
           7. Lotz - Yea
         1. Motion carried 7-0
      3. Board Member Interview
         1. Mr. Brennan presented the board with resume and background information on board candidate Ms. Deborah Mixis
         2. Board members individually asked Ms. Mixis questions related to their experience, commitment, and ability to serve on the board at Youth Advancement Academy.
         3. Motion for approval of board candidate made by Mr. Brennan, seconded by Mr. Mora. Roll call vote
            1. Mora - Yea
            2. Brown - Yea
            3. Fielder - Yea
            4. Brennan - Yea
            5. Saunders - Yea
            6. Raines - Yea
            7. Lotz - Yea
         4. Motion carried 7-0
      4. Board president election
         1. Nominations for board president
            1. Mr. Mora was nominated for the board president vacancy.
            2. Mr. Lotz motioned for the approval of Mr. Mora, seconded by Mr. Fielder. Roll call vote

Mora - Yea

Brown - Yea

Fielder - Yea

Brennan - Yea

Saunders - Yea

Raines - Yea

Lotz - Yea

* + - * 1. Motion carried 7-0
  1. Board recognition of the service by Mr. Lotz
     1. The board of education at Youth Advancement Academy would like to thank Mr. John Lotz for his long-standing service to the students, staff, and community at Youth Advancement Academy. Under Mr. Lotz’s time on the board and as President, Youth Advancement Academy has undergone growth, prosperity, change in management, and continued excellence in education and support for all students.
        1. Motion made by Mr. Mora, seconded by Ms. Raines. Roll call vote
           1. Mora - Yea
           2. Brown - Yea
           3. Fielder - Yea
           4. Brennan - Yea
           5. Saunders - Yea
           6. Raines - Yea
           7. Lotz - Yea
        2. Motion carried 7-0

1. Adjourn
   1. Meeting adjourned at 6:53 p.m.

Next Meeting: November 14, 2023