

YOUTH ADVANCEMENT ACADEMY/OMBUDSMAN  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
6750 Chime St  
Kalamazoo, MI 49009  
Tuesday, March 10, 2020  
5:30 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

- I. Call to Order Regular Meeting  
The meeting was called to order at 5:33 p.m.
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Roll Call  
**Members present:** Will Brennan, Yvonne Davis, Hal Jenson, John Lotz, Latonia Raines, Sandy Standish  
**Others:** Jon DeCou, Phillip Heasley, R. Scott Ryder, Scott Thomas
- IV. Approval of Agenda  
It was moved by **Mr. Lotz** and supported by **Ms. Davis** to approve the March 10, 2020 regular meeting agenda. The motion passed.
- V. Call to the Audience ~ Audience may address the Board at this time. Comments are Limited to Five Minutes  
No audience members had comments.
- VI. Approval of Minutes
  - A. February 11, 2020 Regular Meeting  
It was moved by **Dr. Standish** and supported by **Ms. Raines** to approve the February 11, 2020 regular meeting minutes. The motion passed.
- VII. Communications
  - A. Director's Report – Mr. Jon DeCou  
Safety, Student Count, Faculty/Staff, Events, Initiatives, Strategy Update  
**Mr. DeCou** distributed his Youth Advancement Academy Director's report. Current enrollment is 33 students; 23 high school students and 10 middle school students. **Mr. DeCou** presented a plan for the addition of 16 security cameras. He created a floorplan showing where the security cameras are currently, and then had a floorplan showing where the additional 16 cameras would be placed. It was moved by **Mr. Brennan** and supported by **Ms. Raines** to approve \$2,000 for the purchase of 16 security cameras and necessary cords/equipment necessary for their functionality. A roll call vote was conducted:  
**YAYS:** Brennan, Davis, Jenson, Lotz, Raines, Standish  
**NAYS:** None  
The motion passed.
- VIII. Regular Agenda – Discussion/Action Items
  - A. Financial Report – Mr. Phillip Heasley  
**Mr. Heasley** distributed a copy of the Youth Advancement Academy Statement of Revenue and Expenditures through February 29, 2020 and the Youth Advancement Academy General Check Register. There was nothing out of the ordinary in the budget.
  - B. Board Elections Update - Mr. John Lotz  
**Dr. Standish** and **Ms. Davis** announced that they will not be seeking re-election on the board. Their term is up in June 2020.

- C. Van Buren Relationship Update – Mr. Scott Ryder  
**Mr. Ryder** distributed and explained that he would be presenting a Proposed Memorandum of Understanding. There are two Van Buren County students being referred to Youth Advancement Academy.
- D. Education Services Provider – Dr. Sandra Standish  
It was moved by **Mr. Lotz** and supported by **Mr. Brennan** to move into closed session for the Education Services Provider discussion. A roll call vote was conducted:  
**YAYS:** Brennan, Davis, Jenson, Lotz, Raines, Standish  
**NAYS:** None  
The motion passed. The closed session was called to order at 7:24 p.m.

- IX. Adjourn  
The regular meeting adjourned at 7:18 p.m.  
The closed meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

Next Meeting April 14, 2020

Respectfully submitted,

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Mandi Smith, Recording Secretary

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John Lotz, President

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Sandy Standish, Secretary/Treasurer

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Date