

YOUTH ADVANCEMENT ACADEMY/OMBUDSMAN  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
6750 Chime Street  
Kalamazoo MI 49009  
Tuesday, April 9, 2019  
5:30 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

- I. Call to Order Regular Meeting  
The meeting was called to order at 5:35 p.m.
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Roll Call  
**Members present:** Hal Jenson, John Lotz, Latonia Raines, Sandy Standish  
**Others:** Rachel Black, Phillip Heasley, R. Scott Ryder, Jason Walker
- IV. Approval of Agenda  
It was moved by **Mr. Lotz** and supported by **Ms. Raines** to approve the April 9, 2019 regular meeting agenda as written. 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 were present.
- VI. Approval of Minutes
  - A. March 12, 2019 Regular Meeting  
It was moved by **Ms. Standish** and supported by **Mr. Jenson** to approve the March 12, 2019 regular meeting minutes as written. The motion passed.
- VII. Communications
  - A. Director's Report – Mr. Jason Walker  
Safety, Student Count, Faculty/Staff, Events, Initiatives, Strategy Update  
**Mr. Walker** distributed a copy of his Youth Advancement Academy Director's Report. A discussion took place about continued awareness of YAA within the community. This week the students are taking the SAT in the morning and PSAT in the afternoon. **Mr. Lotz** renewed the discussion of security cameras from the March 12, 2019 regular board meeting. A discussion took place regarding the purchasing of cameras and software and updating signage around the school.
- VIII. Regular Agenda – Discussion/Action Items
  - A. Financial Report – Mr. Phillip Heasley  
**Mr. Heasley** distributed a copy of the Youth Advancement Academy Statement of Revenues & Expenditures. There is nothing out of the ordinary in the report.
  - B. Operating Policies 2019 – Approval – Mr. Jason Walker  
It was moved by **Mr. Lotz** and supported by **Ms. Sandish** to approve the Operating Policies of 2019. A roll call vote took place:  
**YAY** – Hal Jenson, John Lotz, Latonia Raines, Sandy Standish  
**NAY** – None

- C. Board Re-Nominations – Brennan, Jenson, Raines – Mr. John Lotz  
All three board members up for re-election are planning to return. It was moved by **Mr. Lotz** and supported by **Ms. Standish** to conduct a block vote. A roll call vote took place:  
**YAY** – Hal Jenson, John Lotz, Latonia Raines, Sandy Standish  
**NAY** - None
- D. 2019-20 Contract/Operations Discussion – Ms. Rachel Black  
**Ms. Black** distributed a copy of her Youth Advancement Academy Review and Next Steps presentation to the group. A comparison of this and last year’s enrollment numbers show that YAA has had the opportunity to educate more students this year than last, due in part to the inclusion of 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students. A great discussion regarding the need for more training in the area of Social Emotional Learning took place and **Ms. Black** went over her suggestions to implement SEL into the curriculum and addition of professional development for teachers.
- E. Discussion YAA Mission/Strategic/Tactical Vision (2019-20) – Mr. John Lotz

IX. Adjourn  
The meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Next Meeting Tuesday, May 14, 2019 at 5:30 p.m.

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