

YOUTH ADVANCEMENT ACADEMY/OMBUDSMAN
REGULAR BOARD MEETING

6750 Chime Street
Kalamazoo MI 49009
Tuesday, April 10, 2018

5:30 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

- I. Call to Order Regular Meeting
The meeting was called to order by **Mr. Lotz**. At 5:27 p.m.
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Roll Call
Members present: Will Brennan, Randy Fielder, Hal Jenson, John Lotz, Sandy Standish
Others: Rachel Black, Dave Campbell, Phillip Heasley, Scott Ryder, Brad Storms, Jason Walker
- IV. Approval of Agenda
It was moved by **Mr. Jenson** and supported by **Mr. Brennan** to approve the agenda for the April 10, 2018 Regular Board meeting. The motion passed.
- V. Call to the Audience ~ Audience may address the Board at this time. Comments are Limited to Five Minutes
- VI. Approval of Minutes
 - A. March 13, 2018 Regular Meeting
It was moved by **Mr. Fielder** and supported by **Mr. Brennan** to approve the minutes from the March 13, 2018 Regular Board meeting. The motion passed.
- VII. Communications
 - A. Director's Report – Mr. Jason Walker
Safety, Student Count, Faculty/Staff, Events, Initiatives
Mr. Walker distributed a copy of his Youth Advancement Academy Director's Report. The faculty and staff attended a Restorative Practices training on March 26th and 27th. A military recruiter and trade guild representatives will come in to speak with interested students. The Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB) will be offered to students before the end of the school year.
 - B. Meet & Greet Students – Mr. Jason Walker
There were no students present.
 - C. Meet & Greet Faculty/Staff – Mr. Jason Walker
There were no faculty/staff present
- VIII. Regular Agenda – Discussion/Action Items
 - A. Financial Report – Mr. Brad Storms
Mr. Heasley and **Mr. Storms** distributed a copy of the monthly statement of revenues and expenditures. There is nothing out of the ordinary in the budget. Moving forward, **Mr. Heasley** will be the primary financial representative/contact for the Youth Advancement Academy board.

B. Graduation Ceremony Update – Mr. Jason Walker
Three spots have been identified as possible graduation locations: Epic Center, Anna Whitton Hall and the Douglas Community Center.

C. Board Renominations Fielder and Lotz – Mr. John Lotz
The annual organization meeting for the Youth Advancement Academy Board of Education is in June. It was moved by **Mr. Jenson** and supported by **Mr. Brennan** to re-nominate **Mr. Fielder** and **Mr. Lotz**.

ROLL CALL VOTES

AYS: Brennan, Fielder, Jenson, Lotz

NAYS: None

D. Middle School Progam – Dr. Sandra Standish and Ms. Yvonne Davis
Mr. Ryder, board attorney, distributed a memo outlining potential areas of liability for allowing middle school students to be enrolled at Youth Advancement Academy. A discussion took place regarding financial viability, **Mr. Ryder's** concerns and the process to initiate middle school students in 7-8 grade attending Youth Advancement Academy. A motion was made by **Mr. Lotz** and supported by **Mr. Fielder** to request the Kalamazoo RESA Board amend the Youth Advancement Academy charter agreement to allow the enrollment of seventh and eighth grade students.

ROLL CALL VOTES

AYS: Fielder, Jenson, Lotz, Standish

NAYS: None

IX. Next Meeting Wednesday, May 2, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.

x. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mandi Smith, Recording Secretary

John Lotz, President

Randy Fielder, Secretary/Treasurer

Date: _____