

YOUTH ADVANCEMENT ACADEMY/EDUCATIONAL PARTNERSHIPS
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Chime School
Kalamazoo, MI 49009
Tuesday, May 11, 2021
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: Will Brennan, Chuck Brown, Randy Fielder, John Lotz, Todd Mora
Others: Jon DeCou, Jeff Hamlin, Phillip Heasley, R. Scott Ryder
- IV. Approval of Agenda
It was moved by **Mr. Brown** and supported by **Mr. Mora** to approve the May 11, 2021 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
There were no comments from the audience.
- VI. Approval of Minutes
 - A. April 28, 2021 Regular Meeting
It was moved by **Mr. Mora** and supported by **Mr. Lotz** to approve the April 28, 2021 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 provided a copy of his Youth Advancement Academy Director's Report. Current enrollment is at 37 students; 33 high school, 4 middle school. YAA continues to be fully staffed. There will be two graduates in the class of 2022. **Mr. DeCou** is planning on June 12th for a graduation ceremony.
- VIII. Regular Agenda – Discussion/Action Items
 - A. Financial Report – Mr. Phillip Heasley
A copy of the Youth Advancement Academy Statement of Revenue and Expenditures through April 30, 2021 was provided for the board. There is nothing out of the ordinary in the budget.
 - B. Payroll Funding Approval – Mr. Phillip Heasley
There was a motion to approve the payroll funding of \$66,000 (not to be exceeded) to be paid to EPI. A roll call vote was conducted:
YAYS: Brennan, Brown, Fielder, Lotz, Mora
NAYS: None
The motion passed.
 - C. Strategic Vision – Dr. Jeff Hamlin
Mr. Hamlin and **Mr. DeCou** introduced their proposal to the board to move to a 4-day school week. Students will come for six hours, four days a week rather than 3-4 ours a day every day. Board approval for this change will need to take place at the June meeting so that **Mr. DeCou** can take this proposal to the KRESA board for approval. A lengthy and productive discussion took place.

- D. COVID Goals and Objectives Update and Approval – Mr. Jon DeCou
It was moved by **Mr. Lotz** and supported by **Mr. Mora** to reaffirm the Youth Advancement Academy COVID Goals and Objectives. A roll call vote was conducted:
YAYS: Brennan, Brown, Fielder, Lotz, Mora
NAYS: None
The motion passed.
- E. COVID Procedures Review Checklist – Mr. Scott Ryder
Mr. DeCou included the answers to the checklist questions in his director’s report.

- IX. Adjourn
The meeting adjourned at 6:29 p.m.
A. Next Meeting - June 8, 2021 (Chime School)

Respectfully submitted,

Mandi Smith, Recording Secretary

John Lotz, President

Latonia Raines, Secretary/Treasurer

Date