

YOUTH ADVANCEMENT ACADEMY/EDUCATIONAL PARTNERSHIPS  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
Chime School  
Kalamazoo, MI 49009  
Tuesday, July 13, 2021  
6:00 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, Latonia Raines  
**Others:** Jon DeCou, Jeff Hamlin, Phillip Heasley, R. Scott Ryder, Rikki Saunders
- IV. Approval of Agenda  
It was moved by **Mr. Mora** and supported by **Mr. Fielder** to approve the July 13, 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. June 15, 2021 Special Meeting  
It was moved by **Mr. Fielder** and supported by **Ms. Raines** to approve the June 15, 2021 special 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** went over his Youth Advancement Academy Director's Report with the group.
- VIII. Regular Agenda – Discussion/Action Items
  - A. Interview Board Nominee Rikki Saunders – Mr. John Lotz  
The board went around the table and asked **Ms. Saunders** questions. **Mr. Lotz** talked about how the board functions and what **Ms. Saunders** can expect as a board member. It was moved by **Mr. Brown** and supported by **Mr. Mora** to nominate **Ms. Rikki Saunders** as a member of the Youth Advancement Academy Board of Education. A roll call vote was conducted:  
**YAYS:** Brennan, Brown, Fielder, Lotz, Mora, Raines  
**NAYS:** None  
The motion passed.

- B. Financial Report – Mr. Phillip Heasley  
**Mr. Heasley** distributed a copy of the Youth Advancement Academy Statement of Revenues and Ependitures for the Twelve Month Period ended June 30, 2021 and the Youth Advancement Academy General Check Register. There was nothing out of ordinary in the budget.
- C. School Session Proposal – Mr. John Lotz  
**Mr. DeCou** met with the Kalamazoo County Superintendents after our last regular board meeting and they gave their approval for a four-day school week. It was moved by **Mr. Lotz** and supporter by **Mr. Fielder** to adopt a 4.5 day school week for Youth Advancement Academy starting with the 2021-2022 school year. A roll call vote was conducted:  
**YAYS:** Brennan, Brown, Fielder, Lotz, Mora, Raines, Saunders  
**NAYS:** None  
The motion passed.
- D. KRESA/YAA/EPI Contract – Mr. Scott Ryder  
This item has been tabled for a future meeting.
- E. Strategic Vision – Dr. Jeff Hamlin  
A discussion took place with all members present on the strategic vision of Youth Advancement Academy.
- F. COVID Goals and Objectives Update and Approval – Mr. Jon DeCou  
It was moved by **Mr. Lotz** and supported by **Mr. Mora** to reaffirm the YAA COVID Goals and Objectives. A roll call vote was conducted:  
**YAYS:** Brennan, Brown, Fielder, Lotz, Mora, Raines, Saunders  
**NAYS:** None  
The motion passed.
- G. COVID Procedures Review Checklist – Mr. Scott Ryder  
**Mr. DeCou** answered all of the questions on the COVID Procedures Review Checklist within his YAA Director’s Report.

IX. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 6:19 p.m.

- A. Next Meeting is August 10, 2021 at YAA

Respectfully submitted,

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Mandi Smith, Recording Secretary

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John Lotz, President

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Latonia Raines, Secretary/Treasurer

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Date

