

YOUTH ADVANCEMENT ACADEMY/OMBUDSMAN  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
KRESA Administrative Offices  
1819 E. Milham Ave - Conference Room A  
1819 E. Milham Ave  
Portage, MI 49002  
Tuesday, July 16, 2019  
6:00 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

- I. Call to Order Regular Meeting
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Roll Call  
**Members present:** Will Brennan, Yvonne Davis, Randy Fielder, Hal Jenson, John Lotz, Latonia Raines, Sandy Standish  
**Others:** Rachel Black, Phillip Heasley, R. Scott Ryder
- IV. Approval of Agenda  
It was moved by **Mr. Lotz** and supported by **Mr. Fielder** to approve the agenda for the July 16, 2019 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  
There were no audience members present.
- VI. Approval of Minutes  
It was moved by **Mr. Lotz** and supported by **Mr. Brennan** to approve the minutes for each of the meetings listed below. The motion passed.
  - A. June 11, 2019 Budget Hearing Meeting
  - B. June 11, 2019 Regular Meeting
  - C. June 11, 2019 Closed Meeting
  - D. June 19, 2019 Special Ombudsman Contract Meeting
- VII. Communications
  - A. Director's Report – Ms. Rachel Black  
Safety, Student Count, Faculty/Staff, Events, Initiatives, Strategy Update  
**Ms. Black** gave the Youth Advancement Academy Director's Report. YAA finished the year with 27 students. They have received updated contact information of students and several referrals of students to contact in August. The plan is to have a staggered start for staff in the beginning of August. Recommendation to have middle school students in the morning and high school students in the afternoon.
- 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 and Expenditures. There is nothing out of the ordinary in the budget.
  - B. Report Wrap-up Discussion for 2018-19 – Mr. John Lotz  
There is nothing that the board needs to sign-off on in regards to end of year wrap-up.

C. 2019-20 Contract Addendum – Mr. Scott Thomas

**Mr. R. Scott Ryder** suggested that the board move into closed session for continued discussion regarding the 2019-20 contract with Ombudsman. It was moved by **Mr. Lotz** and supported by **Mr. Jenson** to move into a closed session. The motion passed and a closed session began at 5:40 p.m.

**Roll call vote:**

**YAYS:** Brennan, Davis, Fielder, Jenson, Lotz, Raines Standish

**NAYS:** None

Upon adjournment from closed session at 6:14 p.m., the board was reviewed and discussed the Ombudsman Program Alternative Education Services Agreement. The contract is between Ombudsman and the Youth Advancement Academy Board. It was moved by **Mr. Lotz** and supported by **Ms. Raines** to accept the 2019-20 contract. The motion passed.

**Roll Call Vote:**

**YAYS:** Brennan, Davis, Fielder, Jenson, Lotz, Raines Standish

**NAYS:** None

It was moved by **Mr. Lotz** and supported by **Mr. Fielder** to create a committee to evaluate other education providers. The motion passed. **Mr. Lotz, Ms. Raines** and **Dr. Standish** will serve as members on this committee.

D. YAA Director Search – Ms. Rachel Black

**Mr. Walker** has officially resigned as Director of the Youth Advancement Academy. The director position has been posted. The opening has been posted on the Kalamazoo RESA website. **Ms. Black** has not been using their recruiter, but has been communicating directly with people. The opening will be shared with all Kalamazoo County superintendents. Candidate contact information and resume will be shared with the board once permission has been granted by the candidate.

E. Board Role Future Look – Mr. John Lotz

**Mr. Lotz** spoke to the future role of the board in the partnership with Ombudsman.

IX. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

Next Meeting Tuesday, August August 13, 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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