

YOUTH ADVANCEMENT ACADEMY/OMBUDSMAN
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
SCHOOL OPENING UPDATE
ZOOM (SEE YAA Website for Sign On Directions)
Kalamazoo, MI 49009
Tuesday, August 25, 2020
5:30 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

- I. Call to Order Special Meeting
The meeting was called to order at 5:31 p.m.
- II. Roll Call
Members present: Fielder, Lotz, Mora, Raines
Others: Jon DeCou, Jeff Hamlin, Phillip Heasely, R. Scott Ryder
 - A. Approval of Agenda
It was moved by **Mr. Lotz** and supported by **Mr. Mora** to approve the August 25, 2020 special meeting agenda. The motion passed.
 - B. Call to the Audience ~ Audience may address the Board at this time.
Comments are Limited to Five Minutes
No audience members had comments.
- III. Communications
 - A. Director's Report – Mr. Jon DeCou
Safety, Student Count, Faculty/Staff, Events, Initiatives, Strategy Update
Mr. DeCou gave his Youth Advancement Academy Director's Report update. Current enrollment is 16. There is a possibility for a major increase in enrollment due to other schools not being functional. A discussion took place regarding the possibility of increased enrollment.
- IV. Regular Agenda – Discussion/Action Items
 - A. School Opening Update – Dr. Jeff Hamlin
Dr. Hamlin and **Mr. DeCou** were both in agreement that a hybrid model is best for Youth Advancement Academy. The board discussed this in detail and **Mr. Fielder** and **Mr. Lotz** gave their review of their recent visit to the school and thoughts on the safety protocols in place. It was moved by **Mr. Lotz** and supported by **Mr. Mora** to open Youth Advancement Academy on Monday, August 31, 2020 with a hybrid learning plan. A roll call vote took place:
YAYS: Fielder, Lotz, Mora, Raines
NAYS: None/
The motion passed.

- V. Adjourn
The meeting was adjourned at 5:50 p.m.
- A. Next Meeting September 8, 2020

Respectfully submitted,

Mandi Smith, Recording Secretary

John Lotz, President

Latonia Raines, Secretary/Treasurer

Date