

YOUTH ADVANCEMENT ACADEMY/OMBUDSMAN  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
6750 Chime St  
Kalamazoo, MI 49009  
Tuesday, September 10, 2019  
5:30 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

- I. Call to Order Regular Meeting  
The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m.
- II. Roll Call  
**Members present:** Will Brennan, Yvonne Davis, Randy Fielder, Hal Jenson, John Lotz, Latonia Raines, Sandy Standish  
**Others:** Rachel Black, Phillip Heasley, Scott Russell, R. Scott Ryder
- III. Approval of Agenda  
It was moved by **Dr. Standish** and supported by **Ms. Davis** to approve the September 10, 2019 agenda as written. The motion passed.
- IV. 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 members.
- V. Approval of Minutes
  - A. July 16, 2019 Organizational Meeting
  - B. July 16, 2019 Regular Meeting  
It was moved by **Mr. Brennan** and supported by **Ms. Raines** to approve the July 16, 2019 organizational and regular meeting minutes. The motion passed.
- VI. Communications
  - A. Director's Report – Mr. Jon DeCou  
Safety, Student Count, Faculty/Staff, Events, Initiatives, Strategy Update  
**Mr. DeCou** reported that enrollment is currently at 16 students. Youth Advancement Academy is currently conducting interviews for open positions. **Mr. DeCou** is addressing safety concerns and has taken action to prevent people from parking in the school lot during the school day, and re-positioning security cameras. He spoke to the board about plans for a room that can be used for students to meet with their counselors or probation officers. The plan involves spending on some soft furniture. It was moved by **Mr. Lotz** and supported by **Mr. Fielder** to approve the spending of \$300 by **Mr. DeCou** to purchase furniture for this room. A roll call vote was conducted:  
**YAYS: Brennan, Davis, Fielder, Jenson, Lotz, Raines, Standish**  
**NAYS: None.**  
The motion passed.
- VII. Regular Agenda – Discussion/Action Items
  - A. Financial Report – Mr. Phillip Heasley  
**Mr. Heasley** distributed a copy of the Youth Advancement Academy Statement of revenue and expenditures. There is nothing out of the ordinary in the report.
  - B. 2019 -20 Policy Updates – First Read – Mr. Jon Decou  
A first read took place at this meeting and the policy updates will be posted on the website.
  - C. 31N Mental Health Funding – Mr. Jon DeCou

- D. Social Emotional Learning – Mr. Jon DeCou  
Youth Advancement Academy is focusing on SEL in an attempt to further help their students. The activities they have conducted with the students have been very successful so far. There have been positive reactions to the introduction of SEL.
- E. Website Modifications – Ms. Mandi Smith  
**Ms. Smith** maintains the Youth Advancement Academy website, please contact her with any corrections or concerns you have regarding what is posted.

VIII. Adjourn  
The meeting was adjourned at 6:13 p.m.

Next Meeting Tuesday, October 8, 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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