

YOUTH ADVANCEMENT ACADEMY/OMBUDSMAN
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
6750 Chime St
Kalamazoo, MI 49009
Tuesday, October 8, 2019
5:30 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

- I. Call to Order Regular Meeting
The meeting was called to order at 5:32
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Roll Call
Members present: Will Brennan, Yvonne Davis, Hal Jenson, Latonia Raines, Sandy Standish
Guests present: Jon DeCou, Phillip Heasley, R. Scott Ryder, Corey VanDyke
- IV. Approval of Agenda
It was moved by **Mr. Brennan** and supported by **Ms. Davis** to approve the agenda for the October 8, 2019 regular board meeting. The motion passed.
- V. Expulsion Hearing – (Separate Agenda) – Scott Ryder – Board Attorney
The expulsion hearing has been rescheduled to Wednesday, October 16, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. **Mr. Ryder** explained the expulsion process to the board.
- VI. Call to the Audience ~ Audience may address the Board at this time. Comments are Limited to Five Minutes
There were no audience member comments tonight.
- VII. Approval of Minutes
 - A. September 10, 2019 Regular Meeting
It was moved by **Ms. Raines** and supported by **Ms. Davis** to approve the minutes from the September 10, 2019 regular board meeting. The motion passed.
- VIII. Communications
 - A. Annual Audit Review – Corey VanDyke – Plante Moran
Mr. VanDyke distributed the Youth Advancement Academy report letter and financial report with supplemental information. The audit went very well and there were no negative findings.
 - B. Director’s Report – Mr. Jon DeCou
Safety, Student Count, Faculty/Staff, Events, Initiatives, Strategy Update
Mr. DeCou distributed a copy of his Youth Advancement Academy Director’s Report. There is a Trunk-or-Treat event on October 25, 2019 from 4:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.
- IX. 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 for the three month ended September 30, 2019, Youth Advancement Academy DRAFT Revised Budget 2019-2020 and general check register to show what checks have been cut. The DRAFT budget shows numbers based on items that were vetoed by the governor.
 - B. Michigan 25(F) Update – Mr. Phillip Heasley
Mr. Heasley discussed the impact of the veto of 25(F) with the board. This funding was distributed among six strict discipline academies in the state.

- C. Education Provider Committee Update – Dr. Sandra Standish
Mr. Lotz, Ms. Raines and Dr. Stanish met and **Mr. Heasley** will attend the next meeting. They will meet again on Tuesday, October 15, 2019.
- D. 2019 – 20 Policy Updates – Approval – Mr. Jon Decou
The policy was posted on the Youth Advancement Academy website. It was moved by **Mr. Brennan** and supported by **Ms. Raines** to approve the 2019-20 policy updates. The motion passed.
- E. Social Emotional Learning – Mr. Jon DeCou
Students have begun weekly SEL journaling that focus on a topic or topic word of the week. The students are opening up about their writings and the relationship between the student and school is growing. It has been a very positive experience for students and staff.

X. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Special meeting scheduled for expulsion hearing on Wednesday, October 16, 2019 at 5:30 p.m.
Next Meeting Tuesday, November 12, 2019 at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mandi Smith, Recording Secretary

John Lotz, President

Sandy Standish, Secretary/Treasurer

Date: _____