

YOUTH ADVANCEMENT ACADEMY/OMBUDSMAN
REGULAR BOARD MEETING

6750 Chime Street
Kalamazoo MI 49009

Tuesday, October 10, 2017
5:30 p.m.

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING MINUTE

- I. Call to Order Regular Meeting
Meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m.
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Roll Call
MEMBERS PRESENT: William Brennan, Yvonne Davis, Randy Fielder, Hal Jenson, John Lotz, Mollie Peterson, and Sandy Standish.
MEMBERS ABSENT: None.
OTHERS: David Campbell, Phillip Heasley, David Mulder, Scott Ryder, Mandi Smith, Brad Storms, Corey VanDyke and Jason Walker.
- IV. Approval of Agenda
It was moved by **Ms. Standish** and supported by **Mr. Brennan** to approve the agenda for the October 10, 2017 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
- VI. Approval of Minutes
 - A. September 12, 2017 Regular Meeting
It was moved by **Mr. Fielder** and supported by **Ms. Davis** to approve the minutes from the September 12th, 2017 Regular Board Meeting. The motion passed.
- VII. Communications
 - A. Director's Report – Mr. Jason Walker
Safety, Student Count, Faculty/Staff, Events, Initiatives
As of count day, YAA enrollment was 31 students. Throughout the course of the year, they will administer fire, tornado and lockdown drills. On Friday, October 13th, students will go to Kalamazoo Public Library. They are introducing the library to them as a supplement to their time at YAA. Having access to the library will give them access to a quiet place to go do their work where they can use the computers. YAA offers virtual programs, so they are able to get online anywhere and do their work. Ms. Davis offered to connect Mr. Walker with someone at the library so that the students have someone that they recognize and can seek out while they are there. Mr. Walker has been calling inactive students to re-establish relationships. There are four probation officers that the school contacts on a weekly basis. Will start visiting high schools starting next week with principal approval.

- B. Meet & Greet Students – Mr. Jason Walker
A current student was present at the meeting and spoke about their plan to go on to college after graduation.
- C. Meet & Greet Faculty/Staff – Mr. Jason Walker
A newly hired employee was also present at the meeting. She was hired as an instructional aid and has been taking on additional responsibilities.

VIII. Regular Agenda – Discussion/Action Items

- A. Financial Report ~ Mr. Brad Storms
Mr. Storms distributed a copy of the financial report to the board.
- B. Revised Financial Plan – Mr. Brad Storms
A revised budget was attached to the financial report. This reflects the 31 students from count day and proposal from Ombudsman (elimination of lead teacher position, which is currently vacant). Ombudsman will be present at the November 14th meeting. The board will need to approve the revision. A lengthy discussion took place regarding the budget deficit due to low enrollment.
- C. Annual Audit Results – Plante & Moran CPA
Plante & Moran conducted their audit of YAA at Kalamazoo RESA. This was a clean audit report.
- D. Board Policy Updates First Read – Mr. John Lotz
Mr. Lotz spoke to the members regarding updating board policies. The board needs to review the procedures and accept them as a governing board. There will be a motion to accept or reject those policies at the November 14th meeting. A first reading will take place at the November 14th meeting.
- E. Board Member Changes – Mr. John Lotz
This has been a time of transition for YAA. Dave Campbell, Superintendent of KRESA, which authorizes the YAA charter, was present. Mr. Campbell mentioned that the Department of Education will meet with him and KRESA staff to evaluate that they are following through with the oversight responsibilities according to law. Phillip Heasley, from the KRESA business department, is being brought on to provide support. Mr. Heasley has substantial board experience.
Mr. Lotz informed the board that if they felt that his leadership style was not moving the board forward, he would hand in his resignation. The board then voted to keep Mr. Lotz on as president.

ROLL CALL VOTE

AYS: Fielder, Jenson, Brennan, Peterson, Davis and Standish

NAYS: None

Mr. Lotz will remain president of the Board of Directors for Youth Advancement Academy

- F. Strategic Plan Update, Discussion and Action – Mr. John Lotz
- Academic
 - Administrative/Personnel
 - Marketing/Financial
 - Vocational
 - Board
- No discussion or action was taken.

IX. Next Meeting Tuesday, November 14, 2017 at 5:30 p.m.

The board meeting ended with a discussion regarding the desire for clarity on the roles of KRESA, the Board and Ombudsman.

X. Adjourn

The meeting as adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mandi Smith, Recording Secretary

John Lotz, President

Randy Fielder, Secretary/Treasurer

Date: _____