

YOUTH ADVANCEMENT ACADEMY/EDUCATIONAL PARTNERSHIPS
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
ZOOM (SEE YAA Website for Sign On Directions)
Kalamazoo, MI 49009
Tuesday, December 8, 2020
5:30 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

- I. Call to Order Regular Meeting
The meeting was called to order at 5:31 p.m.
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Roll Call
Members present: Chuck Brown, Randy Fielder, Hal Jenson, John Lotz, Todd Mora, Latonia Raines
Others: Jon DeCou, Jeff Hamlin, Phillip Heasley, R. Scott Ryder
- IV. Approval of Agenda
It was moved by **Mr. Lotz** and supported by **Ms. Raines** to approve the December 8, 2020 regular board meeting agenda. 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 comments by the audience.
- VI. Approval of Minutes
 - A. November 17, 2020 Regular Meeting
It was moved by **Mr. Lotz** and supported by **Mr. Fielder** to approve the November 17 2020 regular board meeting minutes. The motion passed.
- VII. Communications
 - A. Director’s Report – Mr. Jon DeCou
Safety, Student Count, Faculty/Staff, Events, Initiatives, Strategy Update
Current enrollment is at 31 students; 28 high school and 3 middle school. YAA continues to be fully staffed. YAA has been virtual since the health department order started November 12th. They will continue to be virtual through January 4, 2021.
- VIII. Regular Agenda – Discussion/Action Items
 - A. Financial Report – Mr. Phillip Heasley
There was nothing out of the ordinary in the financial report.
 - B. Christmas Bonus – Dr. Jeff Hamlin
Dr. Hamlin has proposed extending a mid-year performance bonus to YAA staff for their extra efforts amid the COVID-19 pandemic and keeping the environment safe for all students and staff. It was moved by **Mr. Lotz** and supported by **Mr. Mora** to approve a mid-year COVID-19 performance bonus in the amount of \$2,800.
A roll call vote was conducted:
YAYS: Brown, Fielder, Jenson, Lotz, Mora, Raines
NAYS: None
The motion passed.

- C. YAA Software Conversion – Mr. Phillip Heasley
Mr. Heasley went over the timeline and costs for the transition from MiSuite to PowerSchool. A lengthy discussion took place around this conversion.
- D. Board Meeting Policy (Zoom or On-Site) – Mr. John Lotz/Mr. Scott Ryder
Mr. Lotz spoke to on-site vs. Zoom meetings. A virtual Meeting Extension through March 31, 2021 was approved by committee, but it needs to go through the Congress and Senate.
- E. COVID-19 Goals and Objectives Update and Approval – Mr. Jon DeCou
It was moved by **Mr. Mora** and supported by **Ms. Raines** to reaffirm the Youth Advancement Academy COVID-19 Goals and Objectives. A roll call vote was conducted:
YAYS: Brown, Fielder, Jenson, Lotz, Mora, Raines
NAYS: None
The motion passed.
- F. COVID-19 Procedures Review Checklist – Mr. Scott Ryder
Mr. DeCou went through the checklist during his director’s report.

IX. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 6:59 p.m.

- A. Next Meeting - January 12, 2021

Respectfully submitted,

Mandi Smith, Recording Secretary

John Lotz, President

Latonia Raines, Secretary/Treasurer

Date