

YOUTH ADVANCEMENT ACADEMY/EDUCATIONAL PARTNERSHIPS  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
ZOOM (See YAA Website for Zoom link)  
Kalamazoo, MI 49009  
Tuesday, February 9, 2021  
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. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Roll Call  
**Members present:** Will Brennan, Chuck Brown, Randy Fielder, 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. Mora** and supported by **Mr. Brennan** to approve the February 9, 2021 regular 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 from the audience.
- VI. Approval of Minutes
  - A. January 12, 2021 Regular Meeting  
It was moved by **Mr. Lotz** and supported by **Mr. Fielder** to approve the January 12, 2021 regular 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 39 students; 35 high school students and 4 middle school students. Youth Advancement Academy continues to be fully staffed. Seven computers were purchased after the funding approval at the last meeting. They are currently being prepped for student use.
- VIII. Regular Agenda – Discussion/Action Items
  - A. Financial Report – Mr. Phillip Heasley  
**Mr. Heasley** went over the statement of expenses and revenues with the group. There was nothing out of ordinary out of the budget.
  - B. Payroll Approval – Mr. John Loz  
It was moved by **Ms. Raines** and supported by **Mr. Fielder** to approve the next payment to EPI of \$65,316. A roll call vote was conducted:  
**YAYS:** Brennan, Brown, Fielder, Lotz, Mora, Raines  
**NAYS:** None.  
The motion passed.

C. EPI Financial Function Proposal – Mr. Jeff Hamlin

There was a lengthy discussion about not renewing the contract with KRESA and beginning a contract with EPI in regards to bookkeeping and finances. It was moved by **Mr. Brown** and supported by **Mr. Fielder** to contract financial and bookkeeping responsibilities with EPI starting with the 2021-2022 school year. A roll call vote was conducted:

**YAYS:** Brennan, Brown, Fielder, Lotz, Raines

**NAYS:** None

The motion passed.

D. Board Member – Renominations – Randy Fielder and John Lotz – Mr. John Lotz  
It was moved by **Mr. Fielder** and supported by **Ms. Raines** to renominate **Mr. John Lotz** to the Youth Advancement Academy Board of Education. A roll call vote was conducted:

**YAYS:** Brennan, Brown, Fielder, Lotz, Raines

**NAYS:** None

The motion passed.

It was moved by **Mr. Brennan** and supported by **Ms. Raines** to renominate **Mr. Randy Fielder** to the Youth Advancement Academy Board of Education. A roll call vote was conducted:

**YAYS:** Brennan, Brown, Fielder, Lotz, Raines

**NAYS:** None

The motion passed.

E. COVID Goals and Objectives Update and Approval – Mr. Jon DeCou

It was moved by **Mr. Lotz** and supported by **Mr. Brennan** to reaffirm the COVID Goals and Objectives. A roll call vote was conducted:

**YAYS:**

**NAYS:** None

The motion passed.

F. COVID Procedures Review Checklist – Mr. Scott Ryder

**Mr. DeCou** completed the COVID procedures checklist in his Director's report.

IX. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

A. Next Meeting March 9, 2021 (Zoom)

Respectfully submitted,

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Mandi Smith, Recording Secretary

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John Lotz, President

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Latonia Raines, Secretary/Treasurer

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Date