



YOUTH ADVANCEMENT ACADEMY

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

3410 Laird Ave.

Kalamazoo, MI 49008

June 10, 2025, at 6:00 PM

MINUTES

I. Call to Order Regular Meeting

- A. Meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Roll Call

- A. Members present: Brennan, Brown, Fielder, Raines, Mora
- B. Others present: Scott Ryder (Board legal), Dr. Amanda Magnuson (EPI), Stacey Smith (Director), Mindy Miller (KRESA)

IV. Approval of Agenda

- A. Motion to approve the agenda Brennan, seconded by Brown.
 - a. Voice vote passed unanimously.

V. Public Comment — (five minute maximum)

- A. No public comment

VI. Approval of Minutes

- A. May 13, 2025, Regular Meeting
 - a. Motion to approve the May board meeting minutes made by Fielder, seconded by Brown.
 - i. Voice vote passed unanimously

VII. Communications

A. Management Update

- a. Dr. Magnuson provided an update to the board on the work related to adding a 6th grade classroom for 2025-2026 school year
- b. Dr. Magnuson provided an update to the board on the board training options.
 - i. Scott Ryder provided legal clarification on charter by-laws and evaluation need
- c. Dr. Magnuson provided an update to the board on literacy training through 35m funding and plans for implementation
- d. Dr. Magnuson discussed with the board for replacement of outgoing board secretary

B. Director's Report

- a. No student of the month for June as school is out
- b. No staff member of the month as school is out

- c. Next event will be an open house for enrollments at the end of August
- d. At the end of the school year, 11 students have been enrolled for the fall
- e. Expected to be fully staffed to start the 2025-2026 school year
- f. Director Smith will be visiting other schools and local business to create dialogue, enhance partnerships, and getting visibility to the public of YAA; Team has decided to have detention for 30 minutes after school to try and stem some student behavior to decrease students serving a suspension; Office will reopen on June 24th and be open on Tuesdays and Thursdays for enrollments and community pantry access; Student reflections presented to the board
- g. No camera access requires a staff member to go to the door to see who is wanting access to the building
 - i. Board and Director Smith engaged in a robust discussion about security access and cameras
- h. Director Smith and Scott Ryder provided an update on the student dress code policy with intention to adopt a policy at the next board meeting
 - . Board had a robust discussion on the proposed dress code, liabilities, and financial implications

VIII. Regular Agenda

A. May 2025 Financial Report

- a. Dr. Magnuson provided an update to the board on the financials for the month of May and reconciliation detail; no major or out of the ordinary revenues/expenses for May

IX. Public Comment: (non-agenda items)

A. None

X. Board Comments

A. None

XI. Adjournment

- A. Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Brown, seconded by Fielder.
 - a. Voice vote passed unanimously
 - i. Meeting adjourned at 6:54 p.m.

Next Meeting: July 8, 2025 @ 5:30pm (Oakwood Elementary)