

Minutes of the York Adams Academy

April 21, 2020

Meeting convened at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom online meeting.

Mrs. Ellen Freireich called the meeting to order.

I. Attendance

Board Members Present:

Central York	- Mrs. Veronica Gemma
Dallastown	- Mrs. Sue Heistand
Eastern York	- Mr. Richard Zepp
Northeastern	- Mr. Michael Redding
Red Lion	- Mr. Jay Vasellas
Spring Grove	- Mrs. Karen Baum
York Suburban	- Mrs. Ellen Freireich

Board Members Not in Attendance:

Dover	- Mr. Terry Emig
South Eastern	- Mr. Brian Hoffman
West York	- Mr. Donald Carl

Also in Attendance:

Dr. Michael Snell – Superintendent of Record
Mr. Christopher Fultz – Director
Mr. Brent Kessler – Business Manager
Mrs. Cynthia Tomevi - Coordinator of Student Services

II. Student of the Meeting: No student of the meeting

III. Approval of the Minutes: Minutes from February 25, 2020 stand as accepted by the Board.

IV. Discussion Items

- A. YAA Operations during COVID-19 – Mr. Christopher Fultz reported prior to closing school on 3/13/2020, students went home with enough materials to keep them busy for several weeks. On April 2, 2020, we started a once a week book/material exchange in the YAA parking lot. About 40% of the students are doing the work they were assigned.

- B. Graduation – Spring 2020 graduation was discussed. Mr. Christopher Fultz suggested that if the Spring 2020 graduation is cancelled, graduates could be invited to the December 2020 graduation.
- C. New Course Description – Mythology – this course was recently completed. The board will review this course and will vote for approval in the May meeting.
- D. Staffing needs – Mr. Christopher Fultz reported that he received three applicants for the Coordinator of Student Services position. There are no applicants for the Math/Science Teacher position.

V. Action Items

A/B. Approval of Treasurer’s Report and Approval of Bills –Mrs. Sue Heistand made a motion to approve the Treasurer’s Report and payment of the bills for February and March 2020. Mr. Jay Vasellas seconded, all were in favor, motion passed.

C. Acceptance of the retirement of Beth Sheaffer effective 6/30/2020. Mr. Richard Zepp accepted the retirement, Mrs. Karen Baum seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.

VI. President’s Report

- A. Mrs. Ellen Freireich thanked the York Adams Academy staff’s efforts to work with students during the Pandemic.

VII. Coordinator of Student Services Report – Mrs. Cynthia Tomevi reported that teachers and staff are encouraging students to move forward in their work but also focusing on student’s social/emotional needs during this time. We have been connecting students and their families to community resources and job opportunities.

VIII Director’s Report

- A. Enrollment Report- Mr. Christopher Fultz provided an enrollment report. Sixty-two (62%) of our seats are full. Total graduates to date: 4132.
- B. Seven students have enrolled at York Adams Academy since the physical school closed on March 13, 2020.

IX. Superintendent of Record's Report (Dr. Michael Snell)

A. Dr. Michael Snell encouraged everyone to stay safe and take care of each other.

X. Adjournment:

With unanimous consent, the York Adams Academy Joint Authority Committee adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

The next YAA Joint Authority Committee meeting is at 7:00 p.m. May 26, 2020 at the York Learning Center.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Brent A. Kessler".

Brent A. Kessler, Board Secretary, York Adams Academy