

YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

September 19, 2007

I. CALL TO ORDER

PRESENT:

Mike Kramer
Chuck Shields
Peter Keating
Debbie Bouts

ABSENT:

Frank Blowers
Kathy Sasinowski
Paul Reiz
Bob Beedon

OTHERS PRESENT:

John Bierbusse
Linda McLatcher
Karen Johnston
Dale Dubai
Bonnie Trudelle

Mr. Keating called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

II. APPROVAL OF MAY 16, 2007 MINUTES

PETER KEATING MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF MAY 16, 2007 AS PRESENTED; SUPPORT BY DEBBIE BOUTS. MOTION CARRIED.

III. RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE NEGOTIATED YOUTH CONTRACTS FOR 2007-2008

Staff presented recommendations for review to the committee after completion of negotiations with all contractors. Programs had been approved for funding negotiation by the board in June

A total of ten in-school youth programs were negotiated for the new year. Eight of the proposals were negotiated at the costs initially approved by the board in June. However, two proposals were amended. The St Clair County Regional Educational Services Agency (SCCRESA) was authorized for an additional \$1,509 to purchase maintenance equipment for the summer program and their continuum program was reduced by \$4,332 due to staffing revisions. The Warren Woods continuum program was increased by \$53.

After review, **CHUCK SHIELDS MOVED TO APPROVE THE 2007-2008 IN-SCHOOL YOUTH PROGRAM CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS AS PRESENTED AND TO FORWARD TO THE BOARD FOR FINAL APPROVAL; SUPPORT BY MIKE KRAMER. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

A total of eight out-of-school youth programs were negotiated for the new year. Corrections were made to the St. Clair County Community College and the Blue Water Center for Independent Living proposals to separate administration costs but the totals requested remained the same. Revisions were also made to the Warren Woods proposal to amend for staff wage, fringe benefits and retirement costs.

After review, **DEBBIE BOUTS MOVED TO APPROVE THE 2007-2008 OUT-OF-SCHOOL YOUTH PROGRAM CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS AS PRESENTED AND TO FORWARD TO THE BOARD FOR FINAL APPROVAL; SUPPORT BY MIKE KRAMER. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

IV. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

a. Report on Summer Youth Employment Program

Ms. McLatcher reported on yet another successful summer youth program serving the highest number of participants in a number of years. A total of 404 young people participated earning the current

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minimum wage of \$7.15 per hour throughout a variety of programs. The program provided opportunities for career academies, work readiness activities including job application completion and interviewing skills, resume preparation, labor market research, job retention skills, tutoring, and upgrading of skills, along with work experience in programs for culinary arts, landscaping, website development, automotive technology, health occupations, construction and video production.

Results of student surveys found that the majority felt the program worthwhile.

b. Presentation by Summer Youth Employment Program Providers

A presentation by Dale Dubay reported on the success of the WIA in-school program for students in the Van Dyke Schools who participated in a summer tutorial program where WIA youth tutored 54 elementary students during a three week and/or six week period. Parent evaluations reflected their pleasure with the venture.

The second presentation was given by Karen Johnston regarding the MISD/WIA summer program where six districts participated. With 120 students enrolled in the continuum program a total of 50 students attended the summer program. A DVD of commercials produced by students for the health care field was shown.

Both providers thanked the board for their support of programs.

V. OTHER BUSINESS

The 2007 youth program plan was presented for a modification to incorporate final carry-in dollars from the 2006 program year. Additional dollars are dedicated to direct program costs.

PETER KEATING MOVED TO MODIFY THE 2007 YOUTH PROGRAM PLAN AS PRESENTED AND TO FORWARD TO THE BOARD FOR FINAL APPROVAL; SUPPORT BY CHUCK SHIELDS. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m. The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for 8:30 a.m., October 17, 2007.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Carne
Recording Secretary