

# **MUSKEGON HEIGHTS PUBLIC SCHOOL ACADEMY SYSTEM**

Board of Directors Meeting  
July 25, 2023  
6:00 p.m.  
2441 Sanford Street  
Muskegon Heights, MI 49444

## **OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS**

### **I. CALL TO ORDER**

The Regular Board Meeting, Muskegon Heights Public School Academy System, 2441 Sanford Street, Muskegon Heights, Michigan, was called to order by Vice President Leslie Slater at 6:01 p.m.

### **II. ROLL CALL**

#### **BOARD MEMBERS:**

Leslie Slater, Vice President; David Fox, Treasurer/Secretary; Hillery Ross-Furse, Trustee

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF:**

Superintendent Reedell Holmes

### **III. CLOSED SESSION**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Muskegon Heights Public School Academy System Board of Directors make a motion to go into closed session to discuss attorney client privileged information.

Fox MOVED and Ross-Furse SECONDED the adoption of the resolution.

ROLL CALL: Slater-Yes Fox-Yes Ross-Furse-Yes

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Muskegon Heights Public School Academy System Board of Directors make a motion to come out of closed session.

Ross-Furse MOVED and Fox SECONDED the adoption of the resolution.

ROLL CALL: Slater-Yes Fox-Yes Ross-Furse-Yes

**IV. NOMINATE TEMPORARY CHAIRPERSON**

Fox MOVED to have Leslie Slater act as temporary chairperson, seconded by Ross-Furse

ROLL CALL: Slater-Yes Fox-Yes Ross-Furse-Yes

**V. BUSINESS ITEMS**

**A. Approval of Agenda**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Muskegon Heights Public School Academy System Board of Directors approve the attached agenda with additional items:

Slater MOVED and Fox SECONDED, to adopt the resolution.

ROLL CALL: Slater-Yes Fox-Yes Ross-Furse-Yes

**B. Approval of the Minutes of the June 26, 2023 Regular Meeting, and the June 28, 2023 Special Meeting.**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Muskegon Heights Public School Academy System Board of Directors approve the Minutes of the June 26, 2023 Regular Meeting, and the June 28, 2023 Special Meeting

Fox MOVED and Slater SECONDED the adoption of the resolution.

ROLL CALL: Slater-Yes Fox-Yes Ross-Furse-Yes

**VI. ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING ACTION ITEMS**

**A. Call for Nomination and Election of President of the Board of Directors**

Fox MOVED and Ross-Furse SECONDED to nominate and elect Leslie Slater as President of the Board of Directors.

ROLL CALL: Slater-Yes Fox-Yes Ross-Furse-Yes

**B. Call for Nomination and Election of Vice President of the Board of Directors**

Slater MOVED and Ross-Furse SECONDED to nominate and elect David Fox as Vice President of the Board of Directors.

ROLL CALL: Slater-Yes Fox-Yes Ross-Furse-Yes

**C. Call for the nomination and election Secretary of the Board of Directors**

Slater MOVED and Fox SECONDED to nominate and elect Hillary Ross-Furse as Secretary of the Board of Directors.

ROLL CALL: Slater-Yes Fox-Yes Ross-Furse-Yes

**D. Call for the nomination and election Treasurer of the Board of Directors**

Slater MOVED and Fox SECONDED to nominate and elect David Fox as Treasurer of the Board of Directors.

ROLL CALL: Slater-Yes Fox-Yes Ross-Furse-Yes

**E. Motion to Acknowledge that the Board of Directors will comply with all applicable laws and regulations**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Muskegon Heights Public School Academy System Board of Directors make a motion to acknowledge that it will comply with all applicable laws and regulations.

Fox MOVED and Ross-Furse SECONDED the adoption of the resolution.

ROLL CALL: Slater-Yes Fox-Yes Ross-Furse-Yes

**F. Motion to Approve the Superintendent or Designee as the person responsible for posting regularly scheduled and special board meeting notices**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Muskegon Heights Public School Academy System Board of Directors make a motion to approve the Superintendent or Designee as the person responsible for posting regularly scheduled and special board meeting notices.

Fox MOVED and Slater SECONDED the adoption of the resolution.

ROLL CALL: Slater-Yes Fox-Yes Ross-Furse-Yes

**G. Motion to Approve the Superintendent or Designee to post calendar and individual meeting notices of regularly scheduled and special board meeting notices**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Muskegon Heights Public School Academy System Board of Directors make a motion to approve the Superintendent or Designee to post calendar and individual meeting notices of regularly scheduled and special board meeting notices.

Fox MOVED and Slater SECONDED the adoption of the resolution.

ROLL CALL: Slater-Yes Fox-Yes Ross-Furse-Yes

**H. Motion to Approve ChoiceOne Bank as depository for Academy funds and authorize the Board Treasurer and President to act as signatory for funds and accounts**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Muskegon Heights Public School Academy System Board of Directors make a motion to approve ChoiceOne Bank as depository for Academy funds and authorize the Board Treasurer and President to act as signatory for funds and accounts.

Fox MOVED and Slater SECONDED the adoption of the resolution.

ROLL CALL: Slater-Yes Fox-Yes Ross-Furse-Yes

**I. Motion to Approve the Board Treasurer as the Automatic Clearing House/Electronic Transfer Officer (ACH/ETO)**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Muskegon Heights Public School Academy System Board of Directors make a motion to approve the Board Treasurer as the Automatic Clearing House/Electronic Transfer Officer (ACH/ETO).

Fox MOVED and Ross-Furse SECONDED the adoption of the resolution.

ROLL CALL: Slater-Yes Fox-Yes Ross-Furse-Yes

**J. Motion to Approve the Board Treasurer and President as the person eligible to sign Muskegon Heights Public School Academy System checks.**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Muskegon Heights Public School Academy System Board of Directors make a motion to approve the Board Treasurer and President as the person eligible to sign Muskegon Heights Public School Academy System

checks.

Fox MOVED and Slater SECONDED the adoption of the resolution.

ROLL CALL: Slater-Yes Fox-Yes Ross-Furse-Yes

- K. Motion to Approve the Superintendent as the Title IX, Title VI and Section 504 contact person; the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) coordinator, and Civil Rights representative; and the Sexual Harassment contact person**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Muskegon Heights Public School Academy System Board of Directors make a motion to approve the Superintendent as the Title IX, Title VI and Section 504 contact person; the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) coordinator, and Civil Rights representative; and the Sexual Harassment contact person.

Fox MOVED and Slater SECONDED the adoption of the resolution.

ROLL CALL: Slater-Yes Fox-Yes Ross-Furse-Yes

**VII. COMPLIANCE REPORT**

No Report

**VIII. SUPERINTENDENT UPDATES**

Summer school going well, with 91 students signed up K-6 and 89 at 7-12  
Foster Grandparent program will be back in buildings in the 23-24 school year  
United Way is offering free school supplies for teachers, more information coming  
Meta 24 work has begun and professional development is being planned for staff  
August 24 will be a back to school bash for the community  
Several job postings have been up and applications are coming in  
Have been meeting with MAISD staff on our partnership agreement

**IX. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

None

**X. REGULAR MEETING ACTION ITEMS**

- A. Motion to Approve the addendum to the Educational Services Agreement between the Muskegon Heights Public School Academy System (MHPSAS)**

**and the Muskegon Area Intermediate School District (MAISD).**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Muskegon Heights Public School Academy System Board of Directors make a motion to approve the addendum to the Educational Services Agreement between the Muskegon Heights Public School Academy System (MHPSAS) and the Muskegon Area Intermediate School District (MAISD).

Fox MOVED and Slater SECONDED the adoption of the resolution.

ROLL CALL: Slater-Yes Fox-Yes Ross-Furse-Yes

**B. Motion to Approve the revised school calendar for 2023-2024**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Muskegon Heights Public School Academy System Board of Directors make a motion to approve the revised school calendar for 2023-2024

Fox MOVED and Slater SECONDED the adoption of the resolution.

ROLL CALL: Slater-Yes Fox-Yes Ross-Furse-Yes

**C. Motion to Approve the settlement agreement as presented by the district attorney.**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Muskegon Heights Public School Academy System Board of Directors make a motion to approve settlement agreements as presented by the district attorney.

Fox MOVED and Ross-Furse SECONDED the adoption of the resolution.

ROLL CALL: Slater-Yes Fox-Yes Ross-Furse-Yes

**D. Motion to Approve the Muskegon Area ISD to offer cash in lieu for health benefits to Muskegon Heights Public School Academy System employees through the term of the service provider agreement.**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Muskegon Heights Public School Academy System Board of Directors make a motion to approve the Muskegon Area ISD to offer cash in lieu for health benefits to Muskegon Heights Public School Academy System employees through the term of the service provider agreement.

Fox MOVED and Ross-Furse SECONDED the adoption of the resolution.

ROLL CALL: Slater-Yes Fox-Yes Ross-Furse-Yes

**XI. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Angela Locke asked questions about staff getting salary and benefit information of the new school year and about the principals being assigned to buildings.

**XII. COMMENTS FROM BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Fox - Welcomed Ms. Ross-Furse to the Board and expressed concern about 7th graders in MHA and the need to research building reconfiguration for future school years.

Slater - Welcomed Ms. Ross-Furse to the Board, and expressed confidence in the district moving in the right direction.

**XIII. NEXT MEETING**

Regular Board Meeting, Tuesday, August 15, 2023

**MEETING ADJOURNED**

Motion to adjourn by Fox and seconded by Ross-Furse at 7:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Hillery Ross-Furse, Secretary