

# MUSKEGON HEIGHTS PUBLIC SCHOOL ACADEMY SYSTEM

Board of Directors Special Meeting  
November 8th, 2023  
6:00 p.m.  
2441 Sanford Street  
Muskegon Heights, MI 49444

## OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS - DRAFT

### I. CALL TO ORDER

The Special Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Muskegon Heights Public School Academy System, 2441 Sanford Street, Muskegon Heights, Michigan, was called to order by Leslie Kitchen-Slater at 6:02 p.m.

### II. ROLL CALL

#### **BOARD MEMBERS:**

Leslie Slater, President; J.J Lewis, Vice President & Treasurer; Hillery Ross-Furse, Secretary; Debra Bradford, Trustee

#### **BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:**

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF:**

Superintendent Reedell Holmes

### III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

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

ROLL CALL: Slater-Yes Ross-Furse-Yes Lewis-Yes Bradford-Yes

### IV. Public Comment - No Public Comment

V. **DISCUSSION ITEMS** - No Discussion Items

VI. **ACTION ITEMS**

- A. **Approve the resolution for entering into an agreement with an educational service provider contract effective on November 14, 2023, or upon notice from the City of Muskegon Heights Public School Board of Education that it will not disapprove this Agreement, whichever is later.**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Muskegon Heights Public School Academy System Board of Directors make the resolution for entering into an agreement with an educational service provider contract effective on November 14, 2023, or upon notice from the City of Muskegon Heights Public School Board of Education that it will not disapprove this Agreement, whichever is later.

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

Discussion: Questions about the effect of school loan debt relief on the contract, which is unknown at this time. May have an impact in the future, but unsure of how long that will be.

ROLL CALL: Slater-Yes Ross-Furse-Yes Lewis-Yes Bradford-Yes

- B. **Approve an advance in payment to Square 1 Strategy Group for 50% of the first month's payment based on start date.**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Muskegon Heights Public School Academy System Board of Directors make a motion to approve an advance in payment to Square 1 Strategy Group for 50% of the first month's payment based on start date.

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

Discussion: Wondering why an advance was needed, which was described as up front costs for the company to get started. This advance does not effect the amount that is being paid, just the timing of the first month payment once Square 1 Strategy Group begins. The advance should not affect the cash flow of the district.

ROLL CALL: Slater-Yes Ross-Furse-Yes Lewis-Yes Bradford-Yes

VII. **COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

- Slater offered time to superintendent Holmes to share information with the Board. He shared information about the press conference being held on November 9th at 2:00 p.m. to celebrate the news of debt relief.

- Lewis - Appreciate Legislature for debt relief for the district
- Bradford - Appreciate debt relief and looking forward to students achieving more this year and beyond
- Ross-Furse - Happy about things moving in the right direction for the district, and excited for the future. Honored to be a part of the success.
- Slater - As an alumni very excited about the movement and welcome Square 1 to the district. Appreciate the work staff has done for the district. Appreciate the BOE who has worked tirelessly toward debt relief for this district. Look forward to the future of the district.

VIII. **NEXT MEETING**

- Regular Board of Directors Meeting, Tuesday, November 21st, 2023, 6:00 p.m.

XI. **MEETING ADJOURNMENT**

Lewis MOVED to adjourn and Bradford SECONDED

ROLL CALL: Slater-Yes   Ross-Furse-Yes   Lewis-Yes   Bradford-Yes

Meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Hillery Rose-Furse, Secretary