



MUSKEGON HEIGHTS PUBLIC SCHOOL ACADEMY SYSTEM

Board of Education Meeting
February 16, 2023 @ 6:00 p.m.
2441 Sanford Street, Muskegon Heights, MI 49444

AGENDA

This meeting of the Board of Education is a public meeting and is for the purpose of conducting the Academy's business. It is not to be considered a public community meeting. There is time for public comments during the meeting as noted in the agenda.

Topics
I. Call to Order
II. Roll Call
III. Approval of Minutes - February 9, 2023
IV. Approval of Agenda
V. Public Comments
VI. Compliance Report
VII. Closed Session: Attorney-Client Privilege Discussion
VIII. Discussion Items <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Interviews for Superintendent• Additional Legal Counsel Contract
IX. Action Items <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Motion to Postpone Interview Process for PSA Superintendent• Issue a Request for Proposal for Educational Service Provider
X. Comments from the Board of Directors
XI. Next Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rescheduled Regular Board Meeting, February 27, 2023 @ 6 pm
MEETING ADJOURNED

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OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Special Board Meeting, Muskegon Heights Public School Academy System, 2441 Sanford Street, Muskegon Heights, Michigan, was called to order by Dr. Hunt at 6:00 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

BOARD MEMBERS: Dr. Rose Hunt, President; Leslie Slater, Vice President; David Fox, Treasurer/Secretary; Patricia Minott, Trustee

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: David Fox

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF: Ralph Bland, Superintendent (Absent)

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

BE IT RESOLVED, that the minutes for the February 9, 2023, Special Board meeting be approved and placed on file.

L Slater MOVED and P. Minott SECONDED the adoption of the resolution.

ROLL CALL – Yes - Dr. Hunt Absent - Fox Yes - Slater Yes - Minott

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Muskegon Heights Public School Academy System approves the attached agenda.

L Slater MOVED and P. Minott SECONDED the adoption of the resolution.

ROLL CALL – Yes - Dr. Hunt Absent - Fox Yes - Slater Yes - Minott

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS

The public may address the Board of Education at this time regarding operations of the school or matters in the authority of the Board. Please limit your comments to 3 minutes. The Board's policy is not to respond to public comments, but the Superintendent will address relevant issues at a later date.

Katie Captine

- What happens if Ralph Bland and New Paradigm breach the contract again and stay?
- Has anything been signed contractually for a termination of the contract with our school district from him, or is it just a letter and statement in the news?

Angel Locke

- Our medical insurance turns off March 1st. Will we have any backup insurance? Do we need to go get our prescriptions filled before then?
- Are we keeping the leadership that we have at our building, will we change up?
- Is the recording supposed to be happening?
- They are giving the state paper evaluations. The paper will have one score and then the electronic version will have a different score. I do not think it is fair.

Corey Brown

- When will the policy be changed back so that we can speak at the end of the meeting and not before? It is hard to ask questions when we don't know what is going to be said.

VI. COMPLIANCE REPORT - MS. MARLEEN WILLIAMS

No additional information to share today.

VII. CLOSED SESSION: ATTORNEY-CLIENT PRIVILEGE DISCUSSION (TABLED)

- a. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Muskegon Heights Public School Academy System Board of Education approves of moving into closed session at _____ p.m.

_____ MOVED and _____ SECONDED the adoption of the resolution.

ROLL CALL – _____ - Dr. Hunt _____ - Fox _____ - Slater _____ - Minott

- b. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Muskegon Heights Public School Academy System Board of Education approves of moving out of closed session at _____ p.m.

_____ MOVED and _____ SECONDED the adoption of the resolution.

ROLL CALL – _____ - Dr. Hunt _____ - Fox _____ - Slater _____ - Minott

VIII. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- **Interviews for Superintendent**

In light of everything that has been occurring with us and us trying to battle to make certain that our students get the support that they need, we are not going to proceed with interviews for a superintendent. We will move forward to a future date that is TBD. Will inform everyone of the date.

- **Additional Legal Counsel Contract**

Found a need to have additional legal counsel. Lot of different items coming before us. We need as much assistance as possible in that area.

APPROVAL ON ADDITIONAL LEGAL ITEMS

Tabling that until the attorney is available at the next meeting. The attorney that we are going to employ will be at the next meeting on the 27th to talk and ask and answer questions.

IX. ACTION ITEMS

- **Motions to Postpone Interview Process for PSA Superintendent**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Muskegon Heights Public School Academy System Board of Directors approve of postponing the interview process for PSA Superintendent.

L Slater MOVED and P. Minott SECONDED the adoption of the resolution.

ROLL CALL – Yes - Dr. Hunt Absent - Fox Yes - Slater Yes - Minott

- **Issue a Request for Proposal for Educational Service Provider**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Muskegon Heights Public School Academy System Board of Directors hereby approves issuance of a request for proposal for educational service provider and authorizes the board president to work with the systems legal counsel education consultant and any other necessary parties to effectuate the educational service providers agreement before March 1, 2023, in order to ensure the system can continue to serve its students, staff and community without interruption. I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted.

L Slater MOVED and P. Minott SECONDED the adoption of the resolution.

ROLL CALL – Yes - Dr. Hunt Absent - Fox Yes - Slater Yes - Minott

- I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the Muskegon Heights Public School Academy System Board of Directors at this meeting held on February 16, 2023.
- We are moving forward with putting information into the media that we are receiving requests for a service provider to come work for us. We want to make sure that everyone is aware that we have this request available. When we receive those requests we will put them together and make a decision on who the service provider will be. We are going to put a deadline on this and this request for proposal will be enforced until Tuesday. After that we will have the job of selecting a service provider.

X. COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

No Comments

Xi. NEXT MEETING

- Rescheduled Regular Board Meeting, February 27, 2023 @ 6 pm

MEETING ADJOURNED

Motion to adjourn by L. Slater and seconded by P. Minott at 6:23 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Acting Secretary