

MUSKEGON HEIGHTS PUBLIC SCHOOL ACADEMY SYSTEM

BOD/PSA Special Work Session Board Meeting

February 5, 2025

4:00 p.m.

Muskegon Heights Public School
Academy

2441 Sanford Street, Muskegon Hts, MI 49444

I. Call To Order

The Muskegon Heights Public School Academy System Board of Directors, conducted at the Muskegon Heights Academy, 2441 Sanford Street, Muskegon Heights, MI 49444, was called to order by President Warren at 4:01 p.m.

II. Roll Call

Board of Directors

Joseph Warren, Board President- Present

Katie Kapteyn, Vice President, - Present

Chauncey Bryant, Secretary/Treasurer - Present

Administrative Staff

Reedell Holmes, Superintendent - Absent

Square 1 Strategy Group - Absent

III. Approval of February 5, 2025 Agenda

President Warren moved to approve the February 5, 2025 Agenda and made an adjustment to the agenda by adding in the swearing in of two new Board of Director members: Vice President Kapteyn motioned to approve the February 5, 2025 Agenda. Treasurer Bryant Seconded the motion, No Discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

President Warren motioned to the swearing in and new appointment by Notary: Kesha Sanders, was sworn in and accepted the position as Board Secretary. Manasseh Bankhead was sworn in and accepted the position of Board Member. Vice President Kapteyn seconded the motion. No Discussion and the motion passed unanimously. Kesha Sanders and Manasseh Bankhead were congratulated as the newly elected MHPSAS BOARD Members.

Roll Call Taken: President Warren-Yes, VP Kapteyn-Yes, Treasurer Bryant-Yes,

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IV. BOD Signatures for checks and Bank Documents

President Warren wanted a follow up discussion from the 1-27-25 BOD meeting whereas he asked Mark Graham/CFO-Finance Director of Square One Strategy Group. Mr. Graham was instructed to bring to the BOD all bank documents needed for updating the check and debit card signers and update new signatures of the BOD members as signers. No one was present from S1S to address questions or comments to this matter at this time.

V. Board Review of All Contracts

President Warren requested from Superintendent Holmes a copy of all MHPSA contracts.

The BOD will need to be in the know of Staffing, and the directors from each contacted service providers. Superintendent Holmes was not present to give or comment on the matter and President Warren will follow up with a visit to the school.

VI. Athletics Feeder Program

President Warren wanted to present and have Discussion with the BOD the feeder program getting started and afforded for MH community to get our elementary students engaged in sports and hopefully increase our enrollment rate for the district. President Warren would like a deeper discussion at affordability and the structure. More discussion at the next BOD meeting.

VII. Muskegon Heights Alumni Association, Inc Room

President Warren requested the Muskegon Heights historical room that was designated to the Alumni some 20 years ago and that room is where the memorabilia from the demolition of the old school, Lindbergh Elementary etc. The historical room has now been re-keyed after being asked not to change that lock and no one from the Alumni has a key to access. President Warren has requested that the disrespect will cease and the room be re-keyed and only three keys will be issued: 1. President, 2. Vice President and 3. MHA maintenance will have a key to the room. More discussion to come at the next BOD meeting.

VIII. Curriculum Director

President Warren stated that the BOD would like to know who is the Curriculum Director for our district and what is the curriculum plan, and is it a written plan. The plan for English, Math, Social Studies and Science. The problem the BOD is having is that no one from MHPSA Administration/S1S Mgt Co. is here to explain or comment and that is not acceptable.

President Warren requests more transparency and will not tolerate any disrespect. Vice President Kaptyne commented that the BOD would like to see how many conferences staff has attended, who went, the total cost and is the pertinent information from conferences being brought back to the non attending staff for educational use as conferences are sometimes too costly to send all staff.

Vice President Kaptyne motioned to request a full report from Square One Management Co. The report will include, how many conferences have been attended thus far, names of participants that attended and the total cost, including airfare, hotel etc. by the next BOD Meeting-2/24/25.

Treasurer Bryant seconded the motion, No Discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

Roll Call Taken: President Warren-Yes, VP Kapteyn-Yes, Treasurer Bryant-Yes,

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IX. Extended Public Comment

Roy Simpson, Community Referee commented that he would like to see our younger elementary school aged kids get back into sports as it will bring our community back together and give young kids more motivation and other activities.

Armone Tyson, Art Teacher at MHA commented on MHA Black History Program. MHA is showcasing an Essay Contest and he was told that funds are very limited due to lack of resources. This makes his job of teaching very difficult.

Vance Hoffman, MHA Teacher, commented that we need to support our kids as a community. He attends almost every game and hardly ever sees any of these faces he is seeing now. The feeder Program is a good program but we can support the programs we currently have now that also need community support, Thank You.

Clint Todd, MH Alumni commented that as he listens to both Boards his personal opinion is that he sees a disconnect here. The main focus is that the District has to survive first with the money/grants awarded. To start spending and purchasing new costly items could ruin the District. The District debt has been in existence for a long time and seems unattainable now as the window has a small timeline to rid the district's debt. The State wants to see something on paper so get this together, Thank you.

X. Comments from the Board of Directors

Vice President Kapteyn:

Thank you all for your support and concern as we The BOD will make sure that everyone is doing what they are supposed to be doing to be successful. Our kids deserve more and we are fully committed to win this race. I look forward to seeing you all at the next Board Meeting.

President Warren:

Thanks to the community and the BOE for meeting today. The two Boards work hand in hand, and talk to each other daily. It will take the community as a whole to work together to make a change for the betterment of our Kids. Our kids need an education and we can't continue down the road as we have been for the past twenty + years. President Warren simply asked the community to be supportive, and not just a spectator and give the BOD a chance to put MH back to Public entity where it used to be. Thank You.

XII. Next Meeting

a. The next meeting of the Board of Directors:

Monday, February 24, 2025 at 6 pm at: Muskegon Heights Public School Academy-Media Center, 2441 Sanford St. Muskegon, MI 49444

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XIII. Adjournment

President Warren motioned to adjourn the meeting at 5:15 p.m. Secretary Bryant seconded the motion. Meeting Adjourned.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Kesha Sanders", written over a horizontal line.

Kesha Sanders, Board Secretary

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