

MUSKEGON HEIGHTS PUBLIC SCHOOL ACADEMY SYSTEM

Regular Board of Directors Meeting

March 17, 2025, 6:00 p.m.

Muskegon Heights Public School Academy
2441 Sanford Street, Muskegon Heights, 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.

II. Roll Call

President Warren call the roll of the Board of Directors @ 6:00 pm

Board of Directors

Joseph Warren, President - Present
Katie Kapteyn, Vice President - Present
Chauncey Bryant, Treasurer - Present
Kesha Sanders, Secretary - Absent
Manasseh Bankhead, Trustee- Absent

Administrative Staff

Mr. Reedell Holmes, Superintendent -Present
Dr. Hicks-Square 1 Strategy Group-Present
Legal Counsel-Attorney Joseph Urban-(virtually)

III. Approval of March 17 , 2025, Agenda *(If items are added, include under Other Business)*

President Warren moved for the approval of the March 17, 2025, Meeting Agenda.

Vice President Kapteyn motioned to approve the March 17, 2025 Meeting Agenda.

Treasurer Bryant seconded the motion. There was no discussion, and the motion passed unanimously.

IV. Approval of March 10, 2025, Special Meeting Minutes

President Warren moved for the approval of the March 10, 2025, Special Meeting Minutes.

Vice President Kapteyn motioned to approve the March 10, 2025 Special Meeting Minutes.

Treasurer Bryant seconded the motion. There was no discussion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Roll Call Taken: President Warren-Yay, Treasurer Bryant-Yay, Vice President Kapteyn-Yay

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V. Financial Update

Mark Graham provided the monthly financial update, including the bank reconciliation, YTD budget, and monthly check report.

VI. Approval of Checks for March Payments

President Warren moved for the approval of Checks for March Payment.

Vice President Kapteyn motioned to approve Checks for March Payment.

Treasurer Bryant seconded the motion. There was no Discussion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Roll Call Taken: President Warren-Yay, Vice President Kapteyn-Yay, Treasurer Bryant-Yay.

VII. Closed Session (Scholar Expulsion Review)

President Warren moved for the Board and legal counsel to proceed to the closed session meeting at **6:06 pm**.

Vice President Kapteyn motioned to proceed to the closed session meeting, and

Treasury Bryant seconded the motion. There was no Discussion and the motion passed unanimously. The closed session meeting reconvened at **6:26 pm**.

President Warren moved to accept the Expulsion of MHA-Student ID# 61201136.

Vice President Kapteyn motioned to accept the Expulsion of MHA-Student ID# 61201136.

Treasurer Bryant seconded the motion. There was no Discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

Roll Call Taken: President Warren-Yay, Treasurer Bryant-Yay, Vice President Kapteyn-Yay

VIII. Old Business

None

IX. New Business

a. Acceptance of S1S Resignation

President Warren moved for the Acceptance of Square One Strategy Group Resignation.

Vice President Kapteyn motioned to Accept the Resignation of Square One Strategy Group.

Treasurer Bryant seconded the motion. There was no Discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

Roll Call Taken: President Warren-Yay, Vice President Kapteyn-Yay, Treasurer Bryant-Yay.

b. Approval of RFP documents to begin accepting bids.

President Warren moved for the Approval of RFP documents to be accepted for bids.

Vice President Kapteyn motioned for the Approval of RFP documents to begin accepting bids thru April 2, 2025. **Treasurer Bryant** seconded the motion. There was no Discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

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c. Tour of all MHPSA Buildings (BOE & BOD) will attend

President Warren mentioned this is a yearly event where both Boards will tour each school building with the school principal, and the Management Company. Tour date and time to be determined at a later date.

d. Epicenter Invite (for those who have not accepted the invite)

President Warren mentioned that Anotnette sent an email invite to Dr. Smith and Mr. Mallett to accept the Epicenter invite to put documents into Epicenter so that MHPSAS will be in Compliance.

e. Meet & Greet: Parent/Student/Staff

President Warren mentioned this joint session with BOE and BOD on April 4, 2025 from 4-7 pm. The Community meeting will be April 25, 2025 from 4-7 pm and refreshments will be served.

f. Global Psychological Budget Amendment-(Mark Graham & Mr. Pendelton)

President Warren moved for the Approval to the Global Psychological Budget Amendment. **Vice President Kapteyn** motioned to Approve the Global Psychological Contract Budget Amendment.

Treasurer Bryant seconded the motion. There was no Discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

X. Superintendent Report

Superintendent Holmes presented his report to the Board as the office of Educational Support has approved the 2025 Consolidated MHPSAS applications. WMTC Resident celebration is on April 17, 2025 @6:30pm at Frederik Meyers Gardens. Big Congrats to our MHA Coaches and Boys basketball team for a great ending season final- Regionals Semi-final game in Mt. Pleasant, MI. A Kindergarten Roundup event was held today at Edgewood Elementary School. 2023-2024 CRCD Data is 100% Submitted but not Certified by point of contact: Reedell Holmes-Superintendent and Alternate point of contact Ms. Yolanda Bate-Pupil Accounting. Upcoming events: MiCareer Quest-Grand Rapids, MI for Our top ten career and industry focused 9th graders. Prom: Sat May 24, 2025 and Senior Awards Ceremony: May 27, 2025 time -TBD. Graduation Ceremony: Thursday, June 5th, 2025 @ 6 pm. MHA has officially partnered with Davenport University Gear-Up Program to provide opportunities that aim at early college awareness and career readiness for our 6th & 7th graders. Congrats to our three Black History Essay Contest Winners: Asia Fletcher-MHA, Taimya White-MHA, Lawrence Paskal-MHA. Congrats to 103.7 The Beat on your hard work and dedication, enjoy your Africa Trip this summer. The M-STEP State Assessment window will begin after the Spring Break period. WIDA Access for our ELL students has begun and Ms. Yolanda Bates-Pupil Accounting is overseeing the project.

XI.S1S Management Report

Dr. Hicks presented the management report to the Board with the current Academic Updates: The official winter count will be released on Wednesday and an update will be given at the next BOD meeting. Friday, 3/14/25 was a Professional Development half day at each school where a topic of focus was-Edgewood-Phonic First, MLK-Culture and Climate and MHA- Testing Proctor Overview and school lockdown procedure. We now have three weeks of instruction before M-STEP & SAT testing. The MAISD West Michigan Showcase: MHA will be represented in the Digital Media category on Wed, March 19, 2025 @ 6pm at the Frauenthal Theater.

XII. Partnership Benchmark Summary Report

Dr. Hicks gave a presentation and also a hard copy report to the BOD on the MDE Partnership Benchmark summary for MHPSAS. The MDE partnership agreement was established by the previous Management Company to target the areas met, not met w/progress, and areas not met. This table targeted each school and the student's area of strength and weakness.

XIII. Public Comment

Ms. Anita Bradford had several comments with regards to why the budget is not printed out for parents to know how title one funds are being spent. We should be able to see the financials if they were being transparent. Why is the Zoom link not readily available to the public and only for participants? Is it possible to restart the practice of public zoom links at BOD meetings to increase participation. Will there be any summer school this year?

XIV. Follow-Up Items

None

XV. Board Correspondence

None

XVI. Other Business

None

XVII. Comments from the Board of Directors

Vice President Kapteyn commented that the RFP process is moving quickly and the BOD is doing their job to ensure that Staff will know where they stand before the end of this school year. Staff may have to re-apply for positions, but no one should have to worry about their job.

XVIII. Next Meeting

- a. The next Regular Board of Directors meeting is Monday April 14, 2025 at 6 pm at Muskegon Heights Public School Academy, 2441 Sanford St. Muskegon Heights, MI 49444.

XIX. Adjournment

President Warren moved to adjourn. Treasurer Bryant motioned to adjourn the meeting and Vice President Kapteyn seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at: 7:13 pm.



Kesha Sanders, Secretary

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