

MUSKEGON HEIGHTS PUBLIC SCHOOL ACADEMY SYSTEM

Special Board of Directors Meeting

April 24, 2025, 5:00 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 by **President Warren @ 5:09 pm.**

II. Roll Call

Board of Directors

President Warren- Present

Vice President Kapteyn-Present

Kesha Sanders, Secretary-Present

Joseph Urban-PSA Attorney-Present

Administrative Staff

Superintendent Holmes-Present

Dr. Hicks-Square 1 Strategy Group-Absent

III. Approval of 2025-2026 District School Calendar

President Warren moved for discussion for the approval of the 2025-2026 District School Calendar.

Secretary Sanders had discussion and asked if staff and the principals went over the calendar or seen it and when is the State due date.

Superintendent Holmes stated that the management company has not been here to get the calendar done and there is a time frame as the State required clock hours have to be approved by the State by May 2025. A Countywide Superintendent meeting was held and each district created their school 2025-2026 calendar.

Secretary Sanders had discussion and asked to get the calendar to staff and principals to review over and the Board will table the approval of the 2025-2026 District School Calendar until that has been done.

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IV. Review RFP Application for the upcoming New Management Company.

President Warren introduced Dr. Flavian Prince of Meta 24 dba (Workforce High) as the first presenter for the prospective new management company. Meta 24's primary goal is to bring a competitive curriculum and program to attract students back to the district. Meta 24 stated their stance is to be an Authorizer and develop/advise local people to be the people in position to ensure the HR department, Special Education Protocols, and Finances are directly connected to the primary stakeholders, not a secondary dept. or company. Meta 24 provided a video presentation outlining the need to reform the culture, climate and curriculum of both Middle and High school students. Meta 24 stated what they have to offer and how they plan to turn MHPSA around if chosen as the new Management Company. A financial estimate packet was presented to the Board and the public, and there were a lot of uncertainties of real cost and fees. Dr. Prince stated that the initial cost of implementing the Inquiry Bridge Reform Model in both middle and high school will be significantly higher during the first year than the continuing cost to maintain this approach due to the intense PD required for start-up. The installation of the computerized learning management system, an ESTEAM curriculum of agribusiness, 3D printing etc. Dr. Prince would not give a concrete fund balance answer for what Meta 24 will actually charge MHPSA for their management services. Dr. Prince also never gave a concrete answer as to why Meta 24 will only service middle and high school students but no talk about what MHPSA elementary students will do. Dr. Prince ended his presentation stating Meta 24 was sought out for their unique services, he did not seek out MHPSA, so if this model is of interest please consider Meta 24's Proposal.

The Board of Directors and Attorney Urban asked Dr. Prince of Meta 24 a series of questions on the company's background, number of schools they service and the names of each school for a reference check. Dr. Prince was asked will Meta 24 service MHPSA elementary students? Attorney Urban stated that the Board will need exact cost for service and receive the information in a timely manner (within 5 business days) as time is of the essence and the district cannot wait 4 weeks. The Board gave a suggestion for the sake of time, that the public can write down their questions and their email address and the Board will respond to their questions.

V. Approval of the New Management Company Subject to Contract Negotiation

Vice President Kapteyn suggested to the Board to make a substitution with agenda item V. Closed Session (Attorney/Client Privileges) and substitute it for The consideration of approval of the new management company, subject to contract negotiations.

President Warren was in agreement to substitute agenda item V. Closed Session (Attorney/Client privileges) and substitute agenda item V. with the consideration of approval of new management company, subject to contract negotiations.

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VI. Public Comments *(limited to 2 minutes per person)*

President Warren stated that the floor is now open for public questions directed to Meta 24 and there is a 3 minute time frame allotted. A Lot of Public questions were asked but the audio and Dr. Prince's virtual appearance had very little clarity and the sound kept going in/out. Some public comments were not clear as well as the microphone was not being utilized every time. The Board gave a suggestion for the sake of time, that the public can write down their questions with an email address and the Board will submit their questions.

VII. Comments from the Board of Directors

Vice President Kapteyn commented and appreciated all the input as this is a heavy lift. The Board is getting clarity and will not jump into anything without listening to all sides and to keep sustainability as the BOD top priority.

President Warren commented that as the Board continues to go through this process the Board will keep the Staff, Students first as those who will be working with the company. The goal is to make the best decision possible so that this transition is done right.

Secretary Sanders commented that there is a meet & Greet in Tigerway to talk one on one from 4-7 pm. Please come out and invite

VIII. Next Meeting

The next Regular Board of Directors meeting will be Monday May 19, 2025, at 6 pm at Muskegon Heights Public School Academy, 2441 Sanford St. Muskegon Heights, MI 49444

IX. Adjournment

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

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

Kesha Sanders-Board Secretary

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