

Muskegon Heights Public Schools

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AGENDA

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

BOARD OF EDUCATION
2603 LEAHY STREET
MUSKEGON HEIGHTS, MICHIGAN

MUSKEGON HEIGHTS BOARD OF EDUCATION

MONDAY, MAY 2, 2016
6:00 PM

- 1) Call to Order
- 2) Roll Call
- 3) Secretary's Report and Approval of Minutes
- 4) Action Items
- 5) Report from the Emergency Manager
- 6) From the Board
- 7) Concerns of Parents/Citizens and Recognition of Guests
- 8) Adjournment

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of the
SCHOOL DISTRICT
of the
CITY OF MUSKEGON HEIGHTS, MICHIGAN
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OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

1. **The Regular Board Meeting, Muskegon Heights Board of Education, 2603 Leahy Street, Muskegon Heights, Michigan, was called to order by President Scott at 6:05 p.m.**
2. **President Scott, instructed Secretary Brewer, to call the roll and note Board Members and Administrative Staff present/absent.**

BOARD MEMBERS: Mrs. Trinell Scott, President; Mr. Mark Glover, Vice-President; Mr. Franklin Brewer, Secretary; Mrs. Estelita Rankin, Treasurer; Mrs. Peggy Selmon, Trustee; Mrs. Marianne Darnell, Trustee; Mrs. Marjorie Cook, Trustee

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Peggy Selmon

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF: Mr. Steve Schiller, Emergency Manager

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF ABSENT:

Roll Call:

P Scott P Glover P Brewer P Rankin ABS Selmon P Darnell P Cook

3. **SECRETARY'S REPORT AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the minutes for the Regular Board Meeting of February 1, 2016 be approved and placed on file.

M Mark Glover MOVED and m Estelita Rankin SECONDED the adoption of the resolution

Roll Call:

Y Scott Y Glover Y Brewer Y Rankin ABS Selmon Y Darnell Y Cook

4. ACTION ITEMS

NONE

5. REPORT FROM THE EMERGENCY MANAGER

6.

A few items to update:

1. The refunding of the district bonds has been completed and has been certified. The actual savings for the residents are one million six hundred fifteen thousand one hundred eighty five dollars. There will not be a tax cut but will result in less to pay at the end.
2. Emergency Manager appointed Mrs. Kathy Moore to the PSA Board. She graduated from MHPS and Grand Valley State University and is presently the Public Health Officer for Muskegon County. She has attended two PSA board meetings thus far.
3. Update on the sale of Martin Luther King Elementary. A Special board meeting was to be held in March because we received an offer for \$50,000. When the price is above \$49,999 it must be approved by the Board of Education. Unfortunately the meeting had to be cancelled, because it was discovered that the real estate agency transposed the date. Instead of putting March 16, 2016 they enter April 16, 2016 therefore the City was within their rights to purchase the property. After talking with the District's attorney, he suggested we comply with the selling of the building to the City of Muskegon Heights. Since that time we have had multiple issues with the title of the land. When the school district gave Lindbergh to the Michigan Land Bank our attorney gave the wrong property description. We have been through this 3 times regarding the MLK Elementary being inappropriately labeled as the property of the State of Michigan instead of the School District of the City of Muskegon Heights. It has not been costing the district any money due to the mistakes being caused by the Title Company and the Attorney. Hopefully within the next week or so we will have a legal description of the property and will get the building sold. The EM will be meeting with Mayor Sims tomorrow to follow up on that discussion. As soon as we are contacted by the Attorney or the Title Company the board will be informed. The Emergency Manager will get a report to the Board by the end of the week.
4. Emergency Manager is considering a possible lease of a portion of the Board of Education building to the County of Muskegon. They would like to rent the reception area, the gymnasium, classrooms and the parking lot (the south end of the hallway). They want to use it for the Fresh Start Program. This program has been started in Muskegon County and involves local judges sentencing young offenders to training to give them a fresh start. It also allows the records of the offender to be expunged if they are successful. The lease we are considering would give us \$1500 weekly in rent for a total of 10 weeks. The program will continue if funding allows. The money collected for rent will be used towards the Muskegon Heights Public Schools debt.
5. The 3 month financial report which is required by the State is completed and on the website.
6. The Emergency Manager has been meeting with people from the Y in an effort to open the pool at Muskegon Heights Academy. We have been working on the cost of getting the pool up and running which is currently estimated to be approximately \$90,000 per year.

7. FROM THE BOARD

Updates as far as how the Academy is doing. Wants to know success rate, the atmosphere what's going on. The Emergency Manager periodically visits the schools and has not received any negative feedback. Reports on M-Step should be available by the next meeting.

When will the Elected Board and the PSA Board get together and meet. The National Association of Charter Schools consultant suggested that this would not be a good idea.

Every year the Black Women Political gives scholarship applications to all schools in Muskegon. Since the Academy has been established they have been having difficulties receiving participation and applications back.

Concerns regarding the upkeep of the building at Muskegon Heights Academy inside as well as outside (i.e. pillars cracking, hallway in the band room area).

Wellness Center conducted an Anti-Bullying Program. It was reported that the students behaved terribly in the assembly and that the teachers were not present at the assembly.

Emergency Manager suggested the elected board attend a PSA board meeting. Meetings are held on the 3rd Monday of each month at 6:00 pm in the Media Center.

8. CONCERNS OF PARENTS/CITIZENS AND RECOGNITION OF GUEST

NONE


9. ADJOURNMENT

RESOLVED, that the Regular Board Meeting for Monday, May 2, 2016, adjourned at 6:47 p.m.

M Franklin Brewer MOVED and m Estelita Rankin SECONDED the adoption of the resolution.

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Respectfully submitted,


Franklin Brewer, Secretary