



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, FEBRUARY 6, 2017
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 Assistant Superintendent
6. From the Board
7. Concerns of Parents/Citizens and Recognition of Guests
8. Adjournment

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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 Acting President Glover at 6:07 p.m.**
2. **Vice President Glover, instructed Acting Secretary Cook, to call the roll and note Board Members and Administrative Staff present.**

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:

Mrs. Trinell Scott and Mr. Franklin Brewer

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF:

Mr. John Lewis, Assistant Superintendent, Gary Britton, Attorney, Ann Storberg & Jake Brower (RTAB)

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF ABSENT:

Roll Call:

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

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the minutes for the Regular Board Meeting of January 9, 2017 be approved and placed on file.

M Estelita Rankin MOVED and m Marjorie Cook SECONDED the adoption of the resolution

Roll Call:

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

4. ACTION ITEMS

None

5. REPORT FROM THE ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT

Assistant Superintendent asked if anyone had questions regarding the monthly expenditures. The Assistant Superintendent answered all questions from board members regarding expenditure and budget reports.

6. FROM THE BOARD

The Board is concerned of the closing of the Muskegon Heights Academy (MHA) (7th – 12th). A Pep Rally was held at MHA today. There are also concerns from the board on the closing of MHPSA from the District & Community. A Board Member stated retired teachers are willing to tutor students for free. Another member has concerns with the leadership of the Academy.

7. CONCERNS OF PARENTS/CITIZENS AND RECOGNITION OF GUESTS

Ann Storberg – made comments regarding the role of the Elected Board. The role of the Elected Board now has authority whereas, before (with the Emergency Manager) they had no role. Now one of the roles of the Elected Board is having the responsible of ensuring the MHA is fulfilling the responsibility of the contract. The Elected Board has the ability to make chances as it relates to breaking contract with MHA with the blessings of the RTAB. The Elected Board is also responsible for ensuring the repayment of debt is paid.

The Elected Board asked if they could have a copy of the contract between MHPS and MHA, it was stated that contract is on the website. Gary Britton – informed the Elected Board that if they are not happy with the Charter they are in the position to remove the charter but there are restrictions on how this option is fulfilled. In order to remove the current academy the board must get another Education Service Provider (ESP). A Board member also stated the MHA Board was told not to meet with the Elected Board in the past.

Attorney Britton stated, there is language in the contract “which was the last signed order” states that if an emergency occur we will return to an Emergency Manager. The Governor’s decision is not bind by this contract/order and we are not sure if he will abide by it. As it relates to the question on what the Board can do, Britton stated they can be agents to parents. Getting the word out to parents on their responsibilities to their children and to the school as it relates to what they should be doing as parents for the continuation of their child’s education.

Within the last 5 years of the school there have been changes in the growth of the MHA students. The ACT and SAT tests within the last few years from the State has changed. The Board could be helpful if they can assist in getting parents involved in the education of their children.

Ann – regarding Carmella – Ann is interested in all 3 boards collaborating. 1st she would like to meet with the District’s Board (Elected) and the RTAB and then incorporate the MHA Board. Ann stated that Carmella was very open with getting the 3 boards together and acknowledged that she was to give budget and board minutes to the Elected Board.

8. ADJOURNMENT

RESOLVED, that the Regular Board Meeting for Monday, February 6, 2017, adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

M Estelita Rankin MOVED and m Marjorie Cook SECONDED the adoption of the resolution.

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Respectfully submitted,

Marjorie Cook, Acting Secretary

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