



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 1, 2017
6:00 PM

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Secretary's Report and Approval of Minutes
4. Action Items
Proposal/Engagement Letter for Vredevelde Haefner LLC
5. Report from the Assistant Superintendent
Dr. Traci Teasley, MDE Liaison
6. From the Board
7. Concerns of Parents/Citizens and Recognition of Guests
8. Adjournment

BOARD OF EDUCATION
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 6:04 p.m.**
- 2. President Scott, instructed Secretary Brewer, 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:

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF:

Mr. John Lewis, Assistant Superintendent

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF ABSENT:

Roll Call:

P Scott P 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 February 6, 2017 be approved and placed on file.

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

Roll Call:

Y Scott Y Brewer _____ Darnell ____ Selmon Y Rankin Y Cook Y Glover

4. ACTION ITEMS

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Proposal/Engagement Letter for Vredeveld Haefner LLC

May 1, 2017 be approved and placed on file.

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

Roll Call:

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5. REPORT FROM THE ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT

Discussed & answered questions as it relates to the financial documents. Only 2 questions: One on the work from Attorney Britton and inquired about the pay/hour. The 2nd question was in regards to SBM Plan, Assistant Superintendent explained that was the health plan. 3rd was a question on Consumer's Energy and the buildings the bill covers. The Board was reminded of the school visit on Monday, May 22, 2017 from 12:00 noon – 2:30 pm.

The Assistant Superintendent introduced Dr. Traci Teasley, MDE Liaison.

Dr. Traci Teasley, MDE Liaison

Dr. Teasley is the Partnership District Liaison for Muskegon Heights Academy, Benton Harbor and Pontiac Public Schools. She will speak on the briefing and summary of the Partnership. In January State School Reform Office (SRO) potentially had 38 schools to close and Muskegon Heights Academy was one of them. Several things were supposed to happen as it relates to that closure. The Governor decided there needs to be more time for the schools to do the processing that was attached to the closure. State Superintendent Whiston spoke to the governor regarding if the Partnership Agreement District Plan put together by The Michigan Department of Education (MDE) for Every Student Succeeds Act Application as a part of our top 10 and 10 on Strategic Plan could be implemented now, which is not scheduled to go into effect until the next school year. March 1st the 10 district that represent the 38 schools that was on the SRO list received a letter from State Superintendent Whiston to invite them to participate as a Partnership District. Each district was assigned 4 Partnership District Liaison and a manager who also have a district of his/her own. There has been a minimum of 2 meetings in each district, which the Superintendent as attended most of them. The discussion at the meetings consisted of exactly what the Partnership Agreement is supposed to look like and to invite partnership from each community to support the work. The community has to come up with the solution for their own schools. MDE is serving as a partner to support those choices. Muskegon Heights had 2 meetings in March and they had a draft completed by the 2nd meeting, March 31st then made minor changes as requested by the partners. Today was the signing party. The Governor does not sign he gives a nod of approval of the agreement. The State Superintendent, the State School Reform Office, the School Board President, the Superintendent, and all the signing partners who agreed to help with the goals stated in the agreement must sign the agreement. There is an action under the Superintendent Action in the Partnership Agreement where both the Superintendent and the Liaison will be meeting with the board on a quarterly basis to ensure the goals are being reached according to the partnership agreement: reaching goals for student attendance, behavior issues and student learning.

Question:

Are the signatories on the draft the same as the signatories on the final agreement? Answer was yes but there are more partners. The Board will receive a final copy on a pdf file.

6. FROM THE BOARD

7. CONCERNS OF PARENTS/CITIZENS AND RECOGNITION OF GUESTS

Dorothy Gill-Jackson – 3315 Lemuel St.
Chris Thomas – 3240 Highland St.
Rhonda Aubrey – 25 W. Maplewood St.

8. ADJOURNMENT

RESOLVED, that the Regular Board Meeting for Monday, MAY 1, 2017, adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

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

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Respectfully submitted,

Franklin Brewer, Secretary