

**PUBLIC SCHOOL ACADEMIES OF DETROIT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

Minutes of the Meeting of the Public School Academies of Detroit Board of Directors

Meeting Date and time: Tuesday, January 21, 2014, 12:00 p.m.  
Meeting Location: HFA:SCS, CCS Building, 9<sup>th</sup> Floor  
485 W. Milwaukee  
Detroit, MI 48202  
Minutes Approved: March 18, 2014

A. Call to Order at 12:06 p.m. and Roll Call  
Mr. Parks called the meeting to order.

Roll Call

Directors present: Edward Parks  
Annis Stubbs  
Keith Cooley  
Denise Lewis (Depart 1:09 p.m.)  
Jean Baker  
John Cleary  
Jerrold M. Jung

Directors excused  
and absent:

Zina Kramer  
James Nicholson

Others present: John Cleary  
Peter Webster  
Lori Koenig  
Margaret Trimer-Hartley  
Julius McDougal  
ID Jegede  
Michael C. Porter  
Mark Ornstein,  
Deborah Parizek  
Nan Gill  
Ben Allen  
Sarah Laird  
James D. Smith

and other members of the audience and general public.

Mr. Parks made welcoming remarks, identified guests, and introduced the Board agenda topics and procedures.

B. Approval of the Agenda and Minutes from Meeting of 10/29/2013:

Upon motion of: Denise Lewis

Seconded by: Jean Baker

Motion: BE IT RESOLVED that the Public School Academies of Detroit approves the Agenda and Minutes, as presented.

Motion passed unanimously.

C. Board President Comments

Mr. Parks presented the plans for expansion of the Board of Directors and new Board members

Mr. Parks requested Motions to recommend the expansion and to nominate the specific new Board Members.

Upon motion of: Keith Cooley

Seconded by: Jean Baker

Motion: BE IT RESOLVED that the Public School Academies of Detroit authorizes the amendment of all appropriate documentation, including but not limited to the Charter Contract and Authorizing Resolution, to reflect the increase in PSAD board size from nine (9) to eleven (11) board members, and to file the necessary documents with the State or the Authorizer to implement the approved increase in board size.

Motion passed unanimously.

Upon motion of: Keith Cooley

Seconded by: Denise Lewis

Motion: BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Directors of Public School Academies of Detroit believes that the following persons have the knowledge, skill, and experience to properly govern as a member of the Board of Directors of the Public School Academies of Detroit and that they have been nominated consistent with the most recent Method of Selection or other policy of the Grand Valley State University Board of Trustees, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of Public School Academies of Detroit nominates and recommends that the following individuals be members of the Board of Directors of this Public School Academy.

NAME	TERM	EXPIRING DATES
Michael Porter	3 year	June 30, 2017
Jerrold Jung	2 year	June 30, 2016
Joseph Aristeo	3 year	June 30, 2017
John Cleary	2 year	June 30, 2016

Motion passed unanimously.

D. Board Member Matters:

1. Oaths of Office – John Cleary and Jerrold M. Jung
  
2. Reappointment of Board Members:

Mr. Parks explained the need for nominations of three current Board Members in order to fill a GVSU requirement for paperwork reflecting nominations. Although the Board Members were appointed by GVSU and Oaths of Office were taken previously for these terms, GVSU needs certain paperwork reflecting the nominations which includes a PSAD resolution nominating the Board members. To that end, he requested Motions to recommend the reappointment of Keith Cooley to a term ending 6/30/2015, James Nicholson to a term ending 6/30/2015 and Annis Stubbs to a term ending 6/30/2016.

Upon motion of: Jean Baker

Seconded by: Denise Lewis

BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Directors of Public School Academies of Detroit believes that the following persons have the knowledge, skill, and experience to properly govern as a member of the Board of Directors of the Public School Academies of Detroit and that they have been nominated consistent with the most recent Method of Selection or other policy of the Grand Valley State University Board of Trustees, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of Public School Academies of Detroit nominates and recommends that the following individuals be members of the Board of Directors at this Public School Academy.

Keith Cooley,  
James Nicholson and  
Annis Stubbs.

Motion passed unanimously.

JD Smith noted that all other conflicts of interest forms had been completed.

E. Board Subcommittees and Strategic Planning Board Dinner:

Mr. Parks lead a discussion regarding the establishment of Board Committees for Academics, Finance, Development and Marketing.

Upon motion of: Keith Cooley

Seconded by: Annis Stubbs

BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Directors of Public School Academies of Detroit establish four committees for academics, financing, marketing, and development.

Ms. Lewis pointed out her view that the academic committee is very important and asked if they should consider having a larger committee or having two academic committees – one for CUE and one for Detroit 90 90. Also, the committees would only provide recommendations to the Board and not have the power to decide or direct activity. Nonmembers could participate in the committees. With general consensus, Mr. Parks noted that these topics would be taken into account when implementing the committee.

Motion passed unanimously.

Without objection, the Board then considered the matters under the Consent Agenda, Item H.

Approvals – HFA:SCS:

**1) Review and Approval of Budget Amendments**

Upon motion of: Keith Cooley

Seconded by: Denise Lewis

MOTION: BE IT RESOLVED the Public School Academies of Detroit approves and adopts the attached 2013 - 2014 Henry Ford Academy: School for Creative Studies proposed budget amendments as presented and appropriates the expenditures set forth in the HFA:SCS budget amendments to meet the liabilities of the HFA:SCS schools for the 2013-2014 fiscal year.

Motion passed unanimously.

Approvals – UPA:

**1) Review and Approval of Budget Amendments**

Upon motion of: Jerrold Jung

Seconded by: Keith Cooley

MOTION: BE IT RESOLVED the Public School Academies of Detroit approves and adopts the attached 2013 - 2014 University Preparatory Academy proposed budget amendments as presented and appropriates the expenditures set forth in the UPA budget amendments to meet the liabilities of the UPA schools for the 2013-2014 fiscal year.

Motion passed unanimously.

Approvals – UPSM:

**1) Review and Approval of Budget Amendments**

Upon motion of: Denise Lewis

Seconded by: Keith Cooley

MOTION: BE IT RESOLVED the Public School Academies of Detroit approves and adopts the attached 2013 - 2014 University Prep Science & Math Academy proposed budget amendments as presented and appropriates the expenditures set forth in the UPSM budget amendments to meet the liabilities of the UPSM schools for the 2013-2014 fiscal year.

Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Parks recognized the remarkable contributions of Jean Baker since her appointment to the initial Board of Directors in April, 2006, and announced her intention to resign from the Board. Mr. Parks presented Ms. Baker with a plaque as a tribute to her invaluable contributions and sincere thanks of the Board for her service.

Mr. Parks lead a discussion regarding the annual Strategic Planning Board Dinner to be held in the evening on March 12, 2014.

F. CUE Report by Nan Gill:

Nan Gill provided a power point presentation on the Implementation of Corrective Action Plans

G. Detroit 90/90 Report by Mark Ornstein including the following:

- Personnel changes
- New Principal at UPA High School
- Fund Raising, including a presentation by Margaret Trimer Hartley
- Detroit 90/90 Strategic Planning Process
- Mr. Ornstein also recognized the outstanding efforts of **Magglio Willis**, Director of Facilities for Detroit 90/90 for his outstanding work over the years and in particular in response to the recent cold weather to keep the school buildings working properly.

Upon motion of: Keith Cooley

Seconded by: Annis Stubbs

BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Directors of Public School Academies of Detroit adopted the proclamation recognizing the outstanding efforts of **Magglio Willis**, Director of Facilities for Detroit 90/90 over the years and in particular in response to the recent cold weather to keep the school buildings working properly.

Motion passed unanimously.

H. See consent agenda items referenced above.

I. Authorizer comments:

J.D. Smith distributed the 2012 – 2013 Comprehensive Performance Review summary reports. He also noted the February 5, 2014 (Wednesday, 6-8 p.m.) Board Symposium sponsored by GVSU to be held at the GVSU Detroit Center (located next to the Detroit Athletic Club).

J. Legal and Security Affairs

Mr. Parks acknowledged receipt of a letter from Mr. Thompson, on behalf of the Thompson Educational Foundation, the Contract Administrator. The letter informs PSAD that effective December 31, 2013, Mr. Cleary is no longer associated with TEF or its role as Contract Administrator, and that Mr. Horonzy, in the place of Mr. Cleary, is the contact person for the Contract Administrator.

K. Public Comment –

An unknown parent spoke about her concern that there should be extra copies of the agenda available at the Board meeting. She spoke about her concern of the number and manner of school suspensions, especially in conjunction with the issue of managing student school

homework assignments while on suspension. She thinks that the schools can do more to facilitate suspended students doing their homework while on suspension.

Ms. Verbal, UPSM parent teacher organization president, stated that she has not received a response from Detroit 90/90 to her concerns that were raised at the last board meeting.

Ms. Dorothy Howard, a HFA:SCS parent, suggested that there be greater transparency on the spending of Title 1 money on equipment. Also, she suggested that there should be greater transparency on the developmentally disabled programs, including such transition programs / plans. She related that where the student enrollment is increasing, there are a greater number of students with bad behavior and it is concerning to her.

L. Adjournment –

Upon motion of: Keith Cooley

Seconded by: Annis Stubbs

MOTION: BE IT RESOLVED that the Public School Academies of Detroit meeting be adjourned.

Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 2:08 p.m.

Next meeting date: **Board Meeting:  
UPSM High School  
Tuesday, March 25, 2014 at Noon,  
2664 Franklin Street  
Detroit, MI**

Minutes prepared by:

  
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Peter Webster, Esq.

Minutes Approved by:

  
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Ed Parks, Board President

Date: March 18, 2014