

**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, October 27, 2015, 12:00 p.m.
Meeting Location: HFA:SCS – Taubman Center
485 W. Milwaukee
Detroit, MI 48202
Minutes Approved: January 26, 2016

A. Call to Order at 12:03 p.m. and Roll Call

Mr. Parks called the meeting to order.

Roll Call

Directors present: Edward Parks
Keith Cooley
John Cleary
Michael Porter
Denise Lewis (arr. 12:19 p.m.)
Kyle Chandler
Joseph Aristeo

Directors excused
and absent:

James Nicholson
Zina Kramer
Jerry Jung
Karen Obsniuk (Not a Board Member yet)

Others

present: Peter Webster Mark Ornstein
Lori Koenig Deborah Parizek
Julius McDougal Ben Allen
Nan Gill Danielle Jackson

Sarah Laird
Sheryl Edwards Cannon
Greg Terrell
Diane Simpkins
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 8/25/2015.

Upon motion of: John Cleary

Seconded by: Michael Porter

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

Motion passed unanimously.

C. President's Reports:

Mr. Parks thanked all those who are interested in the PSAD schools for their support. He provided an overview of the subcommittee reports and the work done respecting academic performance between the last Board meeting in August and today.

D. Presentation of Sub-committee Reports

1. Academic:

- a) John Cleary presented the Board with a review of the changes being made to improve academic performance at some of the schools. He presented summary reporting and related academic data for UPA, UPSM, and HFA and the presentation of the expeditionary learning school goals and MAP performance.
- b) John Cleary presented the summary reporting related to enrollment, student and teacher retention and classroom size for UPA, UPSM, and HFA. Staff further reported on the staff turnover rate and student attrition at the 8th to 9th grade levels. Nan Gill commented that HFA changes to meet concerns over academic performance include staff changes and a three week staff training before the start of the school year.

2. Finance:

- a) Gregory Terrell, CPA, presented the Audit Reports UPA, UPSM, and HFA. Mr. Parks asked the auditors to confirm the financial controls of the school operations were sufficient. Mr. Terrell responded that the controls were sufficient. Mr. Parks asked that the finance subcommittee to further review and recommend if any further financial controls were needed.

Upon motion of: Keith Cooley

Seconded by: Joseph Aristeo

Motion: BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the Public School Academies of Detroit approves the Audit Reports for 2015, on behalf of the University Preparatory Academy, University Prep Science and Math and the Henry Ford Academy:School for Creative Studies, as presented.

Motion passed unanimously.

- b) John Cleary presented the Detroit 90/90 June 30, 2015 Results and Surplus Resolution for UPA, UPSM and HFA and explained ...

Upon motion of: Denise Lewis

Seconded by: Michael Porter

Motion: BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the Public School Academies of Detroit approves the June 30, 2015 Results and Surplus Resolution on behalf of the University Preparatory Academy, University Prep Science and Math and the Henry Ford Academy:School for Creative Studies, as presented.

Motion passed unanimously.

- c) Lori Koenig and Julius McDougal presented the September 30, 2015 Dashboard and related financial reports for UPA, UPSM, and HFA.

E. U Prep Schools:

1. Other Options for Non-Certified Teachers:

Mark Ornstein presented the Board with an update on possible options for utilizing Non-Certified Teachers in the districts. He explained the Michigan Department of Education teacher permit requirements and the challenge of recruiting STEM staff.

2. Fundraising Event Report:

Mark Ornstein gave the Board the details on the fundraising event planned for the car auction raffle

3. Grand Valley State Grant Approval

Edward Parks explained the process for obtaining the GVSU earned grant and provided a breakdown for each District and the educational performance requirements to obtain the grant.

Upon motion of: Kyle Chandler

Seconded by: Joseph Aristeo

Motion: BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the Public School Academies of Detroit approves the UPA, UPSM, and HFA resolutions in order to qualify for the GVSU grant.

Motion passed unanimously.

4. Children's Retreat Approval

Mark Ornstein presents the Board with the specifics of the after school programs and outlines the background for the Children's' Retreat contract respecting UPSM Elementary school.

Upon motion of: Keith Cooley

Seconded by: John Cleary

Motion: BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the Public School Academies of Detroit approves the Children's' Retreat contract between Children's Retreat and Detroit 90/90, as presented.

Motion passed unanimously.

5. Healthy Kidz Approval

Mark Ornstein presents the Board with the specifics of the after school program and outlines the background for the Healthy Kidz contract respecting UPSM Middle School.

Upon motion of: Michael Porter

Seconded by: John Cleary

Motion: BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the Public School Academies of Detroit approves the Healthy Kidz contract, as presented.

Motion passed unanimously.

6. Edibles Approval

Mark Ornstein presents the Board with the details and background for the Edibles contract.

Upon motion of: Michael Porter

Seconded by: Keith Cooley

Motion: BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the Public School Academies of Detroit approves the Edibles contract, as presented.

Motion passed unanimously.

F. HFA:SCS:

1. Grand Valley State Grant Approval – this action was taken in item E.3. above.

G. Upcoming School Events

Mark Ornstein and Nan Gill provided a summary of upcoming school events.

H. Legal Matters:

Peter Webster related that PSAD had received a regulatory inquiry about compliance with the ADA respecting a former UPSM Elementary student who had a disability and who was served by the after school program. The inquiry is to ensure that the schools meet their obligations under the ADA and applicable law. The school believes that it meets its obligations and is responding to the inquiry.

I. Safety Report:

1. UPA/UPSM
2. HFA:SCS

There were no safety related items to report. There was a discussion on the importance to compel with the timing and sequencing of all emergency drills.

J. Authorizer Comment:

Cheryl Cannon highlighted the GVSU annual report and the GVSU annual event at its Detroit facility.

K. Public Comments:

There were no public comments.

L. Adjournment

Upon motion of: Keith Cooley

Seconded by: Michael Porter

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

Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 2:06 p.m.

Next meeting date: **Board Meeting:**
UPSM High School, 2664 Franklin Street, Detroit, MI

Tuesday, January 26, 2016 at 12:00 pm

Minutes prepared by:



Peter Webster, Esq.

Minutes Approved by:



Ed Parks, Board President

Date: January 26, 2016

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