



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, SEPTEMBER 12, 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

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/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: Mrs. Peggy Selmon (arrived 6:08)

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 **May 2, 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

Muskegon Heights Public School Academy clothing is now at Walgreens. There were several radio announcements this summer and new billboards regarding Muskegon Heights Public School Academy. Orientation began August 19th and school officially started August 22nd. There are a few changes this school year which consist of the district hiring Mr. Andrew Alvesteffer, Principal at Martin Luther King, Jr. Academy, Rane' Garcia, Assistant Superintendent, Director of State & Federal, Curriculum Instructor and Coach at Muskegon Heights Academy and Martin Luther King, Jr. Academy and Tina Harmon, Curriculum Coach at Muskegon Heights Academy. According to enrollment numbers the Academy is down by approximately 100 students thus far.

Things Happening in the District:

Delinquent property tax collections continue to be an issue for the district. The district received roughly 87% of its projected operating tax levy and 92% of its projected debt levy. This is due to unpaid auction properties and other local and county review charges.

Negotiations with Middle Cities Insurance resulted in much lower rates for the District beginning July 1st of this year.

Legal fees for the District have dropped dramatically in the past year.

The District continues to recoup money from unclaimed property. So far we have received about \$10,000

The District rented out several rooms this summer to Project Fresh Start which is a program for youth offenders in Muskegon County. The program ran very smoothly, and brought in revenue to the District.

In early August the EM met in Lansing with representatives from Treasury, local legislators, and the Governor's office. His purpose was to see if there was another way for the State to provide oversight of the District without having an Emergency Manager. The EM reported that he presented his case and received positive feedback.

SRO – The EM, Superintendent Ross, and Board President Carmella Ealom met with the Natasha Baker from the School Reform Office a few weeks ago. She let them know that MHA is among the lowest 5% performing schools in the State and as such could be facing closure at the end of this school year. The EM along with our legal counsel has been researching whether or not the law will even allow the school to be closed.

The EM has been studying the legislation that was just passed for DPS and after consulting with our lawyer they believe it is now possible for the Academy to receive its share of the County wide Technology enhancement millage. The Academy's Attorney has written a letter to the ISD Superintendent and he is now awaiting a reply.

6. FROM THE BOARD
NONE

7. CONCERNS OF PARENTS/CITIZENS AND RECOGNITION OF GUEST
NONE

8. ADJOURNMENT

RESOLVED, that the Regular Board Meeting for Monday, September 12, 2016, adjourned at 6:44 p.m.

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

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Respectfully submitted,


Franklin Brewer, Secretary