

**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, August 30, 2016, 12:00 p.m.
Meeting Location: UPSM Elementary School
2251 Antietam Street
Detroit, MI 48202

Minutes Approved: October 25, 2016

A. Call to Order at 12:00 p.m. and Roll Call

Mr. Aristeo called the meeting to order.
Roll Call

Directors present: Joseph Aristeo
Edward Parks
Keith Cooley
John Cleary
Michael Porter
Kyle Chandler
Karen Obsniuk

Directors excused
and absent: Jerry Jung
Denise Lewis
Zina Kramer

Others present:	Peter Webster Lori Koenig Julius McDougal Nan Gill Sarah Laird	Mark Ornstein Deborah Parizek Ben Allen J. D. Smith Danielle Jackson
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and other members of the audience and general public.

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

B. Approval of the Agenda and Minutes from meeting of 6/21/2016.

Upon motion of: Parks

Seconded by: Cleary

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. Aristeo thanked all those who are interested in the PSAD schools for their support. He congratulated Mr. Parks for his service as Board President noting his leadership and hard work to the PSAD Schools from inception. He outlined how he thought the Board now had the opportunity to improve on what was accomplished now that the schools have been started and reached a level of stability.

D. Board Member Business:

1. Swearing in of Board Member, Karen Obsniuk to a three year term to end 6/30/2019.

Karen Obsniuk took the oath of office.

2. Nomination of Jerry Jung for reappointment to PSAD Board

Mr. Aristeo provided a brief summary of the events resulting in the delay of nominating Jerry Jung for reappointment when his term ended 6/30/2016 (i.e. the initial expression of a desire to resign and a subsequent decision to continue his service on the board). The PSAD Board wishing to support the reappointment by GVSU (as evidenced by the July 15, 2016 letter) calls for a nomination of Jerry Jung to serve a three year term ending 6/30/2019.

Upon motion of: Parks

Seconded by: Porter

BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Directors of Public School Academies of Detroit believes that the following person has 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 supports the GVSU reappointment of the following individual to be a member of the Board of Directors at this Public School Academy.

Jerry Jung

Motion passed unanimously.

E. UPA / UPSM:

1. Comments by School Leaders

Mark Ornstein provided an update on the status of the schools leadership conference, the focus on the 9th grade recruitment, outline of professional development underway for the staff.

2. Academic Reporting:

Joe Aristeo provided an overview of the Academic Committee meetings. The Board reviewed the 2015-2016 Fall to Spring NWEA MAP gain summary for UPA and UPSM. The Board noted that it was difficult to reliably understand the metrics and implications on student performance because they changed, making it hard to track year over year performance for a 3-5 year period. JD Smith related that GVSU was elated with the improvement in performance, especially the Ellen Thompson Elementary school.

3. Approval of YMCA Agreement for the following school:

a) UPSM Elementary School.

Upon motion of: Obsniuk

Seconded by: Cooley

Motion: BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the Public School Academies of Detroit approves and authorizes the signing of the Agreement dated July 27, 2016, on behalf of the University Preparatory Science and Math Academy, with the Young Men's Christian Association of Metropolitan Detroit, with revisions of counsel, as presented.

Motion passed unanimously.

4. Approval of the 2016 – 17 UPA and UPSM Student Handbooks

Upon motion of: Parks

Seconded by: Cleary

Motion: BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the Public School Academies of Detroit approves the University Preparatory Academy Student Handbooks and the University Prep Science and Math Student Handbooks, as presented.

Motion passed unanimously

F. HFA:SCS:

1. Comments by School Leaders

Nan Gill updated the Board on the strong enrollment projections exceeding the planned budget enrollment. All grades were at capacity except the 6th grade. She reported the staffing was stable with good leadership and outlined added positions to support the school mission and performance. She reviewed the facility improvements

2. Academic Reporting:

Nan Gill presented the Board with the 2015-2016 Fall to Spring MAP gain summary. The performance at the elementary school was disappointing and not typical of past performance. She outlined the steps taken to promote better performance.

The Board asked for a report on how to better track a multiyear metric to measure success, and perhaps including reference to the School Improvement Plans.

3. Approval of the 2016 – 17 Student Handbooks

Upon motion of: Parks

Seconded by: Cooley

Motion: BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the Public School Academies of Detroit approves the Henry Ford Academy:School for Creative Studies Student Handbooks, as presented.

Motion passed unanimously

Mr. Porter asked that the school consider how to simplify the Student Handbooks in the future.

G. Upcoming School Events:

The Board reviewed the synopsis of all school upcoming events.

H. Legal Matters:

1. Approval of Freedom of Information Policy (FOIA):

Peter Webster explained to the Board of Directors that the Legislature implemented changes to the Michigan Freedom of Information Act (“FOIA”) effective July 1, 2015. Under Section 18 of the State School Aid Act of 1979, MCL 388.1618, the Board is required to disclose all board policies. Public School Academies of Detroit, being

required to maintain and disclose their FOIA practices and procedures and inform staff of the FOIA obligations and requirements, has approved the applicable FOIA Summary. Counsel has reviewed the law and determined that approval of the FOIA Summary is not an annual requirement. Therefore, the previously approved FOIA Summary will remain in full force and effect until such time as an update or revision is needed.

Upon motion of: Cleary

Seconded by: Porter

Motion: BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the Public School Academies of Detroit adopts the attached FOIA Summary and the referenced procedures and guidelines for the 2016-17 school year and beyond, unless otherwise updated or amended, in order to comply with the Michigan Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA") and the disclosure requirements under Section 18 of the State School Aid Act of 1979, MCL 388.1618.

Motion passed unanimously.

I. Safety Report:

The school leaders had nothing to report concerning school safety issues. Mr. Parks updated the Board on the MSP audit of backgrounds checks.

J. Authorizer Comments:

J.D. Smith discussed the GVSU Academic Grant program for the 2016 – 2017.

K. Public Comment:

Ms. Kennedy, a UPSM and UPA parent, was present and did not have any specific comments. She attended the meeting to become better informed about what was going on at the schools.

L. Adjournment

Upon motion of: Cooley

Seconded by: Cleary

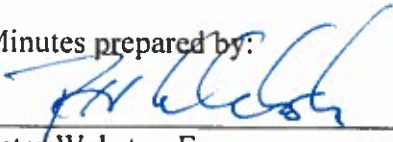
MOTION: BE IT RESOLVED that the Public School Academies of Detroit meeting be adjourned.

Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 1:31 p.m.

Next meeting date: **Board Meeting:**
HFA:SCS Taubman Center,
485 W. Milwaukee, Detroit, MI
Tuesday, November 8, 2016 at 12:00 pm

Minutes prepared by:



Peter Webster, Esq.

Minutes Approved by:



Joseph Aristeo, Board President

Date: October 25, 2016

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