

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

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

Meeting Date and time: Tuesday, October 27, 2020, 12:00 p.m.
Meeting Location: Zoom Conference Call

Minutes Approved: November 19, 2020

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

Mr. Aristeo called the meeting to order.

Roll Call

Directors present: Joseph Aristeo
John Cleary
Keith Cooley
Marvin Franklin
Denise Lewis
Karen Obsniuk
Edward Parks
Donald Tuski
Roger Williams

Directors excused
and absent: Kyle Chandler

Others present:	Danielle Jackson	Brooke Franklin
	Aimee Gibbs	Kim Llorens
	Sonya Giles	Sarah Feldman
	Curtis Lewis	Janice Perzigian
	Felicia Brimage	Kristin Venier
	Alexandru Gui	Stacie Williams
	Patty Nollet	Walter Reese
	Greg Terrell	Amy Lin
	Kyra White	

Statement made by Joe Aristeo regarding the electronic nature of the meeting:

The Governor Executive Orders applies to our board meetings. This PSAD board meeting is being held electronically, via telephonic conferencing or video conferencing, in a way in which both the public and the PSAD board are participating by electronic means. The video conferencing permits two-way communication so the PSAD board members can hear and be heard by other members and so public participants can hear members of the PSAD board and other participants during the public comment period.

As in the past, all are welcome and PSAD will not require a person as a condition of participating in this electronic meeting to register or otherwise provide his or her name, other than necessary to permit the person to participate in public comment. Public guests participating in a PSAD electronic board meeting may be excluded from participation in a closed session if the closed session is convened and held in compliance with the requirements of the OMA.

As always, PSAD board members must avoid using email, texting, instant messaging, and other such electronic forms of communication to make a decision or deliberate toward a decision, and must avoid “round-the-horn” decision-making in a manner not accessible to the public at an open meeting. Our compliance with the Governor’s Executive Orders and the rest of the OMA, will enable us to continue the work of the PSAD board and mission, and make the necessary decisions to protect the education of the PSAD students during this COVID-19 pandemic.

B. Board Member Business

No Board Member business reported.

C. Approval of the Agenda and Minutes

Upon motion of: Donald Tuski

Seconded by: Keith Cooley

Motion: BE IT RESOLVED that the Public School Academies of Detroit approves the agenda as presented.

Motion passed unanimously.

Upon motion of: Donald Tuski

Seconded by: Keith Cooley

Motion: BE IT RESOLVED that the Public School Academies of Detroit approves the Minutes from the September 24, 2020 Special Meeting, as presented.

Motion passed unanimously.

D. President’s Report

Mr. Aristeo gave an update on the impact of the COVID-19 changes on the schools and indicated he is in frequent contact with School Leaders and Danielle Jackson during this time. He also advised that the Facilities Committee will be starting committee meetings again since COVID-19 emergency planning is now more stable. The schools will also continue preparing for safe in-person learning. Lastly, Mr. Aristeo called attention to the continuing need for additional Board Members.

E. Detroit 90/90 CEO's Overview

Danielle Jackson gave an overview of the challenges and opportunities for continuing excellent learning, and supporting students, families, and staff. Ms. Jackson provided updates on the various adjustments implemented at the schools due to legislative changes and requirements related to COVID-19, and informed Board that all grade level standards remain in place and all planning is aligned to the schools' mission and objectives. Ms. Jackson also indicated that as the schools are dealing with COVID-19, they also planned for the related financial impact of reduced per pupil funding (which was less than they anticipated) and other financial impacts, and reported that PSAD was able to continue delivering quality education, increase teachers' salaries, and maintain reasonable fund balances.

F. Presentation of Sub-Committee Reports

1. Finance:

a. Gregory Terrell, CPA, presented a summary of the audit reports for UPA, UPSM and UPAD and answered various questions.

Upon motion of: Keith Cooley

Seconded by: Karen Obsniuk

Motion: BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the Public School Academies of Detroit approves the Audit Reports for 2020, on behalf of the University Preparatory Academy, University Prep Science and Math and the University Preparatory Academy: Art & Design, as presented.

Motion passed unanimously.

Board Member Ed Parks noted the clean audit and the Board's appreciation for the work of the independent auditors and the internal financial staff.

b. John Cleary provided the 2020-2021 Dashboard and related financial reports for UPA, UPSM and UPAD. A discussion was tabled to review the details of the Budget Amendments for the PSAD Schools.

c. John Cleary provided the details on the need for a Budget Amendment for UPA, UPSM, and UPAD.

Upon motion of: Dennis Lewis

Seconded by: Roger Williams

Motion: BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the Public School Academies of Detroit approves the amendment to the 2020 - 2021 Budget, as presented for UPSM.

Motion passed unanimously.

Upon motion of: Dennis Lewis

Seconded by: Marvin Franklin

Motion: BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the Public School Academies of Detroit approves the amendment to the 2020 - 2021 Budget, as presented for UPAD.

Upon motion of: Dennis Lewis

Seconded by: Karen Obsniuk

Motion: BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the Public School Academies of Detroit approves the amendment to the 2020 - 2021 Budget, as presented for UPA.

2. Facilities:

No Facilities Committee report.

3. Academic:

a. Curtis Lewis explained the review of Instructional Priorities.

b. Alexandru Gui presented a summary of the reporting related to enrollment, student/teacher retention and classroom size data for UPA, UPSM and UPAD.

Board Member Marvin Franklin requested feedback on quality of assignments completed by students in addition to the number of assignments turned in by students.

b.1 Alexandru Gui reviewed the results of the Extended Learning Parent Survey and a discussion was held.

c. Kristin Venier reported on the K-2 Benchmark Assessment and answered questions from the Board.

d. The below School Leaders gave a presentation on K-5 Schools.

Kim Llorens	UPA Mark Murray
Kyra White	UPA Ellen Thompson
Felicia Brimage	UPAD Elementary
Walter Reese	UPSM Elementary Miller Campus

e. Joe Aristeo explained the need for reaffirming the Extended COVID 19 Learning Plans for all schools. A discussion was held regarding the Extended Learning Plans, the GVSU requirements and the various Board actions needed periodically in the future.

Upon motion of: Keith Cooley

Seconded by: Donald Tuski

Motion: BE IT RESOLVED that the Board approves reaffirmation of the UPA Extended COVID 19 Learning Plan and authorizes signature of the Plan and corresponding Resolution, as presented.

Motion passed unanimously.

Upon motion of: Karen Obsniuk

Seconded by: Donald Tuski

Motion: BE IT RESOLVED that the Board approves reaffirmation of the UPSM Extended COVID 19 Learning Plan and authorizes signature of the Plan and corresponding Resolution, as presented.

Motion passed unanimously.

Upon motion of: Donald Tuski

Seconded by: John Cleary

Motion: BE IT RESOLVED that the Board approves reaffirmation of the UPAD Extended COVID 19 Learning Plan and authorizes signature of the Plan and corresponding Resolution, as presented.

Motion passed unanimously.

f. Joe Aristeo explained the requirements of the COVID-19 Preparedness and Response Plan. A discussion was held regarding the Resolution needed for each school and the proposed Resolution was presented.

Upon motion of: Donald Tuski

Seconded by: Marvin Franklin

Motion: BE IT RESOLVED that the Board approves the UPA Resolution Approving the Covid-19 Preparedness and Response Plan, as presented.

Motion passed unanimously.

Upon motion of: Keith Cooley

Seconded by: Marvin Franklin

Motion: BE IT RESOLVED that the Board approves the UPSM Resolution Approving the Covid-19 Preparedness and Response Plan, as presented.

Motion passed unanimously.

Upon motion of: Donald Tuski

Seconded by: Roger Williams

Motion: BE IT RESOLVED that the Board approves the UPAD Resolution Approving the Covid-19 Preparedness and Response Plan, as presented.

Motion passed unanimously.

G. Danielle Jackson indicated a presentation on “What’s Happening in the U!” will be distributed to Board Members via email following the meeting.

H. Board Policies Update

The 2020 Board Policy Updates as suggested by the National Charter Schools Institute were presented to the Board at the September Special Board Meeting. The Board Members approved the Title IX policy at the September Board meeting. The Board reviewed the remainder of the policies recommended by the National Charter Schools Institute and voted.

Upon motion of: Donald Tuski

Seconded by: Roger Williams

Motion: BE IT RESOLVED that the Board approves all of the supplements and revisions to the Board Policies as suggested by the National Charter Schools Institute, as presented.

Motion passed unanimously.

I. Legal Matters –

No legal matters report at this meeting.

J. Safety Report

No safety report at this meeting.

K. Authorizer Comments:

Board Meetings - Brooke Franklin confirmed that under current legislation regarding the Open Meeting Act, all public school academy board meetings will continue remotely until the end of the calendar year. In early 2021, the Board should make decision whether to meet in-person, or continue remotely. Board members with any medical conditions should continue to participate remotely. Ms. Franklin further informed the Board that in 2022, the expectation is to return to in-person board meetings under the Open Meetings Act, unless there is a state of emergency.

L. Public Comment:

No public comment at this meeting.

M. Adjournment:

Mr. Aristeo declared the meeting adjourned at 2:14 p.m.

Next meeting date:

Board Meeting: Tuesday, November 19, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom Conference call

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Minutes Approved by:

Joe Aristeo
Joseph Aristeo, Board President

Date November 19, 2020 .

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