

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

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

Meeting Date and time: Thursday, December 17, 2020, 6:00 p.m.
Meeting Location: Zoom Conference Call

Minutes Approved: January __, 2021

A. Call to Order at 6:01 p.m. and Roll Call

Mr. Aristeo called the meeting to order.

Roll Call

Directors present	Joseph Aristeo	Calling from: Plymouth, Wayne, MI
	Edward Parks	Calling from: Birmingham, Oakland, MI
	Keith Cooley	Calling from: Detroit, Wayne, MI
	John Cleary	Calling from: Brighton, Livingston, MI
	Kyle Chandler	Calling from: Detroit, Wayne, MI
	Marvin Franklin	Calling from: Farmington Hills, Oakland, MI
	Karen Obsniuk	Calling from: Northville, Wayne, MI
	Donald Tuski	Calling from: Detroit, Wayne, MI
	Denise Lewis	Calling from: Detroit, Wayne, MI
	Roger Williams	Calling from: Romulus, Wayne, MI

Directors excused
and absent:

Others present:	Danielle Jackson	Janice Perzigian
	Peter Webster	Alex Gui
	Sonya Giles	Sarah Laird
	Curtis Lewis	Don Cooper
		Destiny Morris
		Staci Williams

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

As you are all aware, Public Act 228 of 2020 temporarily suspends the rules and

procedures relating to physical presence at meetings and hearings of public bodies and other governmental entities in Michigan. This 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 Open Meetings Act (“OMA”).

Any member of the public body participating remotely must publicly announce, at the outset of the meeting, that he or she is participating remotely. If the announcing member's remote participation is for any reason other than military duty, the member must announce his or her physical location by stating the county, city, township, or village and state from which he or she is attending the meeting remotely. The member's public announcement will be included in the meeting minutes.

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 Public Act 228 of 2020 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

None

C. Approval of the Agenda and Minutes

Upon motion of: Cooley

Seconded by: Obsniuk

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

Motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

Upon motion of: Cooley

Seconded by: Williams

Motion: BE IT RESOLVED that the Public School Academies of Detroit approves the Minutes from the November 19, 2020 Special Meeting, as presented.

Motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

D. Authorizer Comments – Academic Grants

Don Cooper explained the Grand Valley State University Academic Grant Award for the 2019 – 2020 School Year. He presented the awards and reminded the PSAD Board that they must take official action to accept each grant. He explained that the grants were earned by Board training.

Upon motion of: Obsniuk

Seconded by: Tuski

Motion: BE IT RESOLVED that the Public School Academies of Detroit approves the acceptance of the GVSU Grants as presented:

For the Benefit of:	Grant
University Preparatory Academy Elementary – Mark Murray School	\$9,620
University Preparatory Academy Elementary – Ellen Thompson School	\$8,480
University Preparatory Academy Middle School	\$8,720
University Preparatory Academy High School	\$10,940
University Prep Science & Math Elementary School	\$10,260
University Prep Science & Math Middle School	\$10,780
University Prep Science & Math High School	\$9,660
UPrep Art & Design Elementary school.	\$8,020

UPrep Art & Design Middle/High School.	\$17,620
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Motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

E. Sub-Committee Reports

a. Network Priorities and Student Data

Alex Gui and Curtis Lewis presented the information on Network Priorities, Goals, Student Data, SATS and Growth. The discussion covered the following: UPREP Educational Goals K-8, 9-12; Student DATA (NWEA MAP, PSAT/SAT, Grade Distribution and Goal); Satisfaction Survey

Board asked for follow up information respecting Grade Distribution and cross school comparisons if available.

Danielle Jackson addressed board questions regarding policies to promote engagement especially of senior students.

b. Joe Aristeo explained the need for reaffirming the Extended COVID 19 Learning Plans for all schools. A discussion was held regarding the Learning Plans, the GVSU requirements and the various Board actions needed periodically in the future. No changes are needed at this time.

Upon motion of: Cooley

Seconded by: Chandler

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

Motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

Upon motion of: Cooley

Seconded by: Obsniuk

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

Motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

Upon motion of: Franklin

Seconded by: Obsniuk

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

Motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

c. Reaffirmation of Preparedness Plan

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. No changes are needed at this time.

Upon motion of: Lewis

Seconded by: Tuski

Motion: BE IT RESOLVED that the Board approves the UPA, UPSM, and UPAD Covid-19 Preparedness and Response Plans, as presented.

Motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

E. Public Comment:

None.

F. Adjournment:

Upon motion of: Tuski

Seconded by: Franklin

Motion: BE IT RESOLVED that the Board adjourned the meeting.

Motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

The meeting adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

Next meeting date:

**Board Meeting: Tuesday, January 26, 2021 at 12:00 p.m. via Zoom
Conference call**

Minutes prepared by:

Peter H. Webster, Esq.

Minutes Approved by:

Joseph Aristeo, Board President

Date _____.

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