

**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, April 28, 2020, 12:00 p.m.
Meeting Location: Virtual Meeting (via telephonic or video conferencing)

Minutes Approved: June 18, 2020

A. Call to Order at 12:11 p.m. and Roll Call

Mr. Aristeo called the meeting to order.

Roll Call

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

Directors excused
and absent: Richard Rogers
Michael Schmidt
Denise Lewis

Others present:	Peter Webster	Danielle Jackson
	Curtis Lewis	Brooke Franklin
	Janice Perzigian	Sonya Giles
	Sarah Laird	Alex Gui
	Linda Edwards	Lalara Coleman (parent)
	Patty Nollet	Emily Laird
	Stephanie Mays-Hurst	

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

As you are all aware, the Governor temporarily suspended 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 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 Order 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:

Oath of Office:

Mr. Aristeo advised that the new Board Members; Roger Williams, Marvin Franklin and Donald Tuski, were sworn in, in accordance with the Governor’s Executive Order, prior to the beginning of the Board Meeting.

Mr. Aristeo further advised that prior to the beginning of the meeting Board Member, Kyle Chandler, whose current term expires on June 30, 2020, was sworn in for a new term which will expire on June 30, 2023.

Mr. Aristeo advised the Board that the other two current Board Members that were nominated in January, Denise Lewis and Joe Aristeo, will take the Oath of Office at the June Annual Meeting.

C. Approval of the Agenda and Minutes

Upon motion of: Parks

Seconded by: Cooley

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: Obsniuk

Seconded by: Cooley

BE IT RESOLVED that the Public School Academies of Detroit approves the Minutes from the March 25, 2020 meeting, as presented.

Motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

D. President's Report

1. General Report:

Joe Aristeo presented the president report regarding high level comments on the school operations during the CV19 and the schools' response. Karen Obsniuk expressed her thanks and appreciation to Danielle Jackson and her leadership in galvanizing the school teams during these difficult times.

E. Sub-Committee Reports

1. Academic Reporting:

- a. Danielle Jackson introduced Curtis Lewis who provided a report on the Continuity of Learning Plan which was submitted to Grand Valley State University as part of the COVID 19 response. Board members asked questions about the Plan including summer school. Latara Coleman, a parent, asked questions about the delivery of school packets and mentioned that the school has been doing a wonderful job under the circumstances.
- b. Curtis Lewis and Danielle Jackson explained the need for a Resolution of the Board in order to receive continued state school aid funding for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year for UPA, UPSM, and UPAD.

Upon motion of: Parks

Seconded by: Cooley

Motion: BE IT RESOLVED that the Public School Academies of Detroit approves the Resolution Approving the Continuity of Learning and COVID-19 Response Plan, Budget Amendment Related to Plan and Other Agreements

Referenced in Plan, and Approval of Charter Contract Amendment, as presented and as follows:

WHEREAS, On April 2, 2020, in response to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic affecting our state, Governor Gretchen Whitmer issued Executive Order 2020-35 (the “Order”) that, except as provided in section III of the Order, suspends in-person instruction for pupils in kindergarten through grade 12 (“K-12”) for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year and requires that school buildings used for the provision of K-12 education remain closed for the purpose of providing K-12 education in person for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year, unless restrictions on public gatherings and use of school buildings are lifted before the end of the 2019-2020 school year.

WHEREAS, In order to receive continued state school aid funding for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year, the Order suspends certain state law provisions that, as reflected in the Order, are associated with in-person instruction, requires that public school academies continue to provide alternative modes of instructions for all pupils, as reflected in a Plan, for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year, and requires that each public school academy submit their Plan to their authorizing body for approval.

WHEREAS, On April 20, 2020, the PSAD Schools submitted their Plans to Grand Valley State University Board of Trustees (the “Authorizer”) for approval. Copies of the PSAD Schools’ Plans are collectively attached to this Resolution as Appendix A.

WHEREAS, On April 20, 2020, Authorizer approved the PSAD Schools’ Plans as reflected in the letters from Authorizer dated April 20, 2020 (“Authorizer Approval Letters”). Copies of the Authorizer Approval Letters are attached to this Resolution as Appendix B. As set forth in the Authorizer Approval Letters, the Public School Academies of Detroit Board of Directors is required to approve the PSAD Schools’ Plans and approve the PSAD Schools’ Plans as a charter contract (“Contract”) amendment at its next scheduled board meeting.

THE PUBLIC SCHOOL ACADEMIES OF DETROIT BOARD OF DIRECTORS THEREFORE RESOLVES THAT:

1. The actions taken by the PSAD Schools to prepare and submit the PSAD Schools’ Plans to Authorizer are ratified.
2. The PSAD Schools’ Plans are approved by Authorizer.

3. The PSAD Schools' Plans are approved by the PSAD Board as the COVID-19 Learning Plans Amendment to the Contract. This Contract amendment shall remain in effect as long as the Plans remain in effect.

4. All resolutions and parts of resolutions that conflict with the provisions of this resolution shall be and are rescinded.

5. The PSAD Schools will deliver from time to time such information regarding the implementation of the PSAD Schools' Plans as the Authorizer or Michigan Department of Education may reasonably request.

6. Any Board policies or provision of Board policies that prohibit or impede the PSAD Schools' compliance with the Plan or Executive Order 2020-35 are temporarily waived, suspended or altered.

7. Any actions undertaken by authorized PSAD Schools' representatives in the development, submission and implementation of the PSAD Schools' Plans are (to the extent such actions are not inconsistent with the delegation of authority provided under this resolution) ratified and confirmed in all respects.

8. This Resolution shall take immediate effect and continue through the end of the state of emergency and disaster declared in Executive Order 2020-33 or any other state of emergency or disaster declared in response to COVID-19 during the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year.

Motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

2. Finance Committee Reporting:

- a. Finance Committee Chair, John Cleary, presented the 2019 – 2020 Dashboard and related financial reports for UPA, UPSM, and UPAD.
- b. John Cleary presented the 2019 – 2020 UPA, UPSM, and UPAD budget amendments. An opportunity for discussion was provided.

Upon motion of: Parks

Seconded by: Obsniuk

Motion: BE IT RESOLVED that the Public School Academies of Detroit approves the 2019 – 2020 Budget Amendments for the general funds and food service funds for all three schools, as presented.

Motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

John Cleary gave an update on next year financials and budget considerations. This includes salary ranges for new hires and existing staff with an effort to increase salaries. The June meeting on the budget will be a challenge because of the potential of state foundation grant cut from the State.

Danielle Jackson also provided details on the many changes that were required due to the COVID-19 pandemic and answered various questions of the Board. Ms. Jackson reviewed her presentation regarding engagement results. There was discussion about current and future educational plans for a hybrid teaching model and assessments. Ms. Jackson also reported on student enrollment for next school year, school graduation ceremonies, and college selection process. Ms. Jackson also updated on virtual meetings and the Board's interest in attending various school virtual events and social media interactions. Ms. Jackson also updated the Board on the continued progress for the partnership agreements on student achievement.

F. U Prep Schools Update

1. 2020 – 2021 Balanced School Calendar

Ms. Jackson mentioned that the issue needs to wait until the June meeting to better understand how the school will address the school calendar.

2. Updated Graduation Dates:

Ms. Jackson previously updated the Board on graduation activities under Covid-19.

G. Legal Matters

None

H. Safety

Danielle Jackson presented the Safety Report for the schools and provided a status on the procedures put into place to cover the coronavirus outbreak. Ms. Jackson outlined the status of the school buildings and the details of the letters, weekly updates, and website updates that went out to parents and the public.

I. Authorizer Comments:

Brooke Franklin thanked the school staff for the fine presentations, meeting, and good work. She reported that the GVSU budget message to the schools is to be conservative in light of the drop in state revenue projections. Ms. Franklin looks forward to virtual meetings with new board members in May at various GVSU scheduled activities.

J. Public Comment:

None.

K. Adjournment:

Upon motion of: Tuski

Seconded by: Obsniuk

BE IT RESOLVED, the Public School Academies of Detroit Board Meeting be adjourned.

Motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:01 p.m.

Next meeting date:

Board Meeting via Zoom conference call

Thursday, June 18, 2020 at 12:00 pm

Minutes prepared by:

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Minutes Approved by:

Joseph Aristeo

Joseph Aristeo, Board President

Date June 18, 2020