

School District of the City of Muskegon Heights

Receivership Transition Advisory Board Meeting

Wednesday, November 16, 2016
State Treasurer's Boardroom
Austin Building – 1st Floor
430 W. Allegan St.
Lansing MI 48933

MINUTES

I. Call to Order

Chair Ann Storberg called the meeting to order at 3:00pm

A. Roll Call

Members Present – 5

Patrice Johnson
Dale Nesbary
John Schrier
Ann Storberg
Clinton Todd

Members Absent – 0

(None)

Let the record show that 5 Board members eligible to vote were present and participated in person. A quorum was present.

B. Introduction of Board Members

With this being the first meeting of the Muskegon Heights School District (“District”) Receivership Transition Advisory Board (“Board”), Chair Storberg asked for each member to introduce themselves.

Chair Storberg is the designee of the Department of Treasury and currently works in Treasury’s Bureau of Investments as Senior Executive Assistance Deputy Director. She has been involved with the District and worked closely with the former Emergency Manager (“EM”) on the transition back to local control for several months.

Dale Nesbary is the designee of the Department of Technology, Management and Budget (DTMB). Mr. Nesbary is President of Muskegon Community College and was a member of the initial review team for the District.

Patrice Johnson is a graduate of the District and is an appointee to the Board with relevant professional experience. She is the Director of Programs for the Gerald R. Ford Job Corps and served four years on Muskegon Heights City Council.

John Schrier is an attorney for Parmenter O'Toole Law Firm and is an appointee to the Board with relevant professional experience which includes work performed for the Citizens Research Council of Michigan and various Michigan municipalities.

Clinton Todd is the designee of the Superintendent of Public Instruction. He is the Vice President of Retail Lending for Community Shores Bank. Mr. Todd graduated from the District and has been in the financial industry for 39 years.

II. Orientation

A. Emergency Manager Final Order

Chair Storberg provided an overview of the EM's last order. The EM's orders cannot be changed or amended without approval from the State Treasurer. The Final Order outlines the duties, responsibilities, and authority between the District, Muskegon Heights Public School Academy System ("System"), and Board including certain restrictions imposed on the District's Board.

The Final Order appoints John Lewis as Assistant Superintendent in charge of finance and administrative responsibilities for the District, and appoints Mary Byrd to the System's Board.

B. Local Financial Stability and Choice Act

Public Act ("PA") 436 of 2012 ("Act") establishes the conditions to which a receivership transition advisory board ("RTAB") may be established and outlines its responsibilities and authority.

C. Open Meetings Act

The RTAB is a public body as defined in section 2 in Public Act 267 of 1976, the Open Meetings Act ("OMA"). All meetings of the Board will be open to the public. However, the OMA does allow for closed session meetings under certain circumstances.

Telephonic participation by Board members will be allowed in compliance with the Rules of Procedure being adopted in Resolution 2016-2.

D. Freedom of Information Act (FOIA)

FOIA requests related to the Board must be directed through the Department of Treasury's FOIA Coordinator. FOIA requests for District documents should be directed to the District's Assistant Superintendent John Lewis.

E. Media

Board members are welcome to speak to the media, but if a Board member is unable to address the inquiry or would prefer not to handle media inquiries, Chair Storberg encouraged the Board members to direct any media inquiries to Treasury's Communication Office.

F. Governor's Appointment Letter

Chair Storberg reviewed the Governor's appointment letter and highlighted the Board's duties outlined in the letter.

G. Web Links

Treasury analyst Jake Brower reported that all information for the Board meetings, including the agenda, schedule, meeting packet, and minutes, will be available on the Department of Treasury's website through the following link:

http://www.michigan.gov/treasury/0,4679,7-121-1751_51556_64472_71819_75803---.00.html

The District's website also has a link established to Treasury's website for easy access to the Board's information. The district website is available through the following link:

<http://www.mhpsnet.org/>

III. Board Organization

A. Resolution #2016-1 Posting Notice Resolution

Motion made to approve Resolution #2016-1 designating certain persons to give notice of meetings of the Board. Motion moved and supported. The Board approved Resolution #2016-1 as presented.

B. Resolution #2016-2 Rules of Procedure

Motion made to approve Resolution #2016-2 adopting Rules of Procedure, which included the Standards of Conduct, Conflicts of Interest, and Ethics Policy. Motion moved and adopted. The Board approved Resolution #2016-2 as presented.

C. 2017 Meeting Schedule

The proposed 2017 meeting schedule for the Board was amended for meetings to be held on the third (3rd) Wednesday of each month at 4:00 p.m. at the following address:

2603 Leahy St.
Muskegon Heights, MI 49444.

Motion made to approve the 2017 meeting schedule as amended. Motion moved and supported. The Board approved the 2017 meeting schedule as amended. The schedule will be posted to the District and Treasury websites.

IV. Public Comment

Paul Connors, Director of the Office of School Review and Fiscal Accountability at Treasury

V. Adjournment

Motion made to adjourn. Motion moved and supported. The Board approved the motion to adjourn.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:43 p.m.