

TO MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Suggested Regular Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, February 10, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. at the
Administration Building

3201 Roosevelt, Hamtramck, MI 48212

- I. Call meeting to order, pledge of allegiance and roll call
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Thomas Niczay
Superintendent of Schools

Enclosures

“This meeting is a meeting of the Board of Education in public for the purpose of conducting the School District’s business and is not to be considered a public community meeting. There is a time for public participation during the meeting.”

Agenda Item I – Call to Order

Call to Order –

Meeting called to order by _____ at _____

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call of Members

Hedy Shulgon

Magdalena Srodek

Evan Major

Ataur Khan

Dennis Lukas

Jackie Starr

Agenda Item II - Acceptance of Agenda

RESOLUTION NUMBER 1– ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

Motion by Member _____ Seconded by Member _____

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education accepts and approves the Agenda with any additions or deletions.

Votes: Aye _____ Nay _____

Abstain _____

**Agenda Item III – Audience Participation
(limited to items on the agenda)**

Agenda Item IV – Correspondence

Letter from Daniela Gjorgjevska dated 1-20-16

Letter from Assma Balawi dated 1-26-16

Agenda Item V – Board Member Discussion

Agenda Item VI – Consent Agenda

RESOLUTION NUMBER 2 – APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Motion by Member _____ Seconded by Member _____

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education approves the following items under the Consent Agenda:

- a. Approval of Minutes from:
 - 1. Organizational Meeting Minutes from January 13, 2016
 - 2. Regular Meeting Minutes from January 13, 2016
- b. Acceptance of Resignation – Resignation of **Daniela Gjorgjevska**, Math Teacher at Hamtramck High School, effective January 21, 2016.
- c. Acceptance of Resignation – Resignation of **Assma Balawi**, Tutor for the HOPE Program, effective January 26, 2016
- d. Approval of Employment – Employment of **Ronnetta Richard**, resident of Detroit, as a Tutor for the HOPE Program, \$10.00 per hour, maximum of 15 hours per week, effective February 11, 2016.
- e. Approval of Employment – Employment of **Jihan Aiyash**, resident of Hamtramck, as a Tutor for the HOPE Program, \$10.00 per hour, maximum of 15 hours per week, effective February 11, 2016.
- f. Approval of Employment – Employment of **Fouad Hussain**, resident of Hamtramck, as a Title I Paraprofessional for Hamtramck High School, Grade 5, Step 1 of the Support Staff Schedule, maximum of 28 hours per week. Employment is conditioned upon the individual passing the Work Keys Test PRIOR to beginning employment

Votes: Aye _____ Nay _____

Abstain _____

Agenda Item VII – Information/Action

Reports by the Superintendent of Schools:

College Board-AP Announcement - Sarah Thaler

Countdown to the 2016 M-Step & SAT – Laura Lisiscki & Sharon Streaan

Priority/Focus School Reports – Kosciuszko
Holbrook/High School

Agenda Item VIII – Old Business

Agenda Item IX – Action Items

General Fund
Board Report
February 10, 2016

Attached hereto is a listing of invoices and checks now due for supplies, materials, equipment or services delivered or rendered to the School District. These invoices and checks represent purchases made or services ordered upon approved resolutions of the Board of Education for the current fiscal year. Where required or when possible, competitive prices have been obtained prior to placing orders, and where quality specifications permitted, purchases were made or services obtained at the lowest price quoted.

Invoices examined and recommended for approval by the Board of Education.

Thomas Niczay
Superintendent of Schools

RESOLUTION NUMBER 3 - APPROVAL OF INVOICES AND CHECK REGISTER

Motion by Member _____ Seconded by Member _____

RESOLVED, that the Check Register for the period January 14, 2015 through February 10, 2016 as enclosed, be approved.

Votes: Aye _____ Nay _____

Abstain _____

RESOLUTION NUMBER 4 - APPROVAL OF SCHOOLS OF CHOICE OPTIONS

Motion by Member _____ Seconded by Member _____

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education does hereby direct Administration to implement Schools of Choice options 105 (within county) and 105 c (contiguous county) for grades K-12 during the 2016-2017 school year, following the timelines below:

- Applications for Kindergarten (Unlimited) will be accepted from February 29 through September 9, 2016
- Applications for all other grades will be accepted April 4, 2016 through:
 - 1-8 Unlimited, ending August 25, 2016
 - 9, HHS Unlimited, ending August 5, 2016
 - 10 – 12, HHS Unlimited, ending August 12, 2016
 - 9 –12, Horizon Unlimited, ending August 12, 2016

Votes: Aye _____ Nay _____

Abstain _____

RESOLUTION NUMBER 5 - APPROVAL OF CONFERENCE ATTENDANCE

Motion by Member _____ Seconded by Member _____

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education does hereby approve the request of John Rostek and Rula Bilbeisi, along with approximately 34 students, to attend the **DECA State Championship** to be held in Grand Rapids, MI March 11-13, 2016. Funding through CTE.

Votes: Aye _____ Nay _____

Abstain _____

RESOLUTION NUMBER 6 - RESOLUTION OPPOSING PA 269 (SENATE BILL 571)

Motion by Member _____ Seconded by Member _____

WHEREAS, Governor Snyder signed into law, with immediate effect, Public Act 269 (Senate Bill 571) despite widespread calls for a veto of this bill; and

WHEREAS, both the Michigan Senate and the Michigan House of Representatives passed Senate Bill 571 late into the night of December 16, 2015, just prior to recessing for the year; and

WHEREAS, one of the last minute amendments made to Senate Bill 571, without knowledge of school districts or other local governments, and approved without any public testimony, was the new language inserted into Section 57, subsection (3); and

WHEREAS, this new law prohibits a public body, or a person acting for a public body, from using public funds or resources for the purpose of communicating any information to the electorate regarding a local ballot question that is to appear on the ballot, within 60 days of an election, and

WHEREAS, this law places an immediate gag order on entities with ballot questions on the March 8 ballot and every election thereafter; and

WHEREAS, locally elected and appointed officials have a civic and legal duty to the residents of their communities to fully inform them regarding the issues placed before them, upon which they may exercise their constitutional right to vote; and

WHEREAS, existing laws, including the former language in Section 57, and decades of guidance from the Michigan Secretary of State, already prohibit the use of public funds to advocate for or against ballot issues; and

WHEREAS, existing laws already provided for an allowance for elected and appointed officials to express their views without fear of violating the act; and

WHEREAS, because the new law bans only communication on local ballot issues, it creates inconsistent treatment of statewide ballot questions versus local initiatives; and

WHEREAS, there are substantial questions regarding the constitutionality and legality of the new law, including a possible ban on freedom of speech;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the School District of the City of Hamtramck calls for an immediate repeal of the new language in Section 57, subsection (3) of PA 269 of 2016; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Governor and the school district's state representatives in the Michigan House of Representatives and the Michigan Senate.

Votes: Aye _____ Nay _____

Abstain _____

RESOLUTION NUMBER 7 - APPROVAL OF EMPLOYMENT

Motion by Member _____ Seconded by Member _____

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education does hereby approve the employment of **Garrett Simpson**, as the Athletic Director for Hamtramck Public Schools, annual salary of \$16,929, pro-rated for time worked, effective January 28, 2016.

Votes: Aye _____ Nay _____

Abstain _____

RESOLUTION NUMBER 8 - APPROVAL OF EMPLOYMENT

Motion by Member _____ Seconded by Member _____

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education does hereby approve the employment of **Paul Hartzler** as a Math Teacher at Hamtramck High School, step 0 for a Master's Degree, effective February 1, 2016.

Votes: Aye _____ Nay _____

Abstain _____

Agenda Item X – Audience Participation

Agenda Item X – Board Member Interviews

All candidates for the Board Seat will be interviewed by the Board.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 9 – Appointment of Candidate

Motion by Member _____ Seconded by Member _____

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education does hereby appoint _____ to the vacant board seat formerly held by Mr. Mohammad Huda which was declared vacant as a matter of law effective January 13, 2016. This appointment will be until the next regular election to be held in November of 2016.

Votes: Aye _____ Nay _____

Abstain _____

Agenda Item XI – Adjournment

RESOLUTION NUMBER 10 – MEETING ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Member _____ Seconded by Member _____

RESOLVED, that the Regular Meeting be adjourned. (_____ p.m.)

Votes: Aye _____ Nay _____

Abstain _____

Meeting of the Board of Education:

ENCLOSURES

- Minutes of the following meetings:
 - Regular Meeting Minutes from January 13, 2016
 - Organizational Meeting Minutes from January 13, 2016
- Financial Reports for the month of January
 - Dickinson East Elementary
- Calendars for the month of February
 - Dickinson East Elementary
- Legal Invoices from Dickinson Wright dated January 19, 2016
- Status Reports from Administrators