

DETROIT PUBLIC SCHOOLS COMMUNITY DISTRICT

BOARD OF EDUCATION SPECIAL MEETING

Monday, March 5, 2018
5:30 p.m.

Fisher Building
3011 W. Grand Boulevard, 12th Floor
Detroit, MI 48202

MINUTES

Call to Order

The Special Meeting of the Board of Education of the Detroit Public Schools Community District (DPSCD or District) was called to order by President Dr. Iris Taylor 5:30 p.m.

Members Present

Dr. Iris Taylor, President
Angelique Peterson-Mayberry, Vice President
Misha Stallworth Secretary
Dr. Deborah Hunter-Harvill, Member
Georgia Lemmons, Member
LaMar Lemmons, Member

Absent: Sonya Mays, Treasurer

Administration Present

Dr. Nikolai Vitti, Superintendent

Meeting Norms

Meeting Norms were read by President Taylor.

Moment of Silence

President Taylor called for a Moment of Silence.

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Call for Special Meeting

Secretary to the Board, Karen Morgan read the following statement: I, Karen Morgan, Secretary to the Detroit Public Schools Community District Board of Education do hereby certify that the foregoing notice of the Special Board of Education Meeting was delivered to each Board of Education Member on Thursday, March 1, 2018 pursuant to its applicable statute.

Approval of Agenda

Member L. Lemmons Motion to approve the Agenda.
Vice President Peterson-Mayberry second the Motion.
Motion carried without objection.

Member Dr. Hunter-Harvill Motion to add an Announcement to the Agenda.
Member L. Lemmons second the Motion.
Motion carried without objection.

Member Dr. Hunter-Harvill Motion to amend the agenda to add an announcement.
Member L. Lemmons second the Motion.
Motion carried without objection.

Announcement

Member Dr. Hunter-Harvill who serves as Curriculum/Academics Committee Chair announced, "March is Reading Month". Committee Chair Dr. Hunter-Harvill encouraged Board Members to support March is Reading Month by visiting elementary schools and reading to students.

Vote for Michigan Association of School Boards (MASB) Region 8 Board of Director

Member L. Lemmons Motion to recommend Donald Hubler as DPSCD's Board of Education selection for MASB Region 8 Board of Director.
Vice President Peterson-Mayberry second the Motion.
Motion carried without objection

GTJ Consulting, LLC and Board up of Vacant Buildings

The Board requested additional information on the Action Item to board up vacant buildings to determine if the cost of demolishing the buildings was less than the option to board up the buildings.

Superintendent Dr. Vitti stated that after reviewing the buildings (a total of 24) it was determined that the sufficient strategy due to cost is to board up the buildings. The cost to demolish the identified schools would be \$4.4 million dollars. The cost to board up the schools is \$2.6 million dollars.

The first floor of the vacant buildings will be boarded up with secure view while the second floor or higher would be secured with plywood. There is a \$140,000 savings between plywood and secure view.

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Member L. Lemmons Motion to adopt the Superintendent's recommendation to board up vacant properties using GTJ Consulting, LLC.

Member G. Lemmons second the Motion.

President Dr. Taylor asked if the \$2.6 million dollars was the maximum cost and could that cost decrease.

Superintendent Dr. Vitti stated the contract could not exceed \$2.6 million but could decrease if windows are already secured.

Member L. Lemmons asked about the possibility of liquidating some of the vacant properties to offset the cost of boarding up the vacant buildings.

Vice President Peterson-Mayberry supported Member L. Lemmons comment asking the question have anyone expressed interest in any of the properties.

Superintendent Dr. Vitti stated liquidating the vacant buildings could be a cost savings. If there is a property on the list with an opportunity to sell and the District does not plan on utilizing the property, then the property would be sold and not boarded up.

Chair stated that members aware of any persons interested in the list of 24 properties should forward the persons contact information and the property of interest to the Superintendent within the next week.

Superintendent Dr. Vitti stated Board members have informed him of individuals interest and the administration have been in contact with those individuals interested in property for sale.

Chair stated a process must be in place to address dual interests in the same property.

Vice President Peterson-Mayberry asked if the properties have been appraised.

Superintendent Dr. Vitti stated not all properties have been appraised and no appraisals are recent. There are also buildings used as lease property with the intent to sell and properties where payments have not been made. He is comfortable with bringing the good-faith property to the board, however, some properties maybe worth holding onto because it creates a portfolio of assets for the District.

The Superintendent wants to create an inventory for leverage. A Request for Proposal for an inventory analysis for unused buildings would go out to create an overall strategy. Administration will follow up with those who were already told the District would sell property based on the lease and sale situation.

Chair, restated the properties under discussion were listed as items 1-24 and are identified as the properties considered for sale prior to boarding up.

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Vice President Peterson-Mayberry was concerned about salvageable schools.

Member L. Lemmons amended his Motion to state he recommends approval for GTJ Consulting, LLC., to board up vacant properties which will include the process of posting the listing properties for the public so the District may engage interest for those who may wish to purchase property prior to spending funds for boarding up properties.

Member G. Lemmons second the Motion.

Vice President Peterson-Mayberry asked what language will be used to make the announcement.

Chair stated the property will be listed as a property of interest.

Motion carried without objection.

Real Property Sale

The action item for the sale of 5300-5330 Russell and 1457 Frederick to Beaubien Associates, LLC., resulted in a split vote. The Superintendent stated the property went back to the highest bidder requesting a higher bid. The bid returned for \$220,000. A \$20,000 increase.

Vice President Peterson-Mayberry Motion to approve the sale of property at 5300-5330 Russell and 1457 Frederick to Beaubien Associates, LLC.

Member L. Lemmons second the Motion.

Motion carried.

Public Comment

One Public Comment was made.

Adjournment

Meeting Adjournment at 6:01 p.m.



Certified:
Karen Morgan, B.S.B.M
Secretary to the Board