

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
MUSKEGON AREA PROMISE ZONE AUTHORITY BOARD
NOVEMBER 11, 2009
7:30 A.M.

The regular meeting of the Muskegon Area Promise Zone Authority Board was held at the MAISD Educational Services Center, 630 Harvey Street, Muskegon, on Wednesday, November 11, 2009, at 7:30 a.m.

The meeting was called to order by MAISD Superintendent Susan Meston at 7:32 a.m.

The following board members were present:

Dr. Mary Ann Herbst, Baker College
Mr. Robert Jacobs, Community Shores Bank
Mr. Steve Parker, Pacific Steamex Corporation
Dr. Susan Meston, MAISD

The following board members were absent:

Mr. Brian Barber, Muskegon Opportunity
Ms. Cindy Larsen, Muskegon Area Chamber of Commerce
Ms. Chris McGuigan, Community Foundation for Muskegon County
Mr. Gary Nelund, State Farm Insurance
Dr. Dale Nesbary, Muskegon Community College
Mr. Steve Olsen, Northern Machine Tool Company

Also present: Mr. Marios Demetriou, MAISD Associate Supt. for Administrative Services

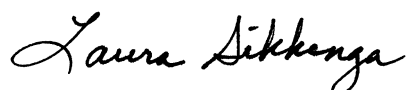
Mr. Marios Demetriou reviewed a PowerPoint presentation on data relevant to student numbers and projected costs. Discussion followed regarding the economy and timing of the Promise Zone and the Kalamazoo Promise. A suggestion was made to start with a small developmental plan and expand over time. A question was raised regarding our purpose and what are we trying to achieve. One purpose may be to spur economic development by increasing the number college graduates which in turn may have an impact on new business moving into the area.

Dr. Meston asked that board members share visionary ideas with her before the next meeting or bring them to the January 13 meeting. Mr. Jacobs asked if there were existing Promise Zone models to review. It was decided that Dr. Meston and Mr. Jacobs would meet to come up with a couple of models.

At the January 13 meeting, Mr. Demetriou will repeat his presentation so that members who were absent can be brought up to speed. Dr. Meston will invite Mr. Larry Steckelberg to the February meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:37 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Laura Sikkenga
Recorder