

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
MUSKEGON AREA PROMISE ZONE AUTHORITY BOARD
OCTOBER 14, 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, October 14, 2009, at 7:30 a.m.

The meeting was called to order by MAISD Superintendent Susan Meston at 7:33 a.m.

The following board members were present:

- Mr. Brian Barber, Muskegon Opportunity
- Dr. Mary Ann Herbst, Baker College
- Mr. Robert Jacobs, Community Shores Bank
- Ms. Cindy Larsen, Muskegon Area Chamber of Commerce
- Ms. Chris McGuigan, Community Foundation for Muskegon County
- Dr. Susan Meston, MAISD
- Mr. Gary Nelund, State Farm Insurance
- Dr. Dale Nesbary, Muskegon Community College
- Mr. Steve Olsen, Northern Machine Tool Company

The following board member was absent:

- Mr. Steve Parker, Pacific Steamex Corporation

Also present: Mr. Marios Demetriou, MAISD Associate Superintendent for Administrative Services
Mr. Gary Britton, Esq., Britton and Bossenbroek PC

Dr. Susan Meston asked for nominations for a chair to serve through August 2010. Chris McGuigan nominated Dr. Susan Meston; supported by Steve Olsen. There were no more nominations from the floor. The board unanimously voted for Dr. Susan Meston.

Dr. Meston presented a time line through January 2011 and reviewed it in detail. She shared information about the October 7 Promise Zone meeting in Lansing. Dr. Meston suggested that the superintendent from Kalamazoo Public Schools, Dr. Michael Rice, present at a future meeting. Mr. Jacobs indicated he would be interested in knowing what the challenges were that Kalamazoo faced, besides the money, in setting up their Promise program. Dr. Meston indicated that our challenges will be similar but unique.

Brian Barber provided information about Muskegon Opportunity (MO). Their goal is to raise the level of education in our county; their vision is that every high school student within the MAISD service area graduates prepared to be successful in, and having access to, college or career training. The current program model has three parts: 1) broad-based student preparation program; 2) intensive support; and 3) safety net scholarships. The MO will be hiring a coordinator in the very near future. The organization meets

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monthly and has approximately 30 members. Brian asked that board members contact him if they had further questions.

Dr. Meston asked the board to review and approve the minutes of the September 30 meeting. It was moved by Brian Barber and supported by Gary Nelund to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Mr. Gary Britton joined the meeting to assist in reviewing the proposed Articles of Incorporation and the Bylaws. Dr. Meston led the review of the Articles of Incorporation. Questions were answered regarding governmental immunity and repository of funds. It was moved by Cindy Larson and supported by Chris McGuigan to adopt the Articles of Incorporation as presented. Motion carried unanimously. Dr. Meston led the review of the Bylaws. Chris McGuigan asked that an amendment be made on page 2, section 2, part C to read "Of the members first appointed, an equal number of the members as near as is practical shall . . ." It was moved by Robert Jacobs and supported by Brian Barber to adopt the Bylaws as presented with the amendment as noted above. Motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Meston reminded the board of the next meeting on November 11. She will contact Larry Steckelberg from the Department of Treasury and ask him to attend that meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Laura Sikkenga".

Laura Sikkenga
Recorder