

DETROIT FINANCIAL REVIEW COMMISSION
SCHOOL DISTRICT REGULAR MEETING

Monday, November 21, 2016
Following the City Regular Meeting
(Begins no earlier than 2:00 p.m.)
Cadillac Place, Suite L-150
3062 West Grand Boulevard
Detroit, MI 48202

MINUTES

Approved – December 19, 2016

I. Call to Order

Chairman Nick A. Khouri called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m.

II. Roll Call

Members Present –

8 Darrell Burks
Stacy Fox
Lorron James
Brenda Jones (non-voting)
Nick A. Khouri
Bill Martin
Alycia Meriweather
John Roberts
Tony Saunders

Members Absent – 1

Mike Duggan (non-voting)

Let the record show that 8 Commission members eligible to vote were present and participated in person. A quorum was present. One non-voting member was also present.

III. Approval of Proposed Minutes from the October 31, 2016 School District Meeting

Motion made to approve the draft minutes of the Commission's October 31, 2016 School District Meeting as presented. Motion moved and supported, the Commission approved the minutes of the October 31, 2016 meeting as presented.

IV. Executive Director's Report - None

V. Old Business – None

VI. New Business

a. Consideration of 2017 Regular Meeting Schedule (FRC School District Resolution 2016-22)

Motion made to approve the FRC's 2017 Regular Meeting schedule (Community District's Resolution 2016-22) as presented. Motion moved and supported. The Commission unanimously approved School District Resolution 2016-22 as presented.

b. Report on Benchmarking

Deputy Superintendent/CFO Marios Demetriou provided details on the FY 15 Special Education program costs and its FY 17 Police Department expenditures.

He reported that while Spring 2015 FTE student count for FY 15 was 4,052.73, the actual headcount was 8,733 students. A discussion ensued and the Commission requested information regarding the plan used for special education against the compliance requirements. It was suggested that the individual FTEs in association with the compliance requirements should be linked and benchmarked against other schools to determine if the requirements are being met.

Regarding the Police Department expenditures, the commission requested information showing the link of numbers to students by classification, which gives a better understanding of the development theory. He addressed questions and comments from the Commission.

c. FY 15 Grant Lapse Report

Deputy Superintendent/CFO Marios Demetriou presented a grant lapse report for the FY 15 grant period on Detroit Public Schools. The report demonstrates a total grant budget of approximately \$216 million, of which \$815,334 was unspent. A discussion ensued regarding the need to provide monthly grant lapse reports. It was agreed that further discussions will be held regarding prioritizing and coordinating the information requested by the Commission.

d. EAA Transition Update

Deputy Superintendent/CFO Marios Demetriou presented the update noting that DPSCD and EAA announced that DPSCD will take over 14 EAA schools by July 2017. He stated that there are approximately 5,500 students attending 11 EAA schools and 1,000 enrolled in 3 EAA charter schools. DPSCD and EAA reached an agreement on previous financial obligations, under which the EAA will pay DPSCD \$2.45 million. A formal report is being drafted for the transition of all EAA schools that includes next steps and estimated costs. He addressed questions from the Commission.

e. Presentation of the Community District’s Monthly Financial Report

Mr. Demetriou presented his monthly financial report and highlighted items regarding a surplus of revenues over expenditure, budget to actuals comparison, expenditures by object level, year over year comparison; YTD cash flows; and YTD general ledger surplus to actual net cash flow. He stated that the Wayne County RESA Education Enhancement Millage has been passed, noting that in its first year it will generate an extra \$385 for every student in a county school district. He addressed questions from the Commission.

f. Presentation by Judge Rhodes

Judge Steven Rhodes gave a detailed presentation of DPSCD school planning. He spoke to the issue of school closings and noted that should there be any school closings, the decision should come from an elected school Board. He further stated that there are four distinct circumstances under which consideration should be given before closing schools: under capacity in schools; the return of the EAA; maintenance & repair issues and other alternatives; the need to determine what are the plans of the school restate office regarding school under performance issue. He addressed comments from the Commission.

VII. Public Comment

Lemar Lemmons, Elena Herrada, Kathy Montgomery, Thelma Moore, Lt. Col. Lawrence A. Millben and Keith Hines

VIII. Next Meeting Date

School District Regular Meeting: December 16, 2016, following the City Meeting, beginning no earlier than 2:00 p.m. at Cadillac Place, 3062 West Grand Boulevard, Suite L-150, Detroit, MI 48202.

IX. Adjournment

Motion made to adjourn. Motion moved and supported, the Commission approved the motion to adjourn.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

Financial Review Commission
Monthly Meeting
School District
Resolution Roll Call Vote
Monday, November 21, 2016

FRC 11/21/2016 Meeting	FRC SD Resolution 2016-22 (2017 Regular Meeting Schedule) Roll Call
Mr. Burks	Yes
Ms. Fox	Yes
Mr. James	Yes
Mr. Khouri	Yes
Mr. Martin	Yes
Ms. Meriweather	Yes
Mr. Roberts	Yes
Mr. Saunders	Yes

Signed by: B. Greaves
 Beverly C. Greaves, Secretary

Date: 11/21/2016