

**SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF HIGHLAND PARK  
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
Administrative Building  
20 Bartlett Avenue  
Highland Park, Michigan 48203  
February 23, 2012  
7:00 PM**

**MINUTES**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The Special Meeting of the Board of Education of the School District of the City of Highland Park was called to order by President Holloway, in the Administrative Center, 20 Bartlett Avenue, Highland Park, Michigan, on Thursday, February 23, 2012 at 7:05 p.m.

**II. ROLL CALL**

Present: Edwards, Humphrey, Greer, Williams, Holloway  
Absent: Members: Davis, Joyner  
A quorum was present.

Also present: Edith Hightower, Superintendent; George Butler III, Attorney; Randy Lane, Business Office; Morris Garraway, Administrative Assistant; staff and citizens.

**III. READING OF MISSION STATEMENT**

President Holloway led the Board in reading the Mission Statement.

The Mission of the School District of the City of Highland Park is to create a center of excellence education that will ensure students are college and career ready. We are committed to create and maintain an environment that ensures, through high expectations, maximum professional commitment, and concerted effort by every member of the school community, that every student reaches a high level academic achievement as determined by state and national standards.

**IV. READING OF NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING**

The Acting Secretary read the Notice of Special Meeting into the record.

By Action of the Board President, the Board of Education of the School District of the City of Highland Park will hold a SPECIAL MEETING on THURSDAY, February 23, 2012 at 7:00 P.M., Boardroom, 20 Bartlett Avenue.

To discuss and / or take action on the following items:

- Board Response To The Removal Of EM
- Board Response To Possible Reappointment Of EM

This notice is given in compliance with ACT 267 of the 1976 Public Acts of the State of Michigan.

Robert Davis/mg Secretary, Board of Education

Posted February 22, 2012 @ 10:00 a.m.

*No legal opinion from the attorney will be discussed in public session.*

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**V. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. RESOLUTION WAIVING THE BOARD OF EDUCATION'S RIGHT TO A HEARING**

Moved By: Member Greer

Supported By: Member Edwards

In an effort to expedite the hearing and appeal process allowed under Public Act 4 of 2011, being the Local Government and School District Responsibility Act, MCL 141.1501, et. seq., the Highland Park Board of Education hereby waives its right to a hearing as permitted under MCL 141.1515(2) of the Local Government and School District Fiscal Accountability Act. In addition the Board hereby waives any right to appeal the appointment of an emergency manager.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Edwards, Humphrey, Greer, Williams, Holloway

Nays: None

Absent: Members: Davis, Joyner

Motion Carried

**VI. BOARD OF EDUCATION AFFAIRS**

**A. RE-CONFIRM BOARD OFFICERS AUTHORITY TO SIGN CHECKS ON DISTRICT ACCOUNT**

Moved By: Member Edwards

Supported By: Treasurer Williams

THAT THE BOARD OF EDUCATION RE-CONFIRM THAT THE BOARD PRESIDENT AND TREASURER ARE THE OFFICERS WITH THE AUTHORITY TO SIGN CHECKS DRAWN ON A DISTRICT ACCOUNT AND BOTH MUST SIGN.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Edwards, Humphrey, Greer, Williams, Holloway

Nays: None

Absent: Members: Davis, Joyner

Motion Carried

**B. PROHIBIT THE ISSUANCE OF CHECKS TO VENDORS WITHOUT PRIOR AUTHORIZATION OF THE SUPERINTENDENT**

Moved By: Member Edwards

Supported By: Treasurer Williams

THAT THE BOARD OF EDUCATION PROHIBIT THE ISSUANCE OF CHECKS TO VENDOR WITHOUT THE PRIOR AUTHORIZATION OF THE SUPERINTENDENT.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Edwards, Humphrey, Greer, Williams, Holloway

Nays: None

Absent: Members: Davis, Joyner

Motion Carried

Member Edwards left the meeting at 7:25 p.m.

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**VII. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION**

Michelle Johnson, questioned possible payless payday for staff.

Runae Ford, asked when the emergency manager returns, will staff receive payment.

Ms. Mids, questions concerning her daughter that attends the High School.

Carolyn Thornton, graduate of the class of 83' had comments about the recent financial review meeting held at the Cadillac Building.

Melissa Ross, parent of student in the district had questions about the MEAP test.

Katrina Henry, President, Local 684, voiced concerns about the possible return of the EM.

President Holloway gave recognition to State Senator Burt Johnson, Highland Park City Council members Mr. Patrick, and Mr. Woodard; also the Mayor of Highland Park, and Reverend Bullock.

Ron Seigal, resident, local activist and reporter with the Michigan Citizen voiced his concerns.

Linda Hansen, resident of Pontiac, Michigan voiced her concerns.

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Member Greer, and supported by Treasurer Williams to adjourn the meeting, following proper procedures, President Holloway adjourned the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

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Alma L. Greer, Acting Secretary  
Board of Education

Minutes adopted: \_\_\_\_\_