

**SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF HIGHLAND PARK
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**Administrative Building
20 Bartlett Avenue
Highland Park, Michigan 48203
February 28 , 2012
7:00 PM**

MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Regular 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 Tuesday, February 14, 2012 at 7:05 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Present: Members: Humphrey, Williams, Greer, Holloway

Absent: Members: Edwards, Davis, Joyner

A quorum was present.

Also present: Edith Hightower, Superintendent; George Butler III, Attorney; Jack Bauman, Human Resources; Morris Garraway, Administrative Assistant; staff and citizens.
Principles: Satonya LaShore-Reynolds

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 in 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 of academic achievement as determined by state and national standards.

IV. APPROVAL OF HIGHLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES

A. February 14, 2012 – Regular Meeting

Moved By: Member Greer

Supported By: Treasurer Williams

THAT THE BOARD OF EDUCATION APPROVE THE MINUTES FOR THE FEBRUARY 14, 2012 REGULAR MEETING, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

Ayes: Humphrey, Greer, Williams, Holloway

Nays: None

Absent: Edwards, Davis, Joyner

Motion Carried

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

The School District of the City of Highland Park does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, sex, marital status, religion, or disability. For employment matters, contact the Executive Director of Human Resources at 313-957-3000. For all other matters contact the District Office at 313-957-3000, 20 Bartlett Avenue, Highland Park, MI 48203.

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V. COMMUNICATIONS

Acting Secretary Greer read information designating March as the Month for Celebrating National Reading Month, and March 2, is Dr. Seuss Birthday.

VI. PUBLIC HEARINGS

Requests for public hearings must be submitted in writing and must state purpose.

"Employees and employee groups are not authorized to appear before the Board of Education to discuss contract issues or negotiable items." See Board Policy #1360.

No requests were submitted.

VII. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

No citizens participated.

VIII. CONSENT AGENDA

All matters listed under the Consent Agenda are considered to be routine in nature by the Board of Education and will be voted on as a single Board item. There will be no separate discussion of these items. If any member of the Board requests discussion of an item, that item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and will become the first item of business under the New Business portion of the agenda.

SUGGESTED MOTION:

THAT THE BOARD OF EDUCATION APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA, AS
RECOMMENDED BY THE GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

There were no Consent items on the agenda.

IX. EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATION

None

X. OLD BUSINESS

None

XI. NEW BUSINESS

**A. GRANT AGREEMENT BETWEEN WAYNE COUNTY RESA AND THE SCHOOL
DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF HIGHLAND PARK**

Moved By: Treasurer Williams

Supported By: Member Greer

THAT THE BOARD OF EDUCATION CONFIRM ACCEPTANCE OF THE EARLY
CHILDHOOD INITIATIVE GRANT WITH WAYNE COUNTY RESA, IN THE AMOUNT
OF \$3,100 FOR THE PERIOD OF SEPTEMBER 1, 2011 ENDING JUNE 30, 2012
SCHOOL YEAR, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

Ayes: Greer, Humphrey, Williams, Holloway

Nays: None

Absent: Members: Edwards, Davis, Joyner

Motion Carried

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B. CONTRACTS FOR SUPPLEMENTAL EDUCATIONAL SERVICE PROVIDERS

Academic Alliance, LLC
Alkebu-lan Village

Funding Source: Title IA
Estimated Cost: Total amount NTE \$1,686.06 Per Student
Dates of Service: March 2012 through June 2012

Moved By: Member Greer

Supported By: Treasurer Williams

THAT THE BOARD OF EDUCATION APPROVE CONTRACTS (ATTACHED) WITH THE SUPPLEMENTAL EDUCATIONAL SERVICE PROVIDERS LISTED ABOVE TO PROVIDE SERVICES TO STUDENTS ATTENDING HIGHLAND PARK COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL DURING THE 2011-2012 SCHOOL YEAR, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Greer, Williams, Holloway

Nays: Humphrey

Absent: Members: Edwards, Davis, Joyner

Motion Failed

C. RECALL FROM LAYOFF

HIGHLAND PARK FEDERATION OF TEACHERS, LOCAL 684

Name: Markita Rodgers

Location: Highland Park Community High School

Position: English Teacher

Effective Date: February 29, 2012

Pay Rate: MA+30 Step 11 - \$65,264 (Will Be Prorated)

Moved By: Treasurer Williams

Supported By: Member Greer

THAT THE BOARD OF EDUCATION APPROVE THE RECALL FROM LAY-OFF OF MARKITA RODGERS, ENGLISH TEACHER, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

Ayes: Greer, Humphrey, Williams, Holloway

Nays: None

Absent: Members: Edwards, Davis, Joyner

Motion Carried

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D. REQUEST TO ATTEND PROFESSIONAL CONFERENCE

Name / Position: Edith Hightower / Superintendent of Schools
Location: 20 Bartlett, Administrative Building
Name of Conference: National Association of Education Program Administrators Conference
Date of Conference: March 25-28, 2012
Location of Conference: Washington, DC
Funding Source: Title IIA
Estimated Cost: \$1,802.16

Moved By: Member Greer

Supported By:

THAT THE BOARD OF EDUCATION APPROVE THE CONFERENCE REQUEST FOR EDITH HIGHTOWER, AT AN ESTIMATED COST OF \$1,802.16, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

Ayes:

Nays:

Absent: Members: Edwards, Davis, Joyner

Motion Failed For Lack of Support

E. REQUEST TO ATTEND PROFESSIONAL CONFERENCE

Name / Position: Edith Hightower / Superintendent of Schools
Location: 20 Bartlett, Administrative Building
Name of Conference: Brustein & Manasevit, PLLC's 2012 May Forum
Date of Conference: May 2-4, 2012
Location of Conference: Washington, DC
Funding Source: Title IIA
Estimated Cost: \$1,885.20

Moved By: Member Greer

Supported By:

THAT THE BOARD OF EDUCATION APPROVE THE CONFERENCE REQUEST FOR EDITH HIGHTOWER, AT AN ESTIMATED COST OF \$1,885.20, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

Ayes:

Nays:

Absent: Members: Edwards, Davis, Joyner

Motion Failed For Lack of Support

F. REQUEST TO ATTEND PROFESSIONAL CONFERENCE

Name / Position: Denyse Jones / Director of Title Programs
Location: 20 Bartlett, Administrative Building
Name of Conference: National Association of Education Program Administrators Conference
Date of Conference: March 25-28, 2012
Location of Conference: Washington, DC
Funding Source: Title IIA - Estimated Cost: \$1,702.16

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Moved By: Member Greer

Supported By:

THAT THE BOARD OF EDUCATION APPROVE THE CONFERENCE REQUEST FOR DENYSE JONES, AT AN ESTIMATED COST OF \$1,702.16, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

Ayes:

Nayes:

Absent: Members: Edwards, Davis, Joyner

Motion Failed For Lack of Support

G. REQUEST TO ATTEND PROFESSIONAL CONFERENCE

Name / Position: Denyse Jones / Director of Title Programs

Location: 20 Bartlett, Administrative Building

Name of Conference: Brustein & Manasevit, PLLC's 2012 May Forum

Date of Conference: May 2-4, 2012

Location of Conference: Washington, DC

Funding Source: Title IIA

Estimated Cost: \$1,885.20

Moved By: Member Greer

Supported By:

THAT THE BOARD OF EDUCATION APPROVE THE CONFERENCE REQUEST FOR DENYSE JONES, AT AN ESTIMATED COST OF \$1,885.20, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

Ayes:

Nayes:

Absent: Members: Edwards, Davis, Joyner

Motion Failed For Lack of Support

H. REQUEST TO ATTEND PROFESSIONAL CONFERENCE

Name / Position: Alisanda Woods / Pre-Kindergarten Teacher

Location: Henry Ford Academy

Name of Conference: (MiAEYC) Michigan Association For The Education Of Young Children

Date of Conference: March 29-31, 2012

Location of Conference: Amway Grand Plaza Hotel - Grand Rapids, MI

Funding Source: GSRP – Great Start Readiness Program

Estimated Cost: \$568.34

Moved By: Member Greer

Supported By:

THAT THE BOARD OF EDUCATION APPROVE THE CONFERENCE REQUEST FOR ALISANDA WOODS, AT AN ESTIMATED COST OF \$568.34, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS. FUNDING SOURCE: GSRP

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Ayes:
Nays:
Absent: Members: Edwards, Davis, Joyner
Motion Failed For Lack of Support

I. REQUEST TO ATTEND PROFESSIONAL CONFERENCE

Name / Position: Fatimah Jones / Great Start Readiness Program Pre-School Coordinator
Location: 20 Bartlett, Administrative Building
Name of Conference: (MiAEYC) Michigan Association For The Education Of Young Children
Date of Conference: March 29-31, 2012
Location of Conference: Amway Grand Plaza Hotel - Grand Rapids, MI
Funding Source: GSRP – Great Start Readiness Program
Estimated Cost: \$928.94

Moved By: Member Greer

Supported By:

THAT THE BOARD OF EDUCATION APPROVE THE CONFERENCE REQUEST FOR ALISANDA WOODS, AT AN ESTIMATED COST OF \$928.94, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS. FUNDING SOURCE: GSRP

Ayes:
Nays:
Absent: Members: Edwards, Davis, Joyner
Motion Failed For Lack of Support

J. REQUEST TO ATTEND PROFESSIONAL CONFERENCE

Name / Position: Shirley Hayden / Pre-Kindergarten Teacher
Location: 20 Bartlett, Administrative Building
Name of Conference: (MiAEYC) Michigan Association For The Education Of Young Children
Date of Conference: March 29-31, 2012
Location of Conference: Amway Grand Plaza Hotel - Grand Rapids, MI
Funding Source: GSRP – Great Start Readiness Program - Estimated Cost: \$134.00

Moved By: Member Greer

Supported By:

THAT THE BOARD OF EDUCATION APPROVE THE CONFERENCE REQUEST FOR ALISANDA WOODS, AT AN ESTIMATED COST OF \$134.00, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS. FUNDING SOURCE: GSRP

Ayes:
Nays:
Absent: Members: Edwards, Davis, Joyner
Motion Failed For Lack of Support

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K. HIGHLAND PARK COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLING TEAM FIELD TRIP

Moved By: Treasurer Williams

Supported By: Member Humphrey

THAT THE BOARD OF EDUCATION APPROVE THE HIGHLAND PARK COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLING TEAM FIELD TRIP TO AUBURN HILLS, MICHIGAN, MARCH 1-3, 2012 TO PARTICIPATE IN THE 2011-2012 MHSAA STATE FINALS AT AN ESTIMATED COST OF \$2,405.74 FUNDING SOURCE: PRIVATE FUNDS, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

Ayes: Greer, Humphrey, Williams, Holloway

Nays: None

Absent: Edwards, Davis, Joyner

Motion Carried

XII. ANY OTHER ITEMS THAT MIGHT PROPERLY COME UNDER THE HEADING OF OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

Member Humphrey requested to see the contracts for Trouble Computer Solutions and Simple Computers.

XIII. ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

None

XIV. BOARD OF EDUCATION AFFAIRS

Board Resolution Authorizing a Request for an Advance of a State Aid Payment

Resolved, that the School District of the City of Highland Park local school board and administration have pursued all known options for mitigating the cash flow crisis as indicated in the accompanying state form "Requesting an Advance of State School Aid".

The board hereby authorizes that on this date February 28, 2012, Edith Hightower may request an advance of the March, 2012 state school aid payment on behalf of the district.

Moved By: Treasurer Williams

Supported By: Member Greer

THAT THE BOARD OF EDUCATION APPROVE THE RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS TO REQUEST AN ADVANCE OF STATE AID PAYMENT.

Ayes: Greer, Humphrey, Williams, Holloway

Nays: None

Absent: Edwards, Davis, Joyner

Motion Carried

Treasurer Williams presented two scholarship opportunities to the Board and citizens; The Janice Ivy Foundation and TIFF – Which offers tuition reimbursement up to \$5,000.

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XV. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Tiffany Grimes, asked questions regarding the advancement of State Aid.

Michelle Johnson, parent in the district, asked questions about the stipend offered by the Governor, and that some teachers are not willing to work.

Katrina Henry, President Local 684, asked questions regarding the State Aid.

Doris Harris, concerned about her daughter graduating from the High School in June.

Member Greer announced job opportunities with the FAA for Air Traffic Controllers.

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Member Greer, and supported by Treasurer Williams to adjourn. Following proper procedure, President Holloway adjourned the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

Alma L. Greer, Acting Secretary
Board of Education

Minutes adopted: _____