

School District of the City of Highland Park
Highland Park Renaissance Academy - Commons
15900 Woodward Avenue
Highland Park, Michigan 48203

Schedule

Regular Board of Education Meeting

Tuesday, June 11, 2013

7:00 p.m.

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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 Vice President Humphrey in the Highland Park Renaissance Academy, 15900 Woodward Avenue, Highland Park, Michigan 48203, on Tuesday, June 11, 2013 at 7:04 p.m.

II. Roll Call

Present: Members: Alma Greer, Glenda McDonald, John Holloway, Soyini Williams, and Debra Humphrey

Absent: Members: Robert Davis and Jamille Edwards

A quorum was present.

Also present were: Donald Weatherspoon, Emergency Manager; Vickie Gray, Executive Secretary, Staff and Citizens

III. Approval of the Board of Education Minutes

Vice President Humphrey called for a motion for the approval of the minutes for the Regular Meetings of March 12, 2013 and April 9, 2013 and the Special Meeting Minutes of May 23, 2013 and May 30, 2013.

Moved by: Treasurer Williams

Supported by: Secretary McDonald

Suggested Motion

That the Board of Education approve the minutes for the March 12, 2013 and April 9, 2013 Regular Meetings and the Special Meeting Minutes of May 23, 2013 and May 30, 2013.

Ayes: Members: Greer, McDonald, Holloway, Williams, and Humphrey

Nays: None

Absent: Members: Davis and Edwards

Motion Carried

IV. Communications

The following correspondence was read by Secretary McDonald.

- A. The Wayne RESA Biennial Election was held on Monday, June 3, 2013. Mr. James Beri and Ms. Lynda Jackson (Wayne RESA incumbents) were the candidates re-elected. Both candidates will serve a six year term from July 1, 2013 – June 30, 2019.
- B. The Board was invited to attend the Mothers Club of Highland Park Annual Tea Sunday, June 23, 2013 from 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. at the home of Ms. Ollie Moore.

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- C. The Board was invited to attend the McDonald Phelps Foundation Annual Black and White Charity Event Saturday, June 22, 2013 from 6:00 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. at the Club Venetian Banquet Center.
- D. Mrs. Alma Greer, Legacy of Literacy (LOL), "Literacy in the Park Kids Zone" is Saturday, July 20, 2013 at 10:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. at the McGregor Library. Volunteers are needed to listen to the children read.
- E. The Board was invited to participate in the "Save Michigan Public Schools Rally" for Public Education, Wednesday, June 19, 2013 at 11:30 a.m. The rally will take place at the Michigan State Capital Building.

V. Public Hearings

Request 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 request was submitted.

VI. Citizen Participation

- A. Mr. Andre Davis announced the Highland Park Business Association Annual Golf Outing.

VII. Consent Agenda

None

VIII. Educational Presentation

- A. Mr. Charles Gordon, Chief Administrative Officer, of George Washington Carver Academy (GWCA) introduced Principal Sean Waters. Mr. Waters presented GWCA reauthorization educational program highlights. Mr. Waters explained how the students' data scores have improved. A clip from Channel 4 News was shown regarding the Pilot Peace Bullying Program. The Pilot Peace Bullying Program is held every 22nd day of the month. The purpose of the Bullying Program is to keep the school environment free from violence.

Member Greer asked about Learning.com. The Assistant Principal explained that Learning.com is a Digital Curriculum for K-2 teachers to improve student performance. Learning.com reinforces the common core instruction. Ms. Greer asked if there was an art and music program. Mr. Waters responded there is an art program at GWCA.

- B. Ms. Sharon Taylor, Chief Administrative Officer, of Northpointe Academy, thanked the Board and Dr. Weatherspoon for the opportunity to highlight the events of Northpointe Academy. Ms. Taylor introduced Mr. Thomas Goodly, Principal of Northpointe Academy.

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Mr. Goodly expounded on the mission statement of Northpointe Academy which is "Knowledge, Skill, Courage, and Heart, Northpointe is Where It Start." Mr. Goodly shared items that Northpointe has transitioned into and one of them being Learning.com. Mr. Goodly explained how Northpointe Academy is data driven and has made the status of an Award School. Northpointe Academy has developed community relationships and partnerships with Sista to Sista, Brother to Brother, the Gleaner Program, and the Real Men Read Program.

Mrs. Greer asked about the function of the Book Club. Principal Goodly responded that books are bought with Title and General fund money and the students are allowed to check-out the books and return them. Mrs. Greer asked if the school has applied for the First Books Grant. Principal Goodly responded that he is not familiar with the program. Mrs. Greer asked if the academy has an art and music program. Principal Goodly responded the academy has a music program, but not an art program. Mrs. Greer asked Principal Goodly what is he most proud of. Principal Goodly expressed he is most proud of the students excitement of coming to school. Mrs. Greer congratulated the academy on the Real Kids Read Program.

IX. Old Business

- A. Vice President Humphrey called for a motion that items **XIII.A.** (*Emergency Manager Order 2013-2 Adopting the Freedom of Information Act Compliance Policy*), **XIII.B.** (*Contract Service Agreement for Mr. Joel Wortley, Governmental Compliance Manager, for Highland Park and Muskegon Heights School Districts*) and **XIII.C.** (*Emergency Manager Order Entering Into a Service Contract With the School District of the City of Muskegon Heights*) be moved to the Agenda of the Regular Meeting on May 14, 2013. (These items came from the Regular Meeting of April 9, 2013.)

The meeting scheduled for May 14, 2013 was cancelled because there was no quorum present.

Dr. Weatherspoon, Emergency Manager, directed the items to be removed from the agenda.

Secretary McDonald expressed that for the record the items have already been taken care of by Dr. Weatherspoon. The items were placed on the agenda for the record and there is no need to move on the items.

X. New Business

None

XI. Any Other Items that Might Properly Come Under the Heading of Old and New Business

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- A. Member Greer wants to update and reaffirm the resolution in support of Reading in the Park. The resolution was unanimously supported at the July 2011 Board of Education Meeting.

Member Greer requested the "Reading in the Park" resolution be reaffirmed and updated. Mrs. Greer asked Secretary McDonald to read the resolution. Secretary McDonald read the resolution.

Member Holloway called for a motion to support the "Reading in the Park" resolution as well as all the ideas encompassed in the resolution.

Moved by: Member Holloway

Supported by: Treasurer Williams

Ayes: Members: Greer, McDonald, Holloway, Williams, and Humphrey

Nays: None

Absent: Members: Davis and Edwards

Suggested Motion

That the Board of Education support the "Reading in the Park" resolution as well as all the ideas encompassed in the resolution.

Motion Carried

XII. Administrative Information

- A. A Public Forum is scheduled for Tuesday, June 25, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.
The Public Forum will be held at the Highland Park Renaissance Academy at the above designated date.

XIII. Board of Education Affairs

- A. Secretary McDonald recognized Mr. Andre Davis, Board Member, of the Public School Academy for the Leona Group.
- B. Secretary McDonald commended Superintendent Pamela Williams on the high school graduation ceremony that was held at Wayne State University, Tuesday, June 11, 2013 at 1:00 p.m. in the Community Arts Auditorium.
- C. Secretary McDonald recognized Ms. Doris Harris, a parent, of the valedictorian for the Class of 2013 of the Highland Park Renaissance Academy. Ms. Harris' daughter will attend Michigan State University in the fall.
- D. Dr. Donald Weatherspoon thanked the Highland Park Board, Northpointe and George Washington Carver Academies for their progress to date. Dr. Weatherspoon will move forward with the reauthorization of Northpointe and George Washington Carver contracts.

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- E. Dr. Weatherspoon will call for an all Board Workshop Meeting in August 2013. The purpose of the meeting is to have representatives from the Scantron Corporation and Learning.com to discuss the oversight and the monitoring of student progress which is going to be handled by Dr. Weatherspoon. The Scantron Corporation will talk about the different kinds of data test.
- F. Dr. Weatherspoon mentioned the financial situation of the District.
- G. Dr. Weatherspoon plans to sell the surplus buildings owned by the District. The target date is July 1st. The buildings can no longer be insured and the District is liable. Dr. Weatherspoon talked about individuals acquiring the buildings.
- H. Dr. Weatherspoon invited persons to visit the Urban Gardens venture behind the Highland Park Renaissance Academy building.
- I. Vice President Humphrey asked about the evaluation of the Leona Group. Dr. Weatherspoon explained it is not his direct role to evaluate the Leona Group; it is the responsibility of the Public School Academy. Dr. Weatherspoon talked about the possibility of new charter academies coming to the District.
- J. Secretary McDonald asked about the grade levels of the charter academies.
- K. Secretary McDonald asked for the Board's approval to sign the contract for the Governmental Compliance Manager, Mr. Joel Wortley.
- L. Member Greer asked about the retention of students and the reason why students leave school.
- M. Member Greer encouraged persons to patronage the Cornerstone Bistro in Highland Park.
- N. Vice President Humphrey wanted to know the number of high school graduates in the Class of 2013 of the Highland Park Renaissance Academy. Vice President Humphrey also asked about the eighth grade graduation ceremony.

XIV. Citizen Participation

None

XV. Adjournment

Moved by Member Greer and supported by Secretary McDonald to adjourn the Board of Education Meeting. Following proper procedure, Vice President Humphrey adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:14 p.m.

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Minutes Adopted: **September 10, 2013**