

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

Schedule

**Special Board of Education Meeting
Tuesday, May 27, 2014
7:00 p.m.**

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

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MINUTES

1. 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 McDonald in the Highland Park Renaissance Academy, 15900 Woodward Avenue, Highland Park, Michigan 48203, Tuesday, May 27, 2014 at approximately 7:13 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Present: Members: Jamille Edwards, Debra Humphrey, Glenda McDonald,
Kurt Griggs-Swanson, and Soyini Williams

Absent: Members: Robert Davis and John Holloway

A quorum was present.

Also present was: Ms. Barbara Oliver, Charter School Administrator

3. Public Commentary

Ms. Margaret Lewis

Ms. Lewis presented a document to the Board of Education, Resident's Request That Bartlett School Property Sale Not Be Approved. She requested that the Board join her in embracing the 21st Century technology that would allow the schools to be self sufficient and provide some relief for the taxpayers.

Mr. Louis Starks, Director for Community Economic Development for the City of Highland Park

Mr. Starks stated that he has been in contact with the attorney that represents the group that has made an offer to purchase the Bartlett property. He is encouraging the approval of the sale of the Bartlett property and stated that Highland Park is in need of economic development.

4. Communications

Communications read by Secretary Williams:

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To: EM Weatherspoon and Highland Park School Board

From: Margaret D. Lewis, Highland Park Resident

Opportunity to reduce my taxes by retaining and repurposing school property.

Dear Mr. Weatherspoon and School Board Members:

I am requesting that the offer to purchase the Administration Building and all properties considered part of it, located on Bartlett Street, **NOT BE ACCEPTED AT THIS TIME.**

I offer the following in support of my request:

There is now technology available to generate enough revenue to pay school expenses and pay off the school system's debt at or before 2031, the presently projected time for debt repayment.

Revenue Generating Solar Roadways Products

What is it: It's technology that replaces all roadways, parking lots, sidewalks, tarmacs, bike path, and outdoor recreation surfaces with solar panels: smart micro-processing, interlocking hexagonal solar units. Replaces useless asphalt and concrete that bakes in the sun, and needs to be patched and repaved over and over again.

These are intelligent solar panels, replaced a panel at a time if damaged.

They generate electricity;

They generate capital;

They pay for themselves.

5. Student Representative Comments/Report

None

6. Consent Agenda

None

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7. Approval of the Board of Education Meeting Minutes
May 13, 2014 Regular Meeting

Suggested Motion

That the Board of Education approve the minutes of the May 13, 2014 Regular Meeting.

Moved by: Member Edwards

Supported by: Vice President Swanson

Moved for discussion by: Member Edwards

Member Edwards stated the last meeting was conducted inappropriately and Michigan Association of School Boards (MASB) should come to advise the Board on the proper way to conduct a meeting.

Motion: **Carried**

8. Discuss/Vote on the selling of the Former Administration Building, 20-32 Bartlett, Highland Park, Michigan 48203.

Suggested Motion

That the Board of Education approves the selling of the Former Administration Building, 20-32 Bartlett, Highland Park, Michigan 48203

Moved for discussion by: Member Edwards Supported by: Vice President Swanson

Member Edwards stated that she wish the Board had received the information from Ms. Lewis earlier. She said she has viewed the 20-32 Bartlett building and the building is in shambles. She suggested that the Board either approve the sale of the building or it will become another vacant building in the path of safe schools.

Dissent: Vice President Swanson

A roll call vote was conducted:

Robert Davis

Absent

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Jamille Edwards	Yes
John Holloway	Absent
Debra Humphrey	No
Glenda McDonald	No
Kurt Griggs-Swanson	No
Soyini Williams	Yes

Motion: **Failed**

9. Committee Updates

None

10. Emergency Manager Comments/Update

None

11. Board Member Comments

The Board members discussed the voting procedures. They considered asking MASB to present a workshop to get answers and receive legal advice regarding emergency management. The following questions were asked:

How has the sinking fund money been spent?

Can the board members have an itemized list of repairs made by the Leona Group to the schools that they manage?

Can the citizens of Highland Park have the first opportunity to purchase furniture, books, etc., that the school district is longer using?

Can the high school be sold without jeopardizing the lease?

How can the high school be free and clear of debt, if a \$40,000 water bill is owed?

Can the Board of Education use the sinking fund to repair school district owned buildings that are to be sold?

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How much money was spent on the renovation of the library to make office space?

How will the property that was donated by the citizens be dispersed?

Can all Board Members have a copy of the document that Ms. Lewis was given?

Can the Board Members receive a copy of all financial records of all accounts for the past 12 months?

What is the total debt that the school district owes to the state?

What was the debt before emergency management and what is the debt now?

Can the Board Members have a list of repairs that are needed for the high school building?

Why is the school district using the sinking fund to repair buildings that the Leona Group has leased for one dollar?

Can the Board of Education use the high school as the Career Academy?

Where will the records be stored?

Where will the Board of Education be located?

Where will the Emergency Manager's office be located?

12. Adjournment

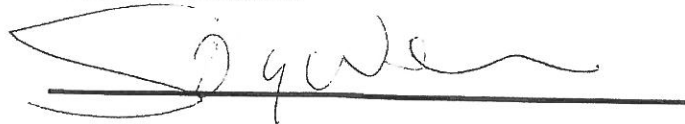
Moved by Member Edwards and supported by Member Humphrey to adjourn the Board of Education Meeting. Following proper procedure, President McDonald adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:38 p.m.

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Minutes Adopted: 9/23/14