



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

**Highland Park Renaissance Academy
45 E. Buena Vista Avenue
Highland Park, Michigan 48203
Tuesday, June 13, 2017
6:00 p.m.**

AGENDA

1. Call to Order

2. Roll Call

3. Communications

A. Public Commentary (Reviewed from Dr. Kevin Johnson: 05-09-17)

B. Student Representative Comments/Report (None)

4. Approval of the Board of Education Meeting Minutes

Approval of the Meeting Minutes of May 9, 2017 (Regular Meeting) to be reviewed and discussed Tuesday, June 13, 2017

5. Emergency Manager Comments/Report

Kevin A. Smith, Emergency Manager (Reviewed from 05-09-17)

6. Board Member Comments/Report

Cheryl Sanford (Board Treasurer) and Teresa Kelly (Member) from 05-09-17

7. New Business

- o Advisory Council Report
- o Guest (John Schoenkoph) of Linda Wheeler, Board Secretary to present his project idea concerning the HPSD (Ford Motor Company—bringing corporate/educational dollars into the city.

8. Next Meeting Date/Time: Summer Recess unless special meeting is called, otherwise the Board will meet on Tuesday, **09-13-2017 @ 6:00 pm**

9. Adjournment



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MEETING MINUTES

May 9, 2017

1. 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 Alexis Ramsey, board President at Renaissance Academy, 45 East Buena Vista, Highland Park, Michigan 48203, Tuesday, May 09, 2017 at 6:08 pm.

2. Roll Call:

Present Members: Alexis Ramsey, Eban Morales, Cheryl Sanford,
Linda Wheeler, Morquet Ash-Shafii, Teresa Kelly,

Absent Members: Jamille Edwards

Guest: Kevin A. Smith, Emergency Manager and Dr. Kevin Johnson

3. Communications:

A. Public Commentary

Dr. Kevin Johnson, Adult Education Director (New Center Community Services) extended a warm thank you to the elected school Board members (District) and Cheryl Sanford, Board Treasurer for the invitation to attend the meeting.

Dr. Johnson discussed the following:

- Shared views/ideas regarding bringing the Adult Education program back to the School District of the City of Highland Park instead Southgate Schools, since they're in conjunction with Michigan Works
- Bring revenue into the City of Highland Park, via school and students
- Title 107 funds (Southgate Schools)
- Learning labs in Michigan (10)
- More collaboration with school officials
- Consent letter (Southgate) to provide Adult Education
- DPS shares community approval/Shared nearby resources
- Compassion for local community
- Student Accomplishments
- Shared student population/Streamline Students

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- Increase literacy (enhancement training)
- Via Michigan Works
- Proposal presented to the Emergency Manager

The Organizational Plan: Highland Park Adult Education students were transferred to Southgate Schools; the intent to provide educational services to students, community supports school board, DPS, technical responsibilities given to Southgate schools, the largest most successful, but shared resource w/DPS, Workforce Development (Adult Education)

B. Student Representative Comments/Report
(None)

4. Approval of the Board of Education Meeting Minutes

Cheryl Sanford, Board Treasurer moved for adoption of meeting minutes of April 11, 2017, Teresa Kelly, member and Linda Wheeler, Board Secretary in favor of adopting minutes.

5. Emergency Manager Comments/Reports

Mr. Smith presented to the Board Members a brief overview of the District's Financial Conditions as of April 14, 2017.

1. The Quarterly Report issued to the State of Michigan regarding the District's Financial Conditions are as follows:

- Provided a Historical overview
- Cash Flow Statement
- The Emergency Manager's office is working to complete a deficit elimination plan by July and implement a plan to facilitate transmission from Emergency Manager's oversight.

2. School Model Considerations

Based on the District's long-term revenue projections, the District does not have the ability to operate a traditional public school district in the foreseeable future. Continuing a charter school model provides the greatest financial stability for the District.

Goal of the Council is to help develop a sustainable Education model for the District given these conditions. The council consists of 7 members, (2 elected school board members, and a member from the Mayor Offices, a member of the Michigan Department of Education, one or more members of higher education institution and one Highland Park pastor).

Alternative (non-traditional educational approach): Way Academy

- Individualized Learning (students learn at their own individual pace—no time frame)
- Instructors/tutorial staff and computers/computer training are accessible to students (upon need)
- Look into program (non-traditional setting)
- Emergency Manager proposed visit to the school to explore model

6. Board Member Comments/Report

Cheryl Sanford (Board Treasurer)

- Appeal to Parent's of Highland Park community (tuition, employment, housing, vocational/apprenticeship training)
- Shape Future of Students (proficiency in core subjects)
- Quality of educational service provided to students
- Student population
- Leona Group (Progress)
- K-12 Career Tech
- K-12 problematic (separate entrance/exit, arrival/dismissal high school)
- Requires Physical Education/ROTC/Athletics
- School Space (legal challenges)
- Add Model w/flexibility (no overhead)
- Advance Manufacturing (anchored by school district)

Teresa Kelly (Board Member)

Question Raised: Ms. Kelly asked Dr. Johnson if he knew the whereabouts of the Highland Park Adult Education students, the number enrolled in the Adult Education program as well as their progress. Dr. Johnson provided Ms. Kelly with the following:

- Highland Park Adult Ed. Students Enrollment (81)
- Students' Progress/Achievements (50)
- Functioning Level (GED)—(13)
- Awaiting Testing (9)

Expenditures HPSD Office Space

- Rental space
- Utilities
- Janitorial Services
- Flood/Water damage

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- Leona Group (lease of property)
- Charter fee (regain)
- George Washington Carver?
- Schools operating in Deficit
- If you were to relocate office to the HPRA could we in fact save money?
Emergency Manager, Kevin A. Smith, open to suggestion
- Idea is to regain revenue
- To become debt free

7. Next Meeting Date/Time:

Summer Recess unless Special Meeting is called, otherwise the next meeting will be held Tuesday, September 12, 2017 @ 6:00pm, Highland Park Renaissance Academy

8. Adjournment:

Motion to convene meeting was called by Cheryl Sanford, board member and supported by board member Teresa Kelly and Eban Morales, board Vice President to adjourn the Board of Education Meeting. Following proper procedure, board President, Alexis Ramsey adjourned the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

Date: 05-09-17

Linda G. Wheeler
Linda G. Wheeler, Secretary
Board of Education

