

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

**Administrative Building
20 Bartlett Avenue
Highland Park, Michigan 48203
November 7, 2011
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 Greer, in the Administrative Center, 20 Bartlett Avenue, Highland Park, Michigan, on Tuesday, October 25, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

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

Member Epperson entered the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

Also present: Mr. Jack Bauman of Human Resources Chaired the meeting in Superintendent Hightower's absence; George Butler, Attorney; Randy Lane, Business Office; Morris Garraway, Administrative Assistant; staff and citizens.
Principles: Patricia Arnell, SaTonya LaShore

III. READING OF MISSION STATEMENT

Mission Statement was read by the Board and individuals in attendance.

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

(Item 1. was tabled at the October 25, 2011 Regular Meeting. The Board may wish to discuss and/or take action on the item at this time.)

1. October 11, 2011 – Regular Meeting
2. October 25, 2011 – Regular Meeting

Moved By: Secretary Davis

Supported By: Treasurer Holloway

THAT THE BOARD OF EDUCATION APPROVE THE MINUTES FOR THE OCTOBER 11, 2011 REGULAR MEETING AND THE OCTOBER 25, 2011 REGULAR MEETING, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

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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Ayes: Edwards, Epperson, Humphrey, Holloway, Davis, Joyner, Greer
Nays: None
Absent: None
Motion Carried

V. COMMUNICATIONS

Announcement was read by Secretary Davis.

VSA Announcement – We wish to celebrate our 25th Anniversary with you! November 17, 2011 at 25430 Hereford Drive, Royal Oak, MI

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 was no Consent Items on the Agenda.

IX. EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATION

None

X. OLD BUSINESS

None

XI. NEW BUSINESS

A. RECALL FROM LAYOFF:

HIGHLAND PARK FEDERATION OF TEACHERS, LOCAL 684

Name: Bernell White

Location / Position: Henry Ford Academy / Science Teacher 6/10^{ths} (Grades 6-8)

Effective Date: October 31, 2011

Pay Rate: M.A., Step 7, \$51,002.00 (6/10^{ths} of salary will be paid)

Effective Date: October 31, 2011

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Moved By: Secretary Davis

Supported By: Vice President Joyner

THAT THE BOARD OF EDUCATION AFFIRM THE RECALL LAYOFF OF BERNELL WHITE, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

Ayes: Edwards, Epperson, Humphrey, Holloway, Davis, Joyner, Greer
Nays: None
Absent: None
Motion Carried

B. EDUCATION 2020 (E2020) - ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION/CREDIT RECOVERY PROGRAM

Funding Source: Adult Education Section 107 and School Improvement Grant II (SIG II)
Estimated Cost: Total Amount NTE \$120,000.00
Dates Of Service: September 2011 through June 2012

Moved By: Secretary Davis

Supported By: Vice President Joyner

THAT THE BOARD OF EDUCATION AFFIRM THE EDUCATION 2020 (E2020) ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION/CREDIT RECOVERY PROGRAM. FUNDING SOURCE: ADULT EDUCATION SECTION 107 AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT GRANT II (SIG II). TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$120,000.00, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

Ayes: Edwards, Epperson, Humphrey, Holloway, Davis, Joyner, Greer
Nays: None
Absent: None
Motion Carried

C. CONTRACTUAL SERVICES: RAY C. JOHNSON, PH.D.

Funding Source: Title I
Estimated Cost: Total Amount NTE \$20,000.00
Dates of Service: September 2011 through June 2012

Moved By: Secretary Davis

Supported By: Vice President Joyner

THAT THE BOARD OF EDUCATION APPROVE CONTRACTOR'S AGREEMENT TO RENDER CONSULTANT SERVICES AT THE HIGH SCHOOL FOR RAY C. JOHNSON PH.D. FUNDING SOURCE: TITLE I. TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$20,000.00, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

Ayes: Edwards, Epperson, Humphrey, Holloway, Davis, Joyner, Greer
Nays: None
Absent: None
Motion Carried

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D. CONTRACTS FOR SUPPLEMENTAL EDUCATIONAL SERVICE PROVIDERS

ATS Project Services
Carter, Reddy and Associates, Inc.
Class Act Education and Music, LLC
Class Act Educational and Athletic Sport, LLC
Class Act Tutoring and Educational Services, LLC
Institute for Leadership Development and Career Advancement
New Bethel Empowerment Corporation
Super Achievers
1 to 1 Tutors

Funding Source: Title IA
Estimated Cost: Total amount NTE \$1,686.06 Per Student
Dates of Service: December 2011 through June 2012

Moved By: Secretary Davis

Supported By: Member Epperson

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, NOT TO EXCEED \$1,686.06 PER STUDENT, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

E. CONTRACTUAL SERVICES: DR. JESSE W. JACKSON III

Funding Source: Title IIA - Estimated Cost: Total Amount NTE \$75,000.00
Dates of Service: November 20, 2011 through November 20, 2012

Moved By: Member Epperson

Supported By: Treasurer Holloway

THAT THE BOARD OF EDUCATION APPROVE CONTRACTOR'S AGREEMENT TO RENDER CONSULTANT SERVICES DISTRICT WIDE FOR DR. JESSE W. JACKSON III. FUNDING SOURCE: TITLE IIA. TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$75,000.00, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

Ayes: Edwards, Epperson, Humphrey, Holloway, Davis, Joyner, Greer
Nays: None
Absent: None
Motion Carried

F. REQUEST TO ATTEND PROFESSIONAL CONFERENCE

Name / Position: Denyse Jones / Director, Categorical Programs
Location: 20 Bartlett
Name of Conference: Michigan Department of Education Fall 2011 School Improvement
Date of Conference: November 28-29, 2011
Location of Conference: Lansing, MI
Funding Source: Title IA
Estimated Cost: \$320.00

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Moved By: Treasurer Holloway

Supported By: Secretary Davis

THAT THE BOARD OF EDUCATION APPROVE THE CONFERENCE REQUEST FOR DENYSE JONES, AT AN ESTIMATED COST OF \$320.00, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

FUNDING SOURCE: TITLE IA

Ayes: Edwards, Epperson, Humphrey, Holloway, Davis, Joyner, Greer

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried

G. REQUEST TO ATTEND PROFESSIONAL CONFERENCE

Name / Position: Morris Garraway / Board Secretary

Location: 20 Bartlett

Name of Conference: 25th Annual Support Staff Conference for Administrative Professionals

Date of Conference: November 17-18, 2011

Location of Conference: Grand Rapids, MI

Funding Source: Title IIA

Estimated Cost: \$628.84

Moved By: Treasurer Holloway

Supported By: Member Edwards

THAT THE BOARD OF EDUCATION APPROVE THE CONFERENCE REQUEST FOR MORRIS GARRAWAY, AT AN ESTIMATED COST OF \$628.84, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

FUNDING SOURCE: TITLE IIA

Ayes: Edwards, Epperson, Humphrey, Holloway, Davis, Joyner, Greer

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried

H. APPOINTMENT OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR GEORGE WASHINGTON CARVER ACADEMY

Moved By: Member Edwards

Supported By: Treasurer Holloway

THAT THE BOARD OF EDUCATION APPROVE THE REAPPOINTMENT OF MRS. SYLVIA BROWN FOR A TERM OF TWO YEARS, AND THE APPOINTMENT OF DR. ROBERT BRYANT FOR AN INITIAL TERM OF TWO YEARS. EACH WILL SERVE AS MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR GEORGE WASHINGTON CARVER ACADEMY COMMENCING THE DATE UPON WHICH THE OATHS OF PUBLIC OFFICE ARE FILED WITH THE OFFICE OF CHARTER SCHOOLS, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

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Ayes: Edwards, Epperson, Humphrey, Holloway, Davis, Joyner, Greer
Nays: None
Absent: None
Motion Carried

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

None

XIII. ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

None

XIV. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Citizens Participation was held prior to going into Closed Session.

Ms. Michelle Johnson, parent of student attending Barber Focus School, indicated that a lunchroom table fell on her child during an after school program. She asked why the table that was broken wasn't taken out. Rodents are running around the school and bed bugs. No one has called to say whether her child was ok. There's no heat in the Barber School building.

Katrina Henry, President, HPFT, Local 684, stated that during the water boil alert, black trash bags were placed over the water fountains at the High School. There is a need for heat on the third floor. At the High School staff members were not aware of the concern regarding the water alert, states the lower floor did not receive bottled water.

XV. BOARD OF EDUCATION AFFAIRS

CANCELLATION OF THE NOVEMBER 22, 2011 REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

Moved By: Treasurer Holloway

Supported By: Member Edwards

THAT THE BOARD OF EDUCATION CANCEL THE NOVEMBER 22, 2011 REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

Ayes: Edwards, Epperson, Humphrey, Holloway, Davis, Joyner, Greer
Nays: None
Absent: None
Motion Carried

XVI. CLOSED SESSION; PURPOSES

Moved By: Secretary Davis

Supported By: Treasurer Holloway

THAT THE BOARD OF EDUCATION GO INTO CLOSE SESSION FOR ATTORNEY / CLIENT PRIVILEGDE AND TO REVIEW WRITTEN LEGAL OPINION – By Authority, MCL 15.268, Sec. 8(e) AND 8(h) of the Open Meetings Act.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Edwards, Epperson, Humphrey, Holloway, Davis, Joyner, Greer
Nays: None
Absent: None - Motion Carried

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The Board of Education recessed for Closed Session at 7:36 p.m.
The Board of Education reconvened from Closed Session at 8:14 p.m.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Edwards, Epperson, Humphrey, Holloway, Davis, Joyner, Greer

Nays: None

Absent: None

A quorum was present

Moved By: Treasurer Holloway

Supported By: Member Edwards

THAT THE BOARD OF EDUCATION APPROVE SETTLEMENT ON ARBITRATION
UP TO THE AMOUNT PRESENTED.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Edwards, Epperson, Humphrey, Holloway, Davis, Joyner, Greer

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried

Moved By: Treasurer Holloway

Supported By: Member Edwards

THAT THE BOARD OF EDUCATION APPROVE SETTLEMENT OF SMALL CLAIMS
CASE UP TO THE AMOUNT PRESENTED.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Edwards, Epperson, Humphrey, Holloway, Davis, Joyner, Greer

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried

XVII ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Member Edwards, seconded by Vice President Joyner to adjourn the meeting, following proper procedures, President Greer adjourned the meeting at 8:18 p.m.

Robert Davis, Secretary
Board of Education

Minutes adopted: _____