

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

**Administrative Building
20 Bartlett Avenue
Highland Park, Michigan 48203
October 11, 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 Vice President Joyner, in the Administrative Center, 20 Bartlett Avenue, Highland Park, Michigan, on Tuesday, October 11, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

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

Also present: Jack Bauman, Human Resource / Labor Relations; George Butler, Attorney; Randy Lane, Business Office; Morris Garraway, Administrative Assistant; staff and citizens. Principals: Patricia Arnell, SaTonya LaShore

III. READING OF 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.

Moved By: Member Edwards

Supported By: Secretary Davis

TO WAIVE THE READING OF THE MISSION STATEMENT.

Ayes: Members: Edwards, Humphrey, Holloway, Davis, Joyner

Nays: None

Absent: Members: Epperson, Greer

Motion Carried

IV. APPROVAL OF HIGHLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES

1. September 27, 2011 – Regular Meeting
2. September 27, 2011 – Closed Session
3. October 4, 2011 – Special Meeting

Moved By: Secretary Davis

Supported By: Member Edwards

THAT THE BOARD OF EDUCATION APPROVE THE MINUTES FOR THE SEPTEMBER 27, 2011 REGULAR MEETING, SEPTEMBER 27, 2011 CLOSED SESSION, AND THE OCTOBER 4, 2011 SPECIAL 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: Members: Edwards, Humphrey, Holloway, Davis, Joyner

Nays: None

Absent: Members: Epperson, Greer

Motion Carried With The Necessary Corrections

V. COMMUNICATIONS

None

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 agenda items.

IX. EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATION

1. Michael Drain – Facility Usage Ferris School Parking Lot – Woodward Avenue Event Center
After he gave an informative presentation.
2. Superintendent Hightower - ING – Specimen 457(B) Deferred Compensation Plan For Public Schools. – No presentation was given.
3. Sandy McDonald, Director of Economic and Community Development and Graten C. Little, Jr. NSP2 Project Manager - Capital Access, Inc., City of Highland Park – Gave an informative presentation.
4. Brandon Knight – Distributed Powers Update Greenhouse. - Gave an informative presentation.
5. My Brothers Keeper – In-kind Security Service for HPCHS During Dismissal On Woodward Ave.

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No presentation was given.

X. OLD BUSINESS

At the October 4, 2011 Special Meeting the Board agreed to make a decision on HPFT Grievance NO. 3-909-3184 at its October 11, 2011 Regular Meeting. The Board may wish to take action at this time.

Moved For Discussion By: Secretary Davis Supported For Discussion By: Treasurer Holloway

Ayes: Members: Edwards, Humphrey, Holloway, Davis, Joyner

Nays: None

Absent: Members: Epperson, Greer

Motion Carried

Moved To Grant Grievance: Member Edwards

Supported By: Member Humphrey

Roll Call:

Ayes: Members: Edwards, Humphrey

Nays: Members: Holloway, Davis, Joyner

Absent: Members: Epperson, Greer

Motion Failed

Moved To Deny Grievance No. 3-909-3184 Secretary Davis: Supported By: Treasurer Holloway

Roll Call:

Ayes: Members: Holloway, Davis, Joyner

Nays: Members: Edwards, Humphrey

Absent: Members: Epperson, Greer

Motion Failed

XI. NEW BUSINESS

A. MICHAEL DRAIN FACILITY USAGE FERRIS PARKING LOT

Moved By: Secretary Davis

Supported By: Member Edwards

THAT THE BOARD OF EDUCATION APPROVE THE USE OF THE FERRIS SCHOOL PARKING LOT TO MICHAEL DRAIN OF THE WOODWARD AVENUE EVENT CENTER CONTINGENT UPON MR. DRAIN PROVIDING DISTRICT WITH PROPER PROOF OF INSURANCE AND A LICENSE TO USE AT WILL, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

Ayes: Members: Edwards, Humphrey, Holloway, Davis, Joyner

Nays: None

Absent: Members: Epperson, Greer

Motion Carried

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B. ING – SPECIMAN 457(B) DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLAN FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Moved By: Secretary Davis

Supported By: Treasurer Holloway

THAT THE BOARD OF EDUCATION ADOPT THE 457(B) DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLAN FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS AT NO COST TO THE HIGHLAND PARK SCHOOL DISTRICT, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

Ayes: Members: Edwards, Humphrey, Holloway, Davis, Joyner

Nays: None

Absent: Members: Epperson, Greer

Motion Carried

C. Moved By: Secretary Davis

Supported By: Member Edwards

THAT THE BOARD OF EDUCATION REMOVE ITEM X. - C. FROM THE AGENDA.

(THE CITY OF HIGHLAND PARK THROUGH THE NEIGHBORHOOD STABILIZATION PROGRAM (NSP2) TO ACQUIRE PROPERTY (CLOSED BUILDINGS) FROM THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF HIGHLAND PARK THROUGH PURCHASE OR OTHER CONVEYANCE.)

Ayes: Members: Edwards, Humphrey, Holloway, Davis, Joyner

Nays: None

Absent: Members: Epperson, Greer

Motion Carried

D. REQUEST TO ATTEND PROFESSIONAL CONFERENCE

Name / Position: Belvin Liles / Principal

Location: Highland Park Community High School

Name of Conference: Strengthening Leadership In Challenging Times Conference

Date of Conference: October 19-21, 2011

Location of Conference: Lansing, MI

Funding Source: Title IIA

Estimated Cost: \$793.64

Moved By: Secretary Davis

Supported By: Treasurer Holloway

THAT THE BOARD OF EDUCATION APPROVE THE CONFERENCE REQUEST FOR BELVIN LILES, AT AN ESTIMATED COST OF \$793.64, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS. FUNDING SOURCE: TITLE IIA

Ayes: Members: Edwards, Humphrey, Holloway, Davis, Joyner

Nays: None

Absent: Members: Epperson, Greer

Motion Carried

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Moved By: Member Edwards

Supported By: Secretary Davis

THAT THE BOARD OF EDUCATION APPROVE ITEMS E-K, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

Ayes: Members: Edwards, Humphrey, Holloway, Davis, Joyner

Nays: None

Absent: Members: Epperson, Greer

Motion Carried

E. REQUEST TO ATTEND PROFESSIONAL CONFERENCE

Name / Position: Edith Hightower / General Superintendent

Location: 20 Bartlett

Name of Conference: MASB 2011 Annual Fall Conference

Date of Conference: October 28-29, 2011

Location of Conference: Grand Traverse Resort Acme, MI

Funding Source: Title IIA

Estimated Cost: \$393.64

F. REQUEST TO ATTEND PROFESSIONAL CONFERENCE

Name / Position: Dr. Linda Pinkett / Title I Literacy Coach

Location: Henry Ford Academy

Name of Conference: MASB 2011 Annual Fall Conference

Date of Conference: October 28-29, 2011

Location of Conference: Grand Traverse Resort Acme, MI

Funding Source: Title IIA

Estimated Cost: \$393.64

G. REQUEST TO ATTEND PROFESSIONAL CONFERENCE

Name / Position: Mark Benson / Parent Liaison

Location: Henry Ford Academy

Name of Conference: MASB 2011 Annual Fall Conference

Date of Conference: October 28-29, 2011

Location of Conference: Grand Traverse Resort Acme, MI

Funding Source: Title IIA

Estimated Cost: \$393.64

H. REQUEST TO ATTEND PROFESSIONAL CONFERENCE

Name / Position: Alma Greer / Board President

Location: 20 Bartlett

Name of Conference: MASB 2011 Annual Fall Conference

Date of Conference: October 27-30, 2011

Location of Conference: Grand Traverse Resort Acme, MI

Funding Source: General Fund

Estimated Cost: \$885.87

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- I. REQUEST TO ATTEND PROFESSIONAL CONFERENCE
Name / Position: John Holloway / Board Treasurer
Location: 20 Bartlett
Name of Conference: MASB 2011 Annual Fall Conference
Date of Conference: October 27-30, 2011
Location of Conference: Grand Traverse Resort Acme, MI
Funding Source: General Fund - Estimated Cost: \$1026.33
- J. REQUEST TO ATTEND PROFESSIONAL CONFERENCE
Name / Position: Kathryn Joyner / Board Vice President
Location: 20 Bartlett
Name of Conference: MASB 2011 Annual Fall Conference
Date of Conference: October 27-30, 2011
Location of Conference: Grand Traverse Resort Acme, MI
Funding Source: General Fund
Estimated Cost: \$801.52
- K. REQUEST TO ATTEND PROFESSIONAL CONFERENCE
(Correction from the September 13, 2011 Board Regular Meeting)
Name / Position: Morris Garraway / Board Secretary
Location: Highland Park School District Administration Building
Name of Conference: MASB 2011 Fall Conference – Superintendent’s Secretary Workshop
Date of Conference: October 27-28, 2011
Location of Conference: Grand Traverse Resort Acme, MI
Funding Source: General Fund
Estimated Cost: \$433.99
- L. RESIGNATION - CERTIFIED
HIGHLAND PARK FEDERATION OF TEACHERS, LOCAL 684
Name: Autumn Terenzi
Position: Spanish Education Teacher
Location: Highland Park Community High School
Hire Date: August 29, 2007
Effective Date: September 26, 2011

Moved By: Member Edwards

Supported By: Secretary Davis

THAT THE BOARD OF EDUCATION AFFIRM, WITH REGRET, THE RESIGNATION FROM AUTUMN TEREZI, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

Ayes: Members: Edwards, Humphrey, Holloway, Davis, Joyner

Nays: None

Absent: Members: Epperson, Greer

Motion Carried

XII. ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

None

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XIII. BOARD OF EDUCATION AFFAIRS

- Secretary Davis asked whether or not the school district still had an obligation to laid off employees. Attorney Butler indicated that the school district still had contractual obligations.

- Member Edwards spoke about the need for other Board Members to serve on the Facility Usage committee.

XIV. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

- Doris Harris, spoke about her personal property was vandalized in front of the High School on October 11, 2011. She also indicated that Ms. Hightower has not helped her about her daughter recently receiving an F in a class. She said she is possibly going to the State to help her resolve the issue with her daughter.

- Ms. Katrina Henry who is instructor President of the teachers union (Local 684) expressed the need for the district to better supply its students.

XV. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Secretary Davis, seconded by Member Edwards to adjourn the meeting, following proper procedures, Vice President Joyner adjourned the meeting at 8:33 p.m.

Robert Davis, Secretary
Board of Education

Minutes adopted: _____