

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

Schedule

Regular Board of Education Meeting

Tuesday, October 8, 2013

7:00 p.m.

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

Highland Park Renaissance Academy
15900 Woodward Avenue, Third Floor
Highland Park, Michigan 48203
Tuesday, October 8, 2013
7:00 p.m.

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 Edwards in the Highland Park Renaissance Academy, 15900 Woodward Avenue, Highland Park, Michigan 48203, on Tuesday, October 8, 2013 at p.m. at 7:03 p.m.

II. Roll Call

Present: Members: Glenda McDonald, John Holloway, Debra Humphrey and Jamille Edwards

Absent: Members: Robert Davis, Soyini Williams

A quorum was present.

Also present were: Joel Wortley, Governmental Compliance Officer, Barbara Oliver, Administrator, Staff and Citizens

III. Approval of the Board of Education Minutes

A. September 10, 2013 Regular Meeting.

President Edwards called for a motion for the approval of the minutes for the Regular Meetings of September 10, 2013.

Moved by: Secretary McDonald

Supported by: Vice President Humphrey

Suggested Motion

That the Board of Education approves the minutes of the September 10, 2013 Regular Meeting.

Ayes: Members: McDonald, Holloway, Humphrey and Edwards

Nays: None

Absent: Member Davis, Member Williams

Motion: Carried

IV. Communications

The following correspondence was read by Secretary McDonald.

See Flyer: Cortland's Fifth Year Reunion—Past, Present and Future
A Tribute to the late Harold Fortgang—Cortland School Principal

No legal opinion from the attorney will be discussed in public session.

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Thursday 10/24/2013 @12:00 p.m. Lunch: \$16 per person. R.S.V.P by 10/11/13.

V. Public Hearing

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 requests were submitted.

None

VI. Citizens Participation

Each citizen will be allotted two minutes to voice concerns regarding items on the agenda.

None

VII. Consent Agenda

None

VIII. Educational Presentation

None

IX. Old Business

None

X. New Business

A. Appointment of Highland Park Board of Education Member to fill the office of the unexpired term of Mrs. Alma Greer who resigned on September 10, 2013.

Suggested Motion

That the Board of Education appoint Kurt Griggs-Swanson to fill the office of the unexpired term of Mrs. Alma Greer who resigned from the Board of Education on September 10, 2013.

B. Resolution appointing Kurt Griggs-Swanson to the Board of Education of the School District of the City of Highland Park.

APPOINTMENT OF BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBER—SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF HIGHLAND PARK

Whereas a vacancy has been caused on this board of education by reason of resignation; and

Whereas this board of education has by law authority to fill a vacancy for the unexpired term thereof;

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Now, therefore, be it resolved by a majority vote of all the remaining members of the Board of Education of the School District of the City of Highland Park that Kurt Griggs-Swanson be and hereby is, appointed to serve as a member of the board of education of this school district for the unexpired term of Mrs. Alma Greer ending on December 31, 2014.

Be it further resolved that,

1. Within three days the secretary of the board must notify the school district election coordinator, in writing, of the name, address and office of the person who vacated the office as well as the person filling the office.
2. The newly appointed board member must file an acceptance of office (within 10 business days after the appointment) and take the oath of office prescribed by law. A copy of the acceptance of office must also be forwarded to the school district election coordinator.
3. All resolutions and parts of resolutions, insofar as the same conflict with the provisions of this resolution, be and the same hereby are rescinded.

Suggested Motion

Secretary

That the Board of Education approve the resolution appointing Kurt Griggs-Swanson to serve as a member of the Highland Park Board of Education. Commencing upon the date at which the acceptance of office and the oath of office are administered as prescribed by law.

President Edwards requested a roll call:

AYES: Members: McDonald, Holloway, Humphrey and Edwards
NAYS: None

Absent: Members: Davis and Williams

Discussion: President Edwards explained the importance of the Acceptance and Oath of Office and the time frame. She urged the candidate to have the Acceptance and Oath of Office administered within 3-days. Ms. McDonald asked if the form was on file in the District and Mrs. Oliver, acting as secretary to the board, responded yes. Ms. Edwards directed Ms. Oliver to give the form to Mr. Kurt Griggs Swanson after the meeting.

Motion: Carried

XI. Any Other Items that Might Probably Come Under the Heading of Old or New Business

None

XII. Administrative Information

None

XIII. Board of Education Affairs

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Secretary, McDonald recommended that the Board create a committee to work with the Charter Boards. Ms. Edwards, asked that she submit something in writing to Ms. Oliver, acting as secretary to the board, so that the "committee" can be placed on the next Board of Education agenda.

XIV. Citizen Participation

Each citizen will be allotted two minutes to voice their concerns.

1. **Ms. Mia** expressed concerns about the condition of the vacant school buildings. She requested that something be done to clean them up, particularly, Ferris and the Career Academy. Ms. Edwards explained that all buildings are up for sale and that the EM's office has been liquidating all assets.

2. **Ms. Mia** asked the Board of Education to consider bankruptcy because the school district does not have money to support itself. **Mr. Wortley** responded by saying that the EM's office is addressing the empty buildings and that the landscaping has been done and will place Ferris on the list for the next round of landscaping.

3. **Mr. Seigle** asked how much does the school district owe? **Mr. Wortley**, responded that the district owes 24 million dollars approximately.

4. **Mr. Seigle** asked that people concerned over the EM Act should call 202-456-1111. Which is president's Obama complaint line.

5. **Ms. Cramer** asked the Board of Education to look into filing a Federal Lawsuit against the EM law.

6. **Ms. Wheeler** asked what happened to the lawn mowers? This question will be investigated and a response will happen later.

XV. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m. by President Edwards.



Ms. Glenda McDonald, Secretary
Board of Education

Minutes Adopted: November 19, 2013