

Minutes of Sept. 10, 2013
HPBOE Meeting

— Ms. Greer's Resignation
accepted by HPBOE

**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, September 10, 2013

6:00 p.m.

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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, September 10, 2013 at p.m. at 6:05 p.m.

II. Roll Call

Present: Members: Alma Greer, Glenda McDonald, John Holloway, Soyini Williams, Debra Humphrey and Jamille Edwards

Absent: Member Robert Davis

A quorum was present.

Also present were: Donald Weatherspoon, Emergency Manager; Vickie Gray, Executive Secretary, Staff and Citizens

III. Approval of the Board of Education Minutes

President Edwards called for a motion for the approval of the minutes for the Regular Meetings of June 11, 2013.

Moved by: Secretary McDonald

Supported by: Treasurer Williams

Suggested Motion

That the Board of Education approves the minutes of the June 11, 2013 Regular Meeting.

Ayes: Members: Greer, McDonald, Holloway, Williams, Humphrey and Edwards

Nays: None

Absent: Member Davis

Motion Carried

IV. Communications

The following correspondence was read by Secretary McDonald.

- A. Detroit Unity Temple is sponsoring a workshop, Finding Money for College, on Sunday, September 22, 2013 at 12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. Ms. Gwen Scales is the Workshop Facilitator from One Step Ahead. The workshop will be held in the Margaret Wood Auditorium and a love offering of \$10 is suggested.

V. Public Hearings

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 request was submitted.

None

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VI. Citizen Participation

None

VII. Consent Agenda

None

VIII. Educational Presentation

None

IX. Old Business

None

X. New Business

A. The resignation of Board Member Alma L. Greer.

Moved By: Treasurer Williams

Supported By: Vice President Humphrey

Suggested Motion:

That the Board of Education accepts the resignation of Member Greer.

Ayes: Members: Greer, McDonald, Williams, Humphrey and Edwards

Nays: None

Absent: Member Davis

Member Holloway has requested that Member Greer's letter of resignation is read to the Board. Member Holloway has also requested that Member Greer's resignation letter is placed in the Board's file and each member must receive a copy of the letter.

Motion Carried

XI. Any Other Items that Might Properly Come Under the Heading of Old and New Business

None

XII. Administrative Information

A. Dr. Donald Weatherspoon, Emergency Manager, has scheduled a Public Forum on Monday, September 23, 2013 at 12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. The Public Forum will be held at the Highland Park Renaissance Academy in the Administrative Center (formerly the Media Center).

XIII. Board of Education Affairs

A. The State of Michigan Department of Education publication of the Top to Bottom List.

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- B. That the Board of Education approves the resolution acknowledging the public service of Board Member Alma L. Greer.



The School District of the City of Highland Park

PUBLIC SERVICE RESOLUTION

Mrs. Alma L. Greer

WHEREAS, the School District of the City of Highland Park has been fortunate to have a dedicated Board Member, Mrs. Alma L. Greer, committed to the mission of the District from July 1, 2004 - June 30, 2008 and July 1, 2010 – September 10, 2013, and

WHEREAS, the Literacy Guru Alma Greer founded the Legacy Of Literacy, Inc., (L.O.L.) in 2010. L.O.L., Inc. is working in partnership with Detroit Unity and the Highland Park Business Association to offer valuable experiences for students. L.O.L., Inc. is supported by the Community Foundation which manages The Edward and Alma Greer Fund, and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Greer over the past 10 years during the month of March, National Reading Month, has spearhead Real Men Read (RMR) in the School District of the City of Highland Park, Michigan. Real Men Read has enlisted men to read to students in grades Pre-K-12. After much success, Real Women Read and Real Kids Read were established. Legacy of Literacy, Inc., promotes a text enriched environment in the schools and homes of all students, and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Alma Greer is about to embark upon new adventures in life away from the School District of the City of Highland, and

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WHEREAS, we, as members of the Highland Park Board of Education wish to extend our utmost appreciation for the work that Mrs. Greer has done to make education an exciting and joyous experience for the students of our District, and

WHEREAS, the Board wishes to extend our sincere wishes for every happiness in the future, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that The School District of the City of Highland Park Board of Education along with the Emergency Manager recognizes and appreciates the service of Mrs. Alma L. Greer departing the District, and wishes her well in all future endeavors, and, further, that this resolution of Public Service be duly recorded and spread across the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Highland Park Board of Education on this tenth day of the month of September in the year 2013.

Ayes: _____ Nays: _____ Abstentions: _____

Jamille L. Edwards, President

Debra J. Humphrey, Vice President

Glenda McDonald, Secretary

Soyini Williams, Treasurer

Robert Davis, Member

John H. Holloway, Member

Donald B. Weatherspoon, Emergency Manager

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That the Board of Education approves the resolution acknowledging the public service of Board Member Alma L. Greer.

Moved By: Treasurer Williams

Supported By: Vice President Humphrey

Ayes: Members: McDonald, Williams, Holloway, Humphrey and Edwards

Nays: None

Absent: Member Davis

Motion Carried

- C. That the Board of Education approves the resolution acknowledging the public service of Board Member Kathryn Joyner.



The School District of the City of Highland Park

PUBLIC SERVICE RESOLUTION

Ms. Kathryn Joyner

BE IT KNOWN TO ALL PERSONS that we, the members of the School District of the City of Highland Park, Michigan, here assembled on this tenth day of September 2013, do hereby pay tribute to the outstanding and dedicated service rendered by Ms. Kathryn Joyner during her tenure as a member of this city's Board of Education.

WHEREAS, for the past four years, Ms. Joyner served with distinction and honor in this position of educational leadership and high public trust; and

WHEREAS, during her term on the School Board, she diligently and faithfully performed the duties of her office, striving constantly to promote educational equity and opportunity for all the children of the City of Highland Park; and

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WHEREAS, during her tenure on the School Board, Ms. Joyner served in several leadership capacities, including service as the Board of Education's Vice President (2011-2012), and facilitator of the City Wide: School Staff, Parent and Community Council; and

WHEREAS, the hallmark of Ms. Joyner's service to the School District has been best evidenced by the great compassion and wisdom she generously shared with all in helping the School Board address many needs during the past four years, as well as her deep dedication to the educational opportunities provided for all students, especially the students with special needs, and to those students who possess special gifts and talents; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the members of the School Board of the City of Highland Park, Michigan, along with the Emergency Manager do gratefully acknowledge the service rendered by Ms. Kathryn Joyner to our city and its children and extend to her our warmest and most sincere wishes for health, happiness, and continued success in those endeavors which are yet to come.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be made a part of the minutes of this date as a permanent record of the esteem accorded by this Board to Ms. Kathryn Joyner.

Ayes: _____ Nays: _____ Abstentions: _____

Jamille L. Edwards, President

Debra J. Humphrey, Vice President

Glenda McDonald, Secretary

Soyini Williams, Treasurer

Robert Davis, Member

John H. Holloway, Member

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That the Board of Education approves the resolution acknowledging the public service of Board Member Kathryn Joyner.

Moved By: Treasurer Williams

Supported By: Vice President Humphrey

Ayes: Members: Greer, McDonald, Williams, Holloway, Humphrey and Edwards

Nays: None

Absent: Member Davis

Motion Carried

Member Holloway did not vote on Item X due to the fact that Member Greer's letter of resignation is not on file. He indicated that Member Greer's letter of resignation is required before her resignation is accepted.

- D. President Edwards called for a motion to recall the roll for Item X.

Moved By: Treasurer Williams

Supported By: Vice President Humphrey

Ayes: Members: Greer, McDonald, Williams, Humphrey and Edwards

Nays: Member Holloway

Absent: Member Davis

President Edwards requested that Dr. Weatherspoon provide the Board of Education with a copy of Member Greer's letter of resignation.

XIV. Citizen Participation

- A. Ms. Dominique Collier's daughter was expelled at the end of the 2012-2013 school year. Ms. Collier was informed by Ms. Pamela Williams, Superintendent of Highland Park Renaissance Academy, that her daughter would be able to return to school in the 2013-2014 school year. Dr. Weatherspoon will speak to Ms. Collier after the Board of Education Meeting regarding her concern.
- B. Mr. Mark Hackshaw, President of the Business Association, regrets to see Member Greer stepping down from the Board of Education. Mr. Hackshaw thanked Member Greer for all of the literacy initiatives that she has implemented throughout the City of Highland. He wishes Mrs. Greer well in all of her endeavors.

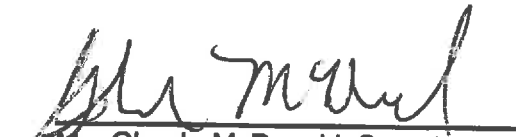
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- C. Ms. Carolyn White, former employee of Highland Park Schools, thanked Mrs. Alma Greer and Ms. Kathryn Joyner for all of their support during her tenure in the Highland Park School District
- D. Mrs. Alma Greer spoke as a citizen and encouraged the District to adopt a list of literacy opportunities for the month of March.

XV. Adjournment

Moved by Treasurer Williams and supported by Secretary McDonald to adjourn the Board of Education Meeting. Following proper procedure, President Edwards adjourned the meeting at approximately 6:39 p.m.


Ms. Glenda McDonald, Secretary
Board of Education

Minutes Adopted: 10/8/13