

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

Highland Park Public School District Office
12360 Woodward Avenue
Highland Park, Michigan 48203
Monday, September 28, 2015
6:00 p.m.

MINUTES

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 President Glenda McDonald at Highland Park School District Office, Highland Park, Michigan 48203, Monday, September 28, 2015 at approximately 6:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Present Members: Morquet Ash- Shafii, Jamille Edwards, Glenda McDonald , Linda Wheeler and Soyini Williams

Absent Member: John Holloway

A quorum was present.

Also present was Dr. Donald Weatherspoon, Emergency Manager and Charles Gordon, Superintendent of George Washington Carver Academy.

3. Approval of the Board of Education Meeting Minutes

July 21, 2015 Special Meeting

Suggested Motion

That the Board of Education approve the minutes of the July 21, 2015 Special Meeting.

Moved by: Member Edwards

Supported by: Secretary Wheeler

Motion: **Carried**

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The reading of the Special Meeting Public Notice by President McDonald.

**PUBLIC NOTICE OF
SPECIAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING**



**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THERE WILL BE A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF EDUCATION OF HIGHLAND PARK SCHOOL DISTRICT
12360 WOODWARD AVENUE, HIGHLAND PARK, MI 48203**

DATE OF MEETING:

September 28, 2015

LOCATION OF MEETING:

Highland Park School District
12360 Woodward Avenue
Highland Park, MI 48203

TIME OF MEETING:

6:00 p.m.

**TELEPHONE NUMBER OF
THE PRINCIPAL OFFICE OF THE
BOARD OF EDUCATION:**

313-865-9069

**THE BOARD MINUTES ARE LOCATED AND
AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION AT THE PRINCIPAL
OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION:**

12360 Woodward Avenue
Highland Park, MI 48203

PURPOSE:

To Discuss/Approve Minutes from the July 21,
2015 Special Meeting.
To Discuss /Vote on the Non-Homestead
Millage Proposal.

p.p. *Linda Wheeler*
Linda Wheeler, Secretary
Board of Education

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AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT NOTICE:

Any individual with a disability who need accommodations for participating or attending this meeting should contact the Board of Education, 313-865-9069 in advance of the meeting to request assistance.

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.

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4. Non-Homestead Millage Tax Proposal Discussion

Member Edwards asked Dr. Weatherspoon to explain the school district's debt. Dr. Weatherspoon presented and explained a powerpoint presentation regarding the non-homestead millage tax proposal and the debt of the school district. (See attached)

Dr. Weatherspoon also stated that the old high school is projected to be demolished by the end of December and the remaining assets, with the exception of Barber will be given to the city to pay the school district water bills which are over \$600,000.00.

Member Edwards asked for a list of the current assets of the school district and a list of the items that were sold at the auction and the price they were sold for.

President McDonald asked for clarification regarding the grant that the state received for the demolition of the old high school.

5. Public Commentary

Mr. Earl Wheeler: What information will be given out regarding the non-homestead proposal? He has been in contact with Representative Conyers office and received information that seven African American school district has been closed and no white school districts have been closed.

Romone Comtey: A public announcement should be made to spread the word about the non-homestead vote.

Charlene Turner-Johnson: Her organization, 48203 HP Collaborative, will help spread the information.

Charles Gordon: George Washington Carver will have meetings to spread the information.

Janice Bibbs: Highland Park City Treasurer: This information should be communicated to Highland Park citizens.

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Hubert Yopp: I suggest that some flyers or literature be passed out to get the word out regarding the non-homestead tax proposal.

6. Vote on support or not to support the Non-Homestead Millage Tax Proposal
Motion to discuss: Member Edwards Supported by: Vice President Williams
Member Edwards stated that the motion was written this way to allow the Board to show support or not to support the non-homestead millage tax proposal.

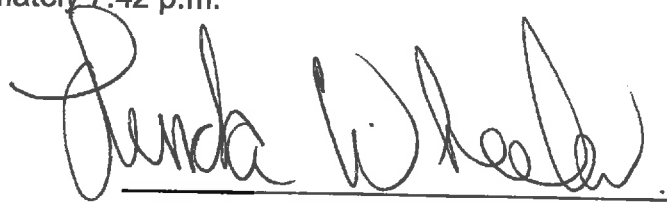
A roll call vote was taken:

Morquet Ash-Shafii	Yes
Jamille Edwards	Yes
John Holloway	Absent
Glenda McDonald	Yes
Cheryl Sanford	Yes
Linda Wheeler	Yes
Soyini Wheeler	Yes

Motion: **Carried- The Board of Education support the Non-Homestead Millage Tax Proposal.**

7. Adjournment

Moved by Member Edwards and supported by Vice President Williams to adjourn the Board of Education Meeting. Following proper procedure, President McDonald adjourned the meeting at approximately 7:42 p.m.



Linda Wheeler, Secretary
Board of Education

Minutes Adopted: Nov 10, 2015