



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

Highland Park Renaissance Academy
45 E. Buena Vista
Highland Park, Michigan, 48203
Tuesday, March 12, 2019
6:00pm

• **Call to Order-** Meeting was called to order by Eban Morales, Vice President at 6:08pm.

• **Roll Call-** Teresa Kelly, Member/ Shamayim Harris, Member/ Cheryl Sanford, Treasurer/ Linda G. Wheeler, Secretary/ / Janet Spight White, Member/ Eban Morales, Vice President.
Alexis Ramsey, President ABSENT **QUORUM**

• **Moment of Silence**

• **Communication-** Na

• **Citizens Participation (Agenda Items Only 2 minutes)**

• **Approval of the Board of Education Agenda**

Kelly moved that the future agenda's include a brief description of what the resolutions are. White Second . All in Favor . Motion Passed Wheeler made a Motion to Approve the Board Agenda with the additions to add descriptions of resolutions Harris Second and Morales So moved

MOTION PASSES.

• **Approval of Minutes**

Sanford made a Motion to Approve the Minutes of February 20th and February 28th
Wheeler Second. Discussion Janet White Eban approved minutes No Motion passed no
Roll Call taken

•**Director of Operations Information**

- a **Monthly Financial Report-** Melissa Thomas, Clairmont Group
Wheeler made a motion that further financial questions are discussed at the Finance Business Committee Harris Second. All in Favor (5). Teresa Kelly/ **No**

MOTION PASSES.

- b **Facilities and Capital Improvements Update** – Tabled
- c **Education Plan & Implementation Update** – Kevin A. Smith

• **Old Business**

Board Sub-committees/ Business Meetings- Teresa Kelly suggested a working meeting together rather than breaking off into separate sub-committees. Wheeler agreed and made a motion that this should be held off until March the 30th Teresa Kelly seconded the motion. All in Favor . Motion Passed

MOTION PASSES

• **New Business**

- d **RFP for Management Services – Kevin A. Smith** Board to receive RFP digitally
- e **Board Bylaws Amendment** – Each Board member received a hard copy of the Bylaws
- f **Tabled items: Resolution presented by member Kelly.**
 - 1. Resolution seeking Action from MI Attorney General Dana Nessel-
Kelly moved that we seek an opinion from the Attorney General as to whether the State can mandate that they fund us to the extent where we can have a charter. Eban Second. Discussion Wheeler suggested we contact our Legislators, Senator and State representatives presented with this information, Kelly agreed and omitted the written paragraph below and that a cover letter will be prepared and sent to our State Representatives
 - o EM-ORDER 2018-6 prohibits the district from even hiring a superintendent to help plan. This ban was written by Emergency Manager Kevin Smith, who lacks any education expertise. Lacking education expertise, Smith benefits from the ban he authored. The students do not. Furthermore, the ban ties the hands of the board in planning for the future. There is costly duplication of services when the District Director must hire educational specialists to do that which he is not qualified to do.

Teresa moved with amendments Harris Second . All in Favor . Motion Passed

MOTION PASSES

2. Resolution to correct the Omissions of Elections and Reviews -
Cheryl Sanford moved that we review this at the Board retreat March 30th
Wheeler second. All in Favor . Motion Passed

MOTION PASSES

3. Resolution to review lease for office space - Kelly withdrew the resolution
4. Resolution to seek effective Attorney Services –
Wheeler made a motion to table the resolution and discuss at the retreat.
Harris second. All in Favor . Motion Passed

MOTION PASSES

• Board of Education Affairs –

Shamayim Harris thanked the Board and expressed her honor to be a new Board member and that she's excited to be a service to the Children.

• Citizens Participation (2 minutes)

- **Jamille Edwards**
- **Doris Harris**
- **Community (Male)**
- **Teacher from HPRA**

• Adjournment

Morales adjourned the meeting at 7:40pm.

Respectfully submitted: Deborah Spencer, District Secretary