



**REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

Zoom Phone Conference Tuesday
October 12, 2021 6:00pm

Approved Minutes

• **CALL TO ORDER** –

Meeting was called to order by Shamayim Harris, Board President, 6:03 pm.

• **ROLL CALL** –

Present: Anthony Askew, Member / Mark Ashley Price, Member / Linda G. Wheeler, Member / Cheryl Sanford, Member / Janet Spight White, Member /, Shamayim Harris, Member
Absent: Lorne McGee

QUORUM

• **MOMENT OF REFLECTION**

Comments by President Harris.

• **COMMUNICATIONS**

None.

• **APPROVE BOARD OF EDUCATION AGENDA** –

Motion to Approve the Meeting Agenda:

President Shamayim Harris entertained a motion to approve the Board of Education Agenda, so moved by Member Sanford, supported by member, Askew.

Roll call vote: Anthony Askew – **Yes**, Mark Ashley Price – **Yes**, Linda Wheeler – **Yes**, Cheryl Sanford – **Yes**, Janet Spight White – **Yes**, Shamayim Harris **Yes**

MOTION PASSES: 6-0

• **PUBLIC COMMENTS (3 minutes)** –

None

• **PRESIDENTS MESSAGE**

President Harris gave message.

• **APPROVE MEETING MINUTES**

Motion to Approve September 14, 2021 Meeting Minutes:

President Shamayim Harris entertained a motion to approve the Board of Education Agenda, so moved by Member Sanford, supported by member Askew.

Roll call vote: Anthony Askew – Yes, Mark Ashley Price – Yes, Linda Wheeler – Yes, Cheryl Sanford – Yes, Janet Spight White – Yes, Shamayim Harris Yes

MOTION PASSES: 6-0

CEO Zakia Gibson explained delay due to technical difficulties impacting preparation of meeting minutes for Organizational Meeting, July 13, 2021.

• **DISTRICT DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

Business Operations & Legal

Presentation by Luska German of district financial statements, cash position and fund balances for period ending September 30, 2021. Discussion with K. Smith and L. German, questions by Member Wheeler.

Kevin Smith presented a review of district’s Educational Strategic Plan, status of progress. Discussion of Phase III of plan – development of new community high school.

Kevin Smith discussed opportunity for refinancing district’s outstanding 2005 School Building and Site Bonds to gain future savings on debt payments; will read authorizing resolution under New Business

Kevin Smith, reviewed refinancing of district’s two Emergency Loans with State; refinancing resulted in savings of \$693,781.

Public Relations & Marketing

Lori Rishar presentation: Winding down summer enrollment partnership with Barber Prep. Still pushing enrollment through October. Digital results: reach over 324,000 impression, 30,350 clicks, .94% click-through rate (above average); complimented by outdoor billboard, plus free ad from Highland Park newspaper. Kicked off bullying prevention month at school. Member Mark Ashley Price, recorded personal message for bullying video campaign. Will continue social media presence; no paid advertisements. Upcoming Winter district newsletter.

Education & Charter School Compliance

Zakia Gibson announced updated enrollment count for Barber Preparatory Academy of 262 tentatively; count day was October 7th. Final count will be presented after 10-day window. Enrollment has increased from 122 (summer) to 262 so far.

Five (5) Barber Preparatory students selected (6-8th grades) to participate in West Point Leads Program. Wheeler and Gibson to discuss attending.

• **BOARD OF EDUCATION SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

President Harris announced Board sub-committees discussed at Business Meeting, and board member committee member volunteers. Requested vote for approval under New Business:

- Finance Committee (Harris, Askew, McGee)
- High School Development Committee (Harris, Price, Sanford, Askew)

- Media Committee (Harris, White, Price)
- Fundraiser Committee (Harris, White, Wheeler)
- Policy Committee (Harris, McGee, Wheeler)

• **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

• **NEW BUSINESS**

Motion to Approve September Financial Statements

President Harris entertained a motion to approve September financials, so moved by Member Askew, supported by Member Sanford.

Roll call vote: Mark Ashley Price – **Yes**, Anthony Askew – **Yes**, Linda Wheeler – **Yes**, Cheryl Sanford – **Yes**, Janet Spight White – **No**, Shamayim Harris – **Yes**

MOTION PASSES: 5-1

Motion to Approve Renewal of P.I.E. Management Contract:

Kevin Smith presented and read First Amended To PIE Management Agreement and Exhibit A (rates). President Harris entertained a motion to approve renewal of P.I.E. Contract, so moved by Member Sanford, supported by Member Askew.

Discussion: J. White, L. Wheeler, C. Sanford, Askew, M. Ashley Price discuss/comments; Q&A of Zakia Gibson and Kevin Smith; labor market information shared; Board member request for written executive assistant job description.

Roll call vote: Mark Ashley Price – **No**, Anthony Askew – **Yes**, Linda Wheeler – **No**, Cheryl Sanford – **Yes**, Janet Spight White – **No**, Shamayim Harris – **Yes**

MOTION FAILS: 3-3

Vote to be reconsidered pending receipt of written job description.

Motion to Approve Renewal of C.A.R.E. Cleaning janitorial contract:

Kevin Smith presented and read First Amendment To C.A.R.E. Cleaning Agreement and Exhibit A (description of services and rates). President Harris entertained a motion to approve renewal of C.A.R.E. Cleaning Agreement, so moved by Member Sanford, supported by Member Askew.

Discussion: L. Wheeler, J. White Q&A of Kevin Smith and Luska German.

Roll call vote: Mark Ashley Price – **Yes**, Anthony Askew – **Yes**, Linda Wheeler – **Yes**, Cheryl Sanford – **Yes**, Janet Spight White – **Yes**, Shamayim Harris – **Yes**

MOTION PASSES: 6-0

Motion to Approve Resolution Authorizing Refunding of 2005 Bonds:

Kevin Smith presented and read Resolution Authorizing Issuance of Refunding Bonds, Series 2021 (Unlimited Tax General Obligation). Issuance of the refunding bonds is subject to approval by Treasury. President Harris entertained a motion to approve Bond Resolution as read, so moved by Member Wheeler, supported by Member White.

Discussion: None

Roll call vote: Mark Ashley Price – **Yes**, Anthony Askew – **Yes**, Linda Wheeler – **Yes**, Cheryl Sanford – **Yes**, Janet Spight White – **Yes**, Shamayim Harris – **Yes**

MOTION PASSES: 6-0

Motion to Consider Re-Appointment of Ms. Doris Harris to HP PSA Board of Directors

Member Janet White made a motion to consider re-appointing Ms. Doris Haris back on the PSA Board of directors; Member Ashley-Price, seconded.

Discussion: C. Sanford, J. White, L. Wheeler, A. Askew, Ashley-Price made comments.

Roll call vote: Mark Ashley Price – **Yes**, Anthony Askew – **No**, Linda Wheeler – **Yes**, Cheryl Sanford – **No**, Janet Spight White – **Yes**, Shamayim Harris – **No**

MOTION FAILS: 3-3

Motion to Continue Virtual Meetings

President Harris entertained conversation about board’s preference on continuing to hold board meetings virtually. Member Wheeler commented. Member Cheryl Sanford made a motion to continue holding board meetings virtually; Member Ashley-Price, seconded.

Roll call vote: Mark Ashley Price – **Yes**, Anthony Askew – **Yes**, Linda Wheeler – **Yes**, Cheryl Sanford – **Yes**, Janet Spight White – **Yes**, Shamayim Harris – **Yes**

MOTION PASSES: 6-0

• **BOARD OF EDUCATION AFFAIRS & COMMENTS** –

Linda Wheeler, Mark Ashley Price, Janet White comments.

Board discussed holding a special meeting on Thursday, 10/14, to reconsider PIE Management Contract. Member Mark Ashley-Price made a motion to hold special meeting on October 14, 2021; Member Janet White, seconded.

Roll call vote: Mark Ashley Price – **Yes**, Anthony Askew – **Yes**, Linda Wheeler – **Yes**, Cheryl Sanford – **Yes**, Janet Spight White – **Yes**, Shamayim Harris – **Yes**

MOTION PASSES: 6-0

• **PUBLIC COMMENTS** –

None

• **ADJOURNMENT** –

President Harris entertains a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:03 PM, so moved by Member Linda Wheeler, and supported by Member Janet White.

Roll call vote: Mark Ashley Price – **Yes**, Anthony Askew – **Yes**, Linda Wheeler – **Yes**, Cheryl Sanford – **Yes**, Janet Spight White – **Yes**, Shamayim Harris – **Yes**

MOTION PASSES: 6-0

Respectfully submitted: Cheryl Sanford, Board Secretary and Zakia Gibson, Chief Education Officer.