



**REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**Held at:** 45 East Buena Vista Street  
Highland Park, MI 48203-3322

Tuesday, September 13, 2022  
6:00PM

**APPROVED MINUTES**

• **CALL TO ORDER** –

Meeting was called to order by President Shamayim Harris @ 6:19 PM

• **ROLL CALL** –

**Present:** Mark Ashley Price, Member / Lorne McGee, Treasurer / Linda G. Wheeler, Member / Cheryl Sanford, Secretary / Janet Spight -White, Vice President/ Shamayim Harris, President

**Absent:** Anthony Askew, Member

**QUORUM**

• **MOMENT OF REFLECTION** –

• **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE** –

President Harris- Members of the Board of Education will strive to improve education by Putting Children First. To that end, Board Members will remember that their first and greatest concern must be for the educational welfare of the students attending Barber Preparatory Academy.

• **COMMUNICATIONS** –

None

• **APPROVE REGULAR MEETING AGENDA** –

**Motion to Approve the Meeting Agenda:**

President Harris entertained a motion to approve the Board of Education Agenda, so moved by Member Wheeler, seconded by Member McGee.

**Discussion:** None.

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

**Motion Passes: 6-0**

• **PUBLIC COMMENTS (Agenda items only. 3 minutes)** –

None

• **APPROVE MEETING MINUTES** –

**Motion to Approve July 12,2022 Organizational Meeting Minutes:**

President Harris entertained a motion to approve the meeting minutes, so moved by Member Sanford, seconded by Member McGee

**Discussion:** None

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

**MOTION PASSES: 6-0**

**Motion to Approve August 2,2022 Special Meeting Minutes:**

President Harris entertained a motion to approve the meeting minutes, so moved by Vice-President Spight-White, seconded by Member Price

**Discussion:** None

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

**MOTION PASSES: 6-0**

• **DISTRICT DEPARTMENT REPORTS** –

**Finances**

Alan C. Young & Associates, P.C.

Presentation by Luska German of district financial statements, cash position and fund balances for July and August 2022. L. German answered questions on deficit reductions and debt payments.

**Public Relations & Marketing**

Lori Rishar of Edge Partnership presented updates to website, marketing activity and social media engagement, Barber Prep student enrollment, and Parker Village magazine.

**Education & Charter School Compliance**

Zakia Gibson, Ed.D., Chief Education Officer

- CEO and Charter School Compliance Report

Anistia Thomas, HPPSAS BOD President

- HPPSAS Board of Directors Update

Pam Farris, ACCEL Schools

Tamika Brown, BPA Principal

- Barber Preparatory Update

• **BOARD OF EDUCATION SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS** –

Finance Committee Report

Chairperson: Lorne McGee

Presented budget performance and discussed investments, bonds, fundraising, stipends, and the importance of keeping receipts

Highland Park School District High School Sub-Committee and Community Advisory Report

Chairperson: Anthony Askew - Absent

Board Policy and Bylaws Sub-Committee Report

Chairperson: Janet Spight-White

Reported on bringing policies and bylaws updates to the next meeting due to being out for recess

Fundraising Committee

Chairperson: Linda Wheeler

Summarized the success of the Jazz Jam with a special thanks to CEO Gibson

Beautification Ad Hoc Sub-Committee Report

Chairperson: Janet Spight-White discussed planting at Barber Prep

• **UNFINISHED BUSINESS** –

BOE Sub-Committee and Chairs—Removed

Board of Education Training and Workshops Request Procedures

**Motion to Table the Board of Education Training and Workshops Request Procedures**

President Harris entertained a motion to table the Board of Education training and workshops request, so moved by Member Sanford, seconded by Vice-President Spight-White.

**Discussion:** Members discussed tabling the motion until further information could be provided

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

**MOTION TABLED: 6-0**

• **NEW BUSINESS** –

**Motion to Approve July 2022 Financial Statements**

President Harris entertained a motion to approve the July 2022 financial statements, so moved by Member Sanford, seconded by Member McGee.

**Discussion:** None

**Roll Call Vote:** Mark Price- **Yes**, Linda Wheeler-**Yes**, Cheryl Sanford-**Yes**, Lorne McGee-**Yes**, Janet Spight-White-**Yes**, Shamayim Harris-**Yes**

**MOTION PASSES: 6-0**

**Motion to Approve August 2022 Financial Statements**

President Harris entertained a motion to approve August 2022 financial statements, so moved by Vice- President Spight-White, seconded by Member Price.

**Discussion:** None

**Roll Call Vote:** Mark Price- **Yes**, Linda Wheeler-**Yes**, Cheryl Sanford-**Yes**, Lorne McGee-**Yes**, Janet Spight-White-**Yes**,

**MOTION PASSES: 6-0**

**Motion to Approve the Modified HPSD BOE 2022-2023 Regular Meetings Calendar**

President Harris entertained a motion to approve the modified HPSD BOE 2022-2023 regular meeting calendar, so moved by Vice-President Spight-White, seconded by Member Sanford.

**Discussion:** Member Price would like two regular meetings per month

**Roll Call Vote:** Mark Price- **No**, Linda Wheeler-**Yes**, Cheryl Sanford-**Yes**, Lorne McGee-**Yes**, Janet Spight-White-**Yes**, Shamayim Harris-**Yes**

**MOTION PASSES: 5-1**

**Motion to Approve Pathways Global Institutes Contract for the Role of Chief Executive Officer**

President Harris entertained a motion to approve Pathways Global Institutes contract for the role of Chief Executive Officer, so moved by Vice-President Spight-White, seconded by Member Sanford.

**Discussion:** Members discussed contract extension and corrections with Attorney Kevin Smith

**Roll Call Vote:** Mark Price- **No**, Linda Wheeler-**Yes**, Cheryl Sanford-**Yes**, Lorne McGee-**Yes**, Janet Spight-White-**Yes**, Shamayim Harris-**Yes**

**MOTION PASSES: 5-1**

**Motion to Approve the Edge Partnerships Contract for Marketing and Public Relations**

President Harris entertained a motion to approve the Edge Partnerships contract for marketing and public relations, so moved by Vice-President Spight-White, seconded by Member Sanford.

**Discussion:** Members discussed contract extension and salary

**Roll Call Vote:** Mark Price- **Yes**, Linda Wheeler-**Yes**, Cheryl Sanford-**Yes**, Lorne McGee-**Yes**, Janet Spight-White-**Yes**,

**MOTION PASSES: 6-0**

**Motion to Approve the Rockefeller Properties, LLC for the District Administrative Offices Lease**

President Harris entertained a motion to approve the Rockefeller Properties, LLC for the District offices lease.

**Discussion:** Lease not due to expire until April 2023.

**MOTION: REMOVED**

**Motion to Approve Clairmont Group, PLC. Contract for Auditing Services**

President Harris entertained a motion to approve Clairmont Group, PLC. Contract for auditing services, so move by Vice-President Spight-White, seconded by Member Wheeler.

**Discussion:** Vice- President Spight-White expressed her approval

**Roll Call Vote:** Mark Price- **Yes**, Linda Wheeler-**Yes**, Cheryl Sanford-**Yes**, Lorne McGee-**Yes**, Janet Spight-White-**Yes**, Shamayim Harris-**Yes**

**MOTION PASSES: 6-0**

**Motion to Approve the Finance Policy and Procedures Review and Update Proposal**

President Harris entertained a motion to approve the finance policy and procedures review and update proposal, Member Sanford moved to table, seconded by Member Wheeler.

**Discussion:** Motion to table until further information can be provided

**Roll Call Vote:** Mark Price- **Yes**, Linda Wheeler-**Yes**, Cheryl Sanford-**Yes**, Lorne McGee-**Yes**, Janet Spight-White-**Yes**, Shamayim Harris-**Yes**

**MOTION TABLED: 6-0**

**Motion to Approve the Huntington Bank Financial Investment Proposal**

President Harris entertained a motion to approve the Huntington Bank financial investment proposal, so moved by Vice-President Spight-White, seconded by Member McGee.

**Discussion:** None

**Roll Call Vote:** Mark Price- **Yes**, Linda Wheeler-**Yes**, Cheryl Sanford-**Yes**, Lorne McGee-**Yes**, Janet Spight-White-**Yes**, Shamayim Harris-**Yes**

**MOTION PASSES: 6-0**

CEO Zakia Gibson entered meeting @ 7:23PM

**Motion to Go into Recess** 7:23PM-7:30PM

President Harris entertained a motion to go into recess, so moved by Member Wheeler, seconded by Member Price.

**Discussion:** None

**Roll Call Vote:** Mark Price- **Yes**, Linda Wheeler-**Yes**, Cheryl Sanford-**Yes**, Lorne McGee-**Yes**, Janet Spight-White-**Yes**, Shamayim Harris-**Yes**

**MOTION PASSES: 6-0**

**Motion to Return from Recess** 7:30PM

President Harris entertained a motion to return from recess, so moved by Member Wheeler, seconded by Vice-President Spight-White.

**Discussion:** None

**Roll Call Vote:** Mark Price- **Yes**, Linda Wheeler-**Yes**, Cheryl Sanford-**Yes**, Lorne McGee-**Yes**, Janet Spight-White-**Yes**, Shamayim Harris-**Yes**

**MOTION PASSES: 6-0**

**Motion to Identify and Hire a Grant Writer**

President Harris entertained a motion to identify and hire a grant writer, so moved by Member Wheeler, seconded by Vice-President Spight-White.

**Discussion:** CEO Gibson explained the process

**Roll Call Vote:** Mark Price- **Yes**, Linda Wheeler-**Yes**, Cheryl Sanford-**Yes**, Lorne McGee-**Yes**, Janet Spight-White-**Yes**, Shamayim Harris-**Yes**

**MOTION PASSES: 6-0**

**Motion to Accept the Current Committees and Chairs**

President Harris entertained the motion to accept the current committees and chairs

**Discussion:** Motion removed until further information is provided

**Roll Call Vote:** Mark Price- **Yes**, Linda Wheeler-**Yes**, Cheryl Sanford-**Yes**, Lorne McGee-**Yes**, Janet Spight-White-**Yes**, to

**MOTION PASSES: 6-0**

**Motion to Elect Lorne McGee as MASB 2022 Assembly Delegate**

President Harris entertained a motion to elect Lorne McGee as MASB 2022 Assembly Delegate, so moved by Member Sanford, seconded by Member Wheeler.

**Discussion:** CEO Zakia Gibson explained the committees and processes

**Roll Call Vote:** Mark Price- **Yes**, Linda Wheeler-**Yes**, Cheryl Sanford-**Yes**, Lorne McGee-**Yes**, Janet Spight-White-**Yes**, Shamayim Harris-**Yes**

**MOTION PASSES: 6-0**

**Motion to Elect Janet Spight-White as MASB 2022 Assembly Alternate Delegate**

President Harris entertained the motion to elect Janet Spight-White as MASB 2022 Assembly Alternate Delegate, so moved by Member Wheeler, seconded by Member Sanford.

**Discussion:** CEO Gibson explained the role of the alternate delegate

**Roll Call Vote:** Mark Price- **Yes**, Linda Wheeler-**Yes**, Cheryl Sanford-**Yes**, Lorne McGee-**Yes**, Janet Spight-White-**Yes**, Shamayim Harris-**Yes**

**MOTION PASSES: 6-0**

**Motion to Accept the Architect Debris Material and Security for the Ford School Building**

President Harris entertained a motion to accept the architect debris material and security for the Ford School building, so moved by Member Sanford, seconded by Vice- President Spight-White.

**Discussion:** None

**Roll Call Vote:** Mark Price- **Yes**, Linda Wheeler-**No**, Cheryl Sanford-**Yes**, Lorne McGee-**Yes**, Janet Spight-White-**Yes**, Shamayim Harris-**Yes**

**MOTION PASSES: 5-1**

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

CEO Zakia Gibson, HPSD blueprints  
Vice-President Spight-White, BPA Saturday school  
Member Wheeler, BPA bus routes

• **PUBLIC COMMENTS (3 COMMENTS)** –

Lucy Frye (Nandi) – MASB Delegates

• **ADJOURNMENT** –

**President White entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting** at 8:10 PM, so moved by Member Sanford, and seconded by Vice-President Spight-White.

**Roll Call Vote:** Mark Price- **Yes**, Linda Wheeler-**Yes**, Cheryl Sanford-**Yes**, Lorne McGee-**Yes**, Janet Spight-White-**Yes**, Shamayim Harris-**Yes**

**MOTION PASSES: 6-0**

Respectfully submitted: Cheryl Sanford, Board Secretary.

