



School District of the City of Highland Park

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Zoom Phone Conference
Tuesday, September 14, 2021
6:00pm

APPROVED MINUTES

• **Call to Order** –

Meeting called to order by Shamayim Harris, President at 6:03 PM.

• **Roll Call** –

Anthony Askew, Member / Mark Ashley Price, Member / Linda G. Wheeler, Member / Cheryl Sanford, Secretary / Lorne McGee, Treasurer / Janet Spight White, Vice President / Shamayim Harris, President

QUORUM

• **Moment of Reflection** –

• **Communications** – None

• **Approve Board of Education Agenda** –

Motion to Approve the 9-14-2021 Board of Education Agenda:

President Shamayim Harris entertained a motion to approve the Board of Education Agenda, so moved by Member Mark Ashley Price, supported by Vice President Janet Spight White.

Discussion:

Vice President Janet Spight White

Roll call vote:

Anthony Askew – **Yes**, Mark Ashley Price – **Yes**, Linda Wheeler – **Yes**, Cheryl Sanford – **Yes**, Lorne McGee – **Yes**, Janet Spight White – **Yes**, Shamayim Harris **Yes**

MOTION PASSES

• **Public Comments (Agenda Items Only 3 minutes)** – None

• **Approve of Meeting Minutes**

Motion to Approve 6-18-2021 Special Meeting Minutes:

President Harris entertained a motion to approve the 6-18-2021 Special Meeting Minutes, so moved by Treasurer Lorne McGee, supported by Anthony Askew.

Discussion: None

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•(cont.) Approval of Meeting Minutes

Roll call vote:

Anthony Askew – **Yes**, Mark Ashley Price – **Yes**, Linda Wheeler – **Yes**, Cheryl Sanford – **Yes**, Lorne McGee – **Yes**, Janet Spight White – **Yes**, Shamayim Harris **Yes**

MOTION PASSES

Motion to Approve 7-8-2021 Special Meeting Minutes:

President Harris entertained a motion to approve the 7-8-2021 Special Meeting Minutes, so moved by Secretary Cheryl Sanford, supported by Treasurer Lorne McGee.

Discussion: None

Roll call vote:

Anthony Askew – **Yes**, Mark Ashley Price – **Yes**, Linda Wheeler – **Yes**, Cheryl Sanford – **Yes**, Lorne McGee – **Yes**, Janet Spight White – **Yes**, Shamayim Harris **Yes**

MOTION PASSES

Motion to Approve 7-13-2021 Organizational & Regular Meeting Minutes:

President Harris entertained a motion to table the 7-13-2021 Organizational Meeting Minutes, so moved by Secretary Cheryl Sanford, supported by Member Wheeler.

Discussion: None

Roll call vote:

Anthony Askew – **Yes**, Mark Ashley Price – **Yes**, Linda Wheeler – **Yes**, Cheryl Sanford – **Yes**, Lorne McGee – **Yes**, Janet Spight White – **Yes**, Shamayim Harris **Yes**

MOTION PASSES

Motion to Approve 7-19-2021 Special Meeting Minutes:

President Harris entertained a motion to table the 7-19-2021 Special Meeting Minutes, so moved by Vice President Janet Spight-White, supported by Member Anthony Askew.

Discussion: None

Roll call vote:

Anthony Askew – **Yes**, Mark Ashley Price – **Yes**, Linda Wheeler – **Yes**, Cheryl Sanford – **Yes**, Lorne McGee – **Yes**, Janet Spight White – **Yes**, Shamayim Harris **Yes**

MOTION PASSES

•District Department Reports –

Business Operations & Legal Counsel:

Kevin A. Smith, Esq. Director of Operations & General Counsel

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•(cont.) District Department Reports: Business Operations & Legal Council

- Legal Matter, Sydney Spight-White letter from HPSD District Attorney will be presented next meeting.
- Financials, FY21/22 Proposed Amended Budget presented by Luska German/Alan Young & Associates
- Office Renovations, Estimated \$30K allocation from General Fund
- Adult Education Program, Development and aligned with HPSD Education Plan
- Barber Preparatory Academy (BPA) Marquis, Estimated \$20K allocation from Sinking Fund
- July/August 2021 Financials, Presented by Luska German/Alan Young & Associates
- Discussion

Public Relations & Marketing Update:

Lorri Rishar, Director of Public Relations & Marketing

- Summer Campaign Details and Results, Running until October 2021
- Summer Newsletter, Published in HP Journal
- Social Media Metrics, 216K impressions and 3K clicks
- Discussion

Education & Charter School Compliance Update:

Zakia S. Gibson, M.Ed., Chief Education Officer

- Barber Preparatory Academy, Pamela Farris with ACCEL Schools introduced Principal Timeka Brown
- HPPSAS BOD, Informed BOE of Hearing for HPPSAS BOD to recommend removal of a BOD member
- HPSD Office, Announced Ms. Caneia Taylor's resignation
- Discussion

•Unfinished Business –

HPPSAS BOD Requirement (Move to New Business for Vote)

Discussion:

Vice President Janet Spight-White

•New Business –

HPPSAS BOD Requirement:

Motion to host a HPSD BOE Policy Workshop

President Shamayim Harris entertains a motion to host a HPSD BOE workshop to review the residency requirements for the BOD and other policy items for amendment, so moved by Member Price, supported by Secretary Wheeler.

Discussion:

Member Linda Wheeler, Secretary Cheryl Sanford, Treasurer Lorne McGee, Member Mark Ashley Price, President Shamayim Harris

Roll call vote:

Anthony Askew – **Yes**, Mark Ashley Price – **Yes**, Linda Wheeler – **Yes**, Cheryl Sanford – **No**, Lorne McGee – **No**, Janet Spight White – **Yes**, Shamayim Harris – **Yes**

MOTION PASSES

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•(cont.) New Business

Financial Statements and Amended Budget FY2022:

Motion to Approve Financial Statements and Amended Budget FY2022

President Harris entertains a motion to approve the Financial Statement with amendments including allocating \$40K for office renovations and \$20K to replace the sign at BPA, so moved by Secretary Cheryl Sanford, supported by Treasurer Lorne McGee.

Discussion: None

Roll call vote:

Anthony Askew – **Yes**, Mark Ashley Price – **Yes**, Linda Wheeler – **Yes**, Cheryl Sanford – **Yes**, Lorne McGee – **Yes**, Janet Spight White – **Yes**, Shamayim Harris – **Yes**

MOTION PASSES

BOE Regular Meeting Schedule:

Motion to Amend the BOE Regular Meeting Schedule

President Harris entertains a motion to have two regular meetings per month, so moved by Member Ashley Price, with no second.

Discussion:

Member Linda Wheeler

MOTION FAILS for LACK of SUPPORT

Emeritus Title of Former Executive Officers:

Motion to Issue Emeritus Title for Former Executive Officers:

President Harris entertains a motion to have every former Executive Officer to have the title Emeritus, so moved by Member Mark Ashley Price, supported by Vice President Janet Spight-White.

Discussion – Member Linda Wheeler

Roll call vote:

Anthony Askew – **No**, Mark Ashley Price – **Yes**, Linda Wheeler – **Yes**, Cheryl Sanford – **No**, Lorne McGee – **No**, Janet Spight White – **Yes**, Shamayim Harris – **No**

MOTION FAILS

Administrative Staff Evaluations:

Discussion:

Vice President Janet Spight-White

Attorney Kevin Smith

RESOLVED: Contractors do not require evaluations. The contract does not have to be renewed at the end of the year if dissatisfied. NO MOTION PRESENTED

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•**Board of Education Affairs & Comments** –

BOE Regular Meeting Schedule

Emeritus Title of Former Executive Officers

~~BOE~~ Administrative Staff Evaluations

•**Public Comments (3 minutes)** – None

•**Adjournment** –

President Harris entertains a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:22 PM, so moved by Treasurer Lorne McGee, and supported by Secretary Cheryl Sanford.

All in Favor:

YAYS: 7

NAYS: 0

MOTION PASSES

Respectfully submitted: Ms. Jazema Gantz, District Executive Secretary