



**REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**
Zoom Phone Conference Tuesday
December 14, 2021 6:00pm

APPROVED MINUTES

• **CALL TO ORDER** –

Meeting was called to order by Shamayim Harris, Board President, 6:06 pm.

• **ROLL CALL** –

Present: Mark Ashley Price, Member / Anthony Askew, Member / Lorne McGee, Treasurer / Linda G. Wheeler, Member / Cheryl Sanford, Secretary / Janet Spight White, Vice President / Shamayim Harris, President
Absent: None

QUORUM

• **PRESIDENTS MESSAGE**

President Harris gave message.

• **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 Askew, seconded by member Sanford.

Discussion: L. Wheeler, J. White, C. Sanford, A. Askew and M. Ashley-Price comments and discussion regarding requested reconsideration items.

President Shamayim Harris requested roll call vote with requested amendments.

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

MOTION PASSES: 4-3

• **PUBLIC COMMENTS (3 minutes)**

None

• **APPROVE MEETING MINUTES**

Motion to Approve July 14, 2021 Organizational Meeting Minutes:

President Shamayim Harris entertained a motion to approve the meeting minutes, so moved by Member Sanford, supported by member McGee.

Discussion: J. White, C. Sanford, President Harris comments on recordings; L. Wheeler, M. Ashley-Price, S. Harris, Zakia Gibson on Zoom chat.

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

MOTION PASSES: 4-3

Motion to Approve October 12, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes:

President Shamayim Harris entertained a motion to approve the meeting minutes, so moved by Member Askew, supported by member Sanford.

Discussion: M. Ashley-Price, L. Wheeler, J. White commented that they're not in agreement with how minutes are late and website missing recordings, and they will vote no on all minutes presented today;

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

MOTION PASSES: 4-3

Motion to Approve October 14, 2021 Special Meeting Minutes:

President Shamayim Harris entertained a motion to approve the meeting minutes, so moved by Member Sanford, supported by member McGee.

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

MOTION PASSES: 4-3

Motion to Approve November 9, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes:

President Shamayim Harris entertained a motion to approve the meeting minutes, so moved by Member McGee, supported by member Askew.

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

MOTION PASSES: 4-3

• **DISTRICT DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

Business Operations & Legal

Presentation by Luska German of district financial statements, cash position and fund balances for period ending November 30, 2021. Discussion by K. Smith and L. German, Member White question regarding pay for admin hours not worked; Member Wheeler questions regarding debt payments; Member McGee questions; White questions transcript record services.

Presentation by Luska German of corrected financial statements for period ending November 30, 2021 to reflect adjustments to reconcile with audit statements.

K. Smith discussed high school preliminary plan; requested BOE to complete filling of community seats on High School Advisory Committee

Public Relations & Marketing

Lori Rishar presentation: Billboard still being used at no cost (until another customer uses billboard) valued at \$4,000/month. Facebook analytics, click-through rate (well above average); District newsletter expected early to mid-January, request for stories. 64% increase in followers.

Education & Charter School Compliance

Zakia Gibson introduced Pam Farris, ACCEL Schools. Farris made presentation on Barber school Fall MWEA test results, enrollment, available teaching positions; covid statistics and cleaning protocol, activities at Barber school - middle School choir; male mentoring groups; Oakland University college tour for middle school students; Linda Wheeler, comments and questions to P. Farris. Cheryl Sanford questions regarding family support resources; Presentation by BOD President Patton update on BOD activities and observations; facilities committee upgrades completed; curriculum committee reviewing goals.

Presentation by Zakia Gibson on Cochrane House sponsored Bears and Books Giveaway; \$5,000 contribution from Huntington Bank; STEM kits; Monday December 20, 2021 from 3-5p.

• BOARD OF EDUCATION SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

President Harris presented and read her recommended final list for BOE subcommittees. Attorney Smith recommended BOE vote to accept subcommittees as presented:

Finance Committee

Chair: Lorne McGee

No additional report; finances reviewed.

High School Advisory Committee

Chair: Anthony Askew

Summarized first meeting; need to establish process for working with community and what committee should be looking for. Discussed proposed number of representatives from each demographic group; requested recommendations from BOE members; discussed objectives and goals of committee, need to solidify.

Policy and Bylaws Committee

Chair: Janet Spite White

Summarized first meeting; asked committee members to review current Bylaws; future meeting in January to review in detail bylaws and policies.

Fundraising Committee

Chair: Linda Wheeler

Summarized first meeting; discussed draft calendar of events that was sent to committee and administration; Cochrane House event was first. February, March and through December 2022, event ideas on calendar that need approval. Read framework and rules for Fundraising Committee.

• UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

• **NEW BUSINESS**

Motion to Approve November 2021 Financial Statements

President Harris entertained a motion to approve November 2021 financial statements, so moved by Member Askew, supported by Member Sanford.

No discussion.

Roll call vote: Mark Ashley Price – (N/A – technical difficulties), Anthony Askew – Yes, Linda Wheeler – Yes, Cheryl Sanford – Yes, Lorne McGee – Yes, Janet Spight White – Yes, Shamayim Harris – Yes

MOTION PASSES: 6-0

Motion to Approve Corrected June 2021 Financial Statements

President Harris entertained a motion to approve corrected June 30, 2021 financial statements, so moved by Member Askew, supported by Member Sanford.

No discussion.

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

MOTION PASSES: 4-3

Motion to Approve Engagement of Outside Counsel for lawsuit with Resurrection Lawncare

President Harris entertained a motion to approve engagement of The Findling Law Firm for defense and submission of counterclaim against Resurrection Lawncare; so moved by Member Askew, supported by Member Sanford.

Discussion: K. Smith discuss abstention requirement for Member White. L. McGee comments and question. M. Price comments; L. Wheeler comments; C. Sanford comments.

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

MOTION PASSES: 4-2

• **BOARD OF EDUCATION COMMENTS**

Mark Ashley Price comments regarding BOE dynamics and votes; Member White commented on Sydney Spight not receiving invitation to defend claim at BOE meeting; Member Sanford responds that Spight did speak before BOE at meeting; Member Wheeler, discussed Black History Assembly and planning; Member McGee discuss dates for gifts for students;

• **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

• **ADJOURNMENT** –

President Harris entertains a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:57 PM, so moved by Member Sanford, and supported by Member McGee.

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

MOTION PASSES: 6-0

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