



REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

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

Tuesday, April 12, 2022
6:00pm

APPROVED MINUTES

● **CALL TO ORDER** –

Meeting was called to order by President Shamayim Harris, 6:14 pm.

● **ROLL CALL** –

Present: Shamayim Harris, President / Janet Spight White, Vice President / Cheryl Sanford, Secretary & Sergeant-at-Arms / Lorne McGee, Treasurer / Anthony Askew, Member / Mark Ashley Price, Member

Absent: Linda G. Wheeler, Member

For the Record: Member Wheeler ~~is present~~ observed while absent via ZOOM

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QUORUM

● **MOMENT OF REFLECTION** –

President Harris

● **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** –

CEO Gibson presented a composition journal and yearbook from Highland Park Highschool alum Betty Durham Christy, graduating class of 1946. Mailed to the District Office by her daughter, Sheryl Christy Gilmore of Lakeside, Michigan.

● **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 Sanford, seconded by Member Askew.

Discussion: None

Roll call vote: Mark Ashley Price – Yes, Anthony Askew – Yes, Cheryl Sandford– Yes, Loren McGee – Yes, Janet Spight-White – Yes, Shamayim Harris – Yes

MOTION PASSES: 6-0

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

None

● **APPROVE MEETING MINUTES**

Motion to Approve March 1, 2022 Special Meeting Minutes:

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

Discussion: None

6:21 PM; Member Ashley Price exited meeting

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

6:23 PM: Member Ashley Price re-enters meeting

MOTION PASSES: 5-0

Motion to Approve March 8, 2022 Special Meeting Minutes:

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

Discussion: Correction by ~~Member Sanford- Member Wheeler made motion and Member Sandford supported it~~ under adjournment.

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

MOTION PASSES: 6-0

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● **PRESENTATIONS –**

Lucy Frye - Nandi's Knowledge Cafe: Reading and Children

● **DISTRICT DEPARTMENT REPORTS –**

Business Operations & Legal

Presentation by Kevin Smith and Luska German of district financial statements for March 2022, cash position and fund balances for period ending March 2022. K. Smith and L. German answer questions on deficit reductions and debt payments.

Public Relations & Marketing

Lori Rishar presentation on updates to City's website about HP School district and PlayWorks partnership.

Education & Charter School Compliance

Zakia Gibson spoke about summarized dedication activities to recognize Mr. John Holloway. Presentation of new laptops for BOE members and policy and bylaw binders. Pam Farris, ACCEL Schools (Barber Preparatory Academy/BPA educational service provider) presented and answered BOE questions about BPA. HPPSAS BOD President Patton reports resignation of BOD secretary, Marielle Bersche.

● **BOARD OF EDUCATION SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS –**

Finance Committee

Chair: Lorne McGee

No Updates

High School Advisory Committee

Chair: Anthony Askew

Summarized progress on high school exploration. Discussed meeting with Richard Hosey, Alysha Moss (developer consultants) to determine feasibility of Ford School instead of Hamilton; will get proposal.

7:41 PM : Member Askew exited meeting

7:43 PM: Member Askew re-enters meeting

Policy and Bylaws Committee

Chair: Janet Spiight - White

Reported on developing a handbook on daily BOE operations and procedures. Vice-President Spiight-White suggested a structured training program for new members.

Fundraising Committee

Chair: Linda Wheeler

Member Wheeler - Absent

No presentation

● UNFINISHED BUSINESS –

Approval of Staffing Service Contactor

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Motion to Hire Staffing Service

President Harris entertained the motion to hire a staffing service, so moved by Member Askew, seconded by Member McGee. K. Smith recommends voting between two staffing services based on minutes from 4.5.2022 business meeting. Entech (A) and Midwest (B).

Discussion: **None**

Roll call vote: Mark Ashley Price- **Abstain**, Anthony Askew- **A**, Cheryl Sanford- **A**, Loren McGee- **A**, Janet Spiight-White- **Abstain**, Shamayhim Harris- **A**

MOTION PASSES: 4-02

Discussion: Ms. Gibson recommends the Executive Assistant and Office Manager wagesalary be not to exceed \$25.00/hr. Member

Sanford moves to establish a wage of \$25.00/hr and to support retro-active pay for training.

**(Motion added during meeting)*

Motion to Establish Wage of \$25/hr and Pay Executive Assistant Retro-Active Pay

President Harris entertained the motion to pay Executive Assistant and Office Manager not more than \$25/hr and retroactive pay for on the job trainingtime worked prior to signing contract.

Discussion: **None**

Roll call vote: Mark Ashley Price- **Abstain**, Anthony Askew- **Yes**, Cheryl Sanford- **Yes**, Loren Mcgee- **Yes**, Janet Spiight-White- **No**, Shamayhim Harris- **Yes**

MOTION PASSES: 4-12

● NEW BUSINESS –

Motion to Approve March 2022 Financial Statements

President Harris entertained a motion to approve March 2022 financial statements, so moved by Member Askew,

seconded by Member McGee.
Discussion: **None**

Roll call vote: Mark Ashley Price- **Yes**, Anthony Askew- **Yes**, Cheryl Sanford- **Yes**, Loren McGee- **Yes**, Janet Spight-White- **Yes**, Shamayhim Harris- **Yes**
MOTION PASSES: 6-0

Motion to Approve Expenditures for Feasibility Study of Ford School Property

President Harris entertained a motion to approve the expenditures for feasibility study of Ford School property, so moved by Member Askew, seconded by Member Sanford.

Discussion: Member Sanford ~~suggested-made~~ motion to approve contract not to exceed \$50,000 including \$2,000 per monthly fee; seconded by Member _____.

Roll call vote: Mark Ashley Price- **Abstain**, Anthony Askew- **Yes**, Cheryl Sanford-**Yes**, Loren McGee- **Yes**, Janet Spight-White- **Yes**, Shamayhim Harris-**Yes**
MOTION PASSES: 5-~~0~~

Motion to Approve Landscaping Contractor

President Harris entertained a motion to contract with City Works Landscaping, so moved by Sandford, seconded by Member McGee.

Discussion: Vice- President Spight-White would like the record to show that the BOE has been asked twice today to vote on issues that were not part of the RFP.

Roll call vote: Mark Ashley Price- **No**, Anthony Askew- **Yes**, Cheryl Sanford- **Yes**, Loren McGee- **Yes**, Janet Spight-White- **No**, Shamayhim Harris- **Yes**
MOTION PASSES: 4-2

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Motion to Reduce Board Composition on High School Committee

President Harris entertained a motion to reduce the high school committee from 4 board members to 3, so moved by Member Askew, seconded by Member Sandford.

Discussion: None

Roll call vote: Mark Ashley Price- **Yes**, Anthony Askew-**Yes**, Cheryl Sandford- **Yes**, Loren McGee- **Yes**, Janet Spight-White- **Yes**, Shamayhim Harris- **Yes**
MOTION PASSES: 6-0

Motion to Approve Tribute Resolution for John Holloway

President Harris entertained a motion to approve a tribute resolution for Highland Park resident John Holloway, moved by Member Price, seconded by Member McGee

Discussion: None

Roll call vote: Mark Ashley Price-**Yes**, Anthony Askew- **Yes**, Cheryl Sanford- **Yes**, Loren McGee- **Yes**, Janet Spight-White- **Yes**, Shamayhim Harris- **Yes**
MOTION PASSES: 6-0

**(Motion added during meeting)*

Motion to Approve Mark Ashley Price to Attend The MASB Spring Institute in Howell, Michigan

President Harris entertained a motion to approve Mark Ashley Price attending MASB workshop Member McGee and Vice President Spight-White.

Discussion: None

Roll call vote: Mark Ashley Price- **Yes**, Anthony Askew- **Yes**, Cheryl Sanford- **Yes**, Loren McGee- **Yes**, Janet Spight-White- **Yes**, Shamayhim Harris- **Yes**
MOTION PASSES: 6-0

● BOARD OF EDUCATION AFFAIRS & COMMENTS –

Barber Beautification Subcommittee Discussion:

President Harris will establish the committee and Vice President Spight-White would like to be Chairperson.

Parker Pride Alumni Association Annual Michigan Week Parade:

Vice President White suggested a float that BOE members and community members could ride on. Approximate cost of \$1500 for the float.

BOE members reading to BPA students during a school day at once a month:

Member Price suggests reading to students. President Harris advised speaking to Principal Brown on this matter.

Guest Speaker: Brian Donovan:

No Discussion

Member Linda Wheeler- Absent

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● PUBLIC COMMENTS (3 MINUTES) –

Highland Park resident Lucy Frye, owner of Nandi's Knowledge Cafe

● ADJOURNMENT –

President Harris entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:29 PM, so moved by Member Spight-White, seconded by Member McGee

Roll call vote: Mark Ashley Price – Yes, Anthony Askew – Yes, Cheryl Sanford– Yes, Loren McGee – Yes, Janet Spight-White- Yes, Shamayhim Harris– Yes

MOTION PASSES: 6-0

Confirmation of the next HPSD BOE Regular Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, May 10, 2022 at 6:00p.m. at Barber Preparatory Academy in the Media Center.

Respectfully submitted: Cheryl Sanford, Board Secretary.