



The School District of the City of Highland Park **5.10.2022**

**REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

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

Tuesday, May 10, 2022
6:00pm

APPROVED MINUTES

• **CALL TO ORDER** –

Meeting was called to order by President Shamayim Harris, 6:01 p.m.

• **ROLL CALL** –

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

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 stated there are no communications.

• **APPROVE MEETING AGENDA** –

Motion to Approve the Meeting Agenda:

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

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 3 Minutes Only)** –

None

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• APPROVE MEETING MINUTES

Motion to Approve April 12, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes:

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

Discussion: None

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

MOTION PASSES: 6-0

6:07 PM: Linda Wheeler enters meeting

• DISTRICT DEPARTMENT REPORTS –

Business Operations & Legal Counsel

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

6:11 PM: Attorney Kevin Smith enters meeting

PRESENTATION–

Dayna Bertges from Entech Staffing explains services and contracts

Public Relations & Marketing

Lorri Rishar presentation on updates to City's website about HP School District, PlayWorks partnership, Parker Village magazine, Parchment Park cleanup, and the Fox 2 News story

6:17 PM: Member Askew exits meeting

6:24 PM: Member Askew re-enters meeting

Education & Charter School Compliance

CEO Gibson summarizes the completion of Mr. John Holloway's Tribute and plans to present Resolution to his HPPSAS BOD President Jason Patton calls for a Special Meeting on 5.11.2022 to discuss BPA affairs.

• BOARD OF EDUCATION SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS –

Finance Committee

Chair: Lorne McGee

No Updates

High School Advisory Committee

Chair: Anthony Askew

Summarized progress on high school exploration and hiring of firm on April 27th with contracts signed..Discussed target date of August 15th for completion of feasibility study.

Policy and Bylaws Committee

Chair: Janet Spight-White

Vice-President Spight-White discussed the differences and changes in the Bylaws and Policies Handbook. Suggested instead of CEO being used throughout that it should be changed to Authorizer or BOE.

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Fundraising Committee

Chair: Linda Wheeler

Spoke to Principal Brown at BPA about a jazz concert in August. Member Wheeler would like BPA staff participation, not just the HPSD BOE and HPPSAS BOD. Member Wheeler will provide more feedback at the next business meeting.

Beautification Sub-Committee Report (at hoc)

Chair: Janet Spight-White

Vice-President Spight-White spoke about the need for additional volunteers to assist with the beautification project at BPA. Discussed different types of flowers that should be used and asked for a \$100 donation from BOE members.

• UNFINISHED BUSINESS –

Approval of Staffing Service Agreement

President Harris states **For The Record** Entech Staffing Services Agreement has been moved to New Business.

• NEW BUSINESS –

Motion to Approve Entech Staffing Services Agreement

President Harris entertained a motion to approve Entech Staffing Services Agreement, so moved by Vice-President Spight-White, seconded by Member McGee.

Discussion: None

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

MOTION PASSES: 7-0

Motion to Approve April 2022 Financial Statements

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

Discussion: None

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

MOTION PASSES: 7-0

Motion to Approve Tribute Resolution for Ola Allan

President Harris entertained a motion to approve a Tribute Resolution for Ola Allan, so moved by Vice-President, seconded by Member Wheeler.

Discussion: President Harris asks if there is any more information found on Ola Allan to complete the Resolution. CEO Gibson states she has not acquired any additional information about Ola Allan outside her tenure as a Special Education teacher for The School District of the City of Highland Park. CEO Gibson welcomes any additional information so she can complete the Resolution. CEO Gibson suggests a plaque to go on a wall as an alternative.

Motion to Resend Tribute

Moved by Vice-President White, seconded by Member Askew

Vote: All in Favor- "Y"

MOTION PASSES: 7-0

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Motion to Table Tribute Resolution for Ola Allan *Added to the Next Agenda

President Harris entertained a motion to table the Tribute Resolution for Ola Allan, so moved by Member Wheeler, seconded by Vice-President Spight-White.

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

MOTION PASSES: 7-0

Motion to Approve a Float Sponsored by the HPSD BOE for the Highland Park MI Week Parade for \$1700

President Harris entertained a motion to approve a float sponsored by the HPSD BOE for The Highland Park MI Week Parade, so mo for \$1700, so moved by Vice-President Spight-White, seconded by Member Wheeler

Discussion: Vice-President Spight-White states that this is the 68th parade for the city and brings positive attention to the community. has been featured on the news in the past. VP Spight-White says the float can hold the HPSD BOE and many more. Member Sanford believes in parade participation, but disagrees with the \$1700 cost.

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

MOTION PASSES: 6-1

Motion to Approve Sponsorship of One BPA Scholar for the Annual 8th Grade D.C. Trip

President Harris entertained a motion for the HPSD BOE to sponsor one BPA scholar to attend the Annual 8th Grade D.C. trip, so moved by VP Spight-White, seconded by Member Wheeler

Discussion: CEO Gibson states that this is a group trip that will have chaperones

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

MOTION PASSES: 7-0

Motion to Change the Executive Assistant and Office Manage Title to Secretary

President Harris entertained a motion to change the title of Executive Assistant and Office Manager to Secretary, so moved by Wheeler, seconded by Spight-White

Discussion: For the Record - The title is Executive Assistant and Office Manager

Member McGee questions the title change. No sensible answer was given.

Roll Call Vote: Mark Ashley Price- Yes, Anthony Askew- No, Linda Wheeler-Yes, Cheryl Sanford- No, Loren McGee-Yes, Janet Spight-White- Yes, Shamayim Harris-No

MOTION PASSES: 4-3

Motion to Open the District Office on Fridays for In-Person versus Virtual

President Harris entertains a motion to open the District Office on Fridays for In-Person versus virtual, so moved by VP Spight-White, seconded by Member Price

Discussion: Gibson explains the Covid-19 outbreak in the District Office is concerning and the reason that sanitizing is still greatly needed and a safety precaution for the HPSD staff and the community that stops by the office. The recent rise in cases is also a reason that Virtual Friday is still in place.

A vote of "No" means to keep Fridays virtual

Roll call Vote: Mark Ashley Price- Yes, Anthony Askew- No, Linda Wheeler- No, Cheryl Sanford- No, Loren McGee- No, Janet Spight-White-No, Shamayim Harris-No

MOTION FAILS: 6-1

Motion to Reinstate Member Mark Ashley Price to the HPSD BOE High School Sub-Committee

President Harris a motion to reinstate Member Mark Ashley Price to the HPSD BOE High School Sub-Committee so moved by Member Wheeler, seconded by VP Spight-White

Discussion: Member Wheeler posed the question that Member Price was not voted into the sub-committee, therefore why is there a motion to reinstate and should be reinstated with the BOE approval. Member Price resigned via email,

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causing the BOE to bring this issue to the agenda.

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

MOTION PASSES: 4-3

Motion to Add HPSD BOE Business and Regular Meeting Video Recordings to District Website

President entertained the motion to add HPSD BOE Business and Regular Meeting Video Recordings to District Website, so moved by Wheeler, seconded by Spight-White

Discussion: Price requested video recordings at last business meeting. Price believes the public would like to see a video also. Member Askew states that the audio recording is sufficient and doesn't see a need.

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

MOTION FAILS: 4-3

• **BOARD OF EDUCATION AFFAIRS & COMMENTS**

Member Cheryl Sanford spoke about Michigan Work's Summer Program for student's age 14-24 who are looking for summer jobs, youth services, and training.

8:32 PM; Member Price exts meeting

• **PUBLIC COMMENTS (3 MINUTES)** – None

• **ADJOURNMENT** –

President Harris entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:36 PM, so moved by Member McGee, seconded by VP Spight-White

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

MOTION PASSES: 7-0

8:37 PM: Member Price re-enters meeting

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

Respectfully submitted: Cheryl Sanford, Board Secretary.