



**SPECIAL MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

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

Tuesday, May 31, 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 via ZOOM

**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 SPECIAL 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

• **UNFINISHED BUSINESS** –

Approval of Staffing Service Contactor

**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 Spight-White- **Abstain**, Shamayhim Harris- **A**

**MOTION PASSES: 4-2**

**Discussion:** Ms. Gibson recommends the Executive Assistant and Office Manager salary be \$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 training.

Discussion: None

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

**MOTION PASSES: 4-2**

• **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 motion to approve contract not to exceed \$50,000 including \$2,000 per monthly fee.

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

**MOTION PASSES: 5-1**

Janet

**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**

**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 suggested reading to students. President Harris advised speaking to Principal Brown on this matter.

***Guest Speaker: Brian Donovan:***

No Discussion

Member Linda Wheeler- Absent

• **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.