



**REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

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

Tuesday, June 14, 2022  
6:00pm

**APPROVED MINUTES**

• **CALL TO ORDER** –

Meeting was called to order by President Shamayim Harris, 6:00pm.

• **ROLL CALL** –

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

**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** –

Clark Hill Letter of Engagement of Legal Services

• **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 Sanford, seconded by Member Askew.

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

**MOTION PASSES: 6-1**

• **PRESENTATION**

Soulardarity- Rafael Mojica, Program Director: Solar Lighting at Barber Preparatory Academy

**APPROVE MEETING MINUTES**

**Motion to Approve May 10, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes**

President Harris entertained a motion to approve the May 10, 2022 Regular Meeting minutes, so moved by Member Askew, seconded by Member McGee.

**Discussion:** Board members discussed the format of the meeting minutes. Motions, important items, and statements that are for the record. Going forward transcribed discussions will be brief.

**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 the May 24, 2022, Special Meeting Minutes**

President Harris entertained a motion to approve the May 24, 2022, special meeting minutes, so moved by Member Askew, seconded by member Sanford.

**Discussion:** On the May 24, 2022, **Motion to Retain Joe Urban, Attorney to Review All Administrator's Contractors Contracts**, Member Wheeler stated that her motion was to review not view.

**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 the May 31, 2022, Special Meeting Minutes**

President Harris entertained a motion to approve the May 31, 2022, special meeting minutes, so moved by Member Askew, seconded by member Sanford.

**Discussion:** Member Price stated that on the **Motion to Censor BOE Member Mark Ashley Price from Posting on Social Media**, Member Loren McGee's voted needed to be changed to No. CEO Gibson clarified that the change had been made and Member Price had an unrevised handout.

**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 Counsel**

Kevin A. Smith, Director of Operations & General Counsel presented Form L-4029 and discussed expenditures, millage rates, and the General Appropriation Resolution.

**Public Relations & Marketing**

Lorri Rishar, Director of Public Relations & Marketing, discussed the increase in social media activity, Parker Village Magazine, and BPA fall enrollment strategy.

**Education & Charter School Compliance**

CEO and Charter School Compliance Report

Zakia Gibson, Ed.D., Chief Education Officer presented the Epicenter report, Barber Preparatory Academy report, Financials, and Calendar for the 2022-2023 school year. Further discussion included the Ola Allan Tribute, and the moving of files from district office to Wayne RESA.

**For the record:** Ms. Gibson looked at 4-5 facilities to store the filings, some were close to Highland Park, but these storage units were not large enough to maintain the occupancy of those files. The District would have to secure two storage units which would cost double or even more than double as Wayne RESA. Also, stated during that same meeting, the best choice was Wayne RESA because they were a legal government entity with the proper security, climate, ability for the team to scan on property, aligned with the District as their ISD.

HPPSAS BOD President Jason Patton (HPPSAS and BPA Update)

CEO Gibson stated there were no BOD members were present to present the report.

● **BOARD OF EDUCATION SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Finance Committee

Chairperson McGee stated to review the Budget Report provided by Luska German, Alan C. Young & Associates

Highland Park School District High School Sub-Committee

Chairperson Askew discussed updates with the proposed high school building, including tabling services that were non-essential.

7:54 PM: Member McGee exited meeting

7:58 PM: Member McGee returned

Board Policy and Bylaws Sub-Committee

Chairperson Janet Spight-White discussed Contractor's evaluations

Fundraising Sub-Committee

Chairperson Wheeler summarized the Harvest Fest and Jazz Festival which included budget and potential date

Beautification Ad Hoc Sub-Committee

Chairperson Spight-White decided project would be on hold until after solar lights were erected at BPA

● **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

BOE Honor Plaque or Tribute Resolution – Ola Allan

● **NEW BUSINESS**

**Motion to Accept and Approve the FY2022/2023 Budget**

President Harris entertained a motion to accept and approve the FY2022/2023 budget, so moved by Member Askew, seconded by Vice-President Spight-White.

**Discussion:** None

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

**MOTION PASSES: 7-0**

**Motion to Approve May 2022 Financial Statements**

President Harris entertained a motion to approve the May 2022 financial statements, so moved by Member Askew, seconded by Member Sanford.

**Discussion:** None

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

**MOTION PASSES: 7-0**

**Motion to Approve Commemoration of Ola Allan at District Office and Website**

President Harris entertained a motion to approve the commemoration of Ola Allan at the district office and website, so moved by Member Sanford, seconded by Member Askew.

**Discussion:** CEO Gibson discussed creating a plaque wall at the District Office and a website dedicated to Highland

Park ancestors.

**Roll Call Vote:** Mark Ashley Price- Yes, Anthony Askew- Yes, Linda Wheeler- Yes, Cheryl Sanford- Yes (for a plaque), Loren McGee- Abstained, Janet Spight-White- Yes, Shamayim Harris- Yes

**MOTION PASSES: 6-0-1**

**Motion to Change Board Special Meeting Policy 0164.1 to “Special Meetings of the Board May be Called by the President or by any four (4) members of the Board...”**

President Harris entertained a motion to change board meeting policy 0164.1, so moved by Member Sanford, seconded by Member Askew.

**Discussion:** Board members discussed their reasons for why and/or why not this policy should pass

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

**MOTION FAILS: 3-4**

**Motion to Change Board Compensation Policy 0144.1 to Board Members Shall Receive Not More Than \$30 per Meeting up to a Total of Not More Than Eighteen (18) Meetings as Compensation for Their Services**

President Harris entertained a motion to change board meeting policy 0144.1, so moved by Member Sanford, seconded by Member McGee.

**Discussion:**

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

**MOTION PASSES: 4-3**

8:45 PM: Attorney Kevin Smith left the meeting

**Motion to Allow the HPSD BOE Members to Bypass the HPPSAS BOD to Speak Directly to Barber Preparatory Academy School Leadership and Accel Schools**

President Harris entertained a motion to allow the HPSD BOE to bypass the HPPSAS BOD to speak directly with BPA school leadership and Accel Schools, so moved by Member Sanford, seconded by Member McGee.

**Discussion:** Member Sanford asked that this motion be tabled until further discussion with an attorney and Ms. Gibson. President Harris would send communication to the HPPSAS BOD President, Jason Patton.

**Motion to Table Above Motion**

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

**MOTION PASSES: 7-0**

**Motion to Require Two (2) Signatures on District Issued Hard Copy Checks**

President Harris entertained a motion to require two (2) signatures on District issued hard copy checks, so moved by Member Wheeler, seconded by Vice-President Spight-White.

**Discussion:** Vice-President Spight-White stated that most organizations had two signatures and Treasurer Lorne McGee should be a signer on the BOE checks.

**For the Record:** CEO Gibson stated that the checks were not physically signed. Ms. Gibson was designated at the Organizational Meeting in July 2021, by the BOE, to sign the checks and agrees with having two signatures.

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

**MOTION PASSES: 7-0**

● **BOARD OF EDUCATION AFFAIRS & COMMENTS** –

~~Discuss organizational meeting – Member Mark Ashley Price~~ (omitted at the request of Member Ashley Price)

Moved by Member Price to be removed from the agenda

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**For the record:** Mark Ashley Price stated that he voted no on the motion to table the BOE Motion to Allow the HPSD BOE Members to bypass the HPPSAS BOD to Speak Directly to Barber Preparatory Academy School Leadership and Accel Schools not because he didn't want to table the motion but because he wanted to vote on the motion at that time.  
**For the record:** Mark Ashley price agreed with the \$30 compensation for special meetings is unfair due to a lot of work for the BOE.

• **PUBLIC COMMENTS (3 MINUTES ONLY)**

None

• **ADJOURNMENT --**

President Harris entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:02 PM, so moved by Linda Wheeler, seconded by Vice-President Spight-White.

*Confirmation of the next HPSD BOE Business Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, July 5, 2022 at 6:00p.m. at Barber Preparatory Academy in the Media Center.*

Respectfully submitted: Cheryl Sanford, Board Secretary.