



**SPECIAL MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

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

Tuesday, August 2, 2022  
1:00pm

**APPROVED MINUTES**

• **CALL TO ORDER** –

Meeting was called to order by President Harris, 1:16pm.

• **ROLL CALL** –

**Present:** Mark Ashley Price, Member/ Linda Wheeler, Member / Cheryl Sanford, Secretary & Sergeant / Janet Spight-White, Vice President / Shamayim Harris, President

**QUORUM**

• **COMMUNICATIONS** –

Dr. Anita Bates provided her recollection of the interaction between BOE Vice-President Janet Spight-Whit and BOD President Jason Patton

• **MOMENT OF REFLECTION** -

• **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** –

Dr. Anita Bates provided her recollection of the interaction between BOE Vice-President Janet Spight-White and BOD President Jason Patton

• **APPROVE MEETING AGENDA** –

President Harris entertained a motion to approve the Board of Education Agenda, so moved by Member Price, Seconded by Vice-President Spight-White.

**Discussion:** Attorney Kevin Smith and CEO Zakia Gibson discussed the two motions

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

**MOTION PASSES: 5-0**

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

None

• **NEW BUSINESS**

**Motion to Reconstitute the Highland Park Public School Academy System Board of Directors**

President Harris entertained a motion to reconstitute the Highland Park Public School Academy System Board of Directors, so moved by Vice-President Spight-White, seconded by Member Price

**Discussion:** CEO Gibson explained the authority of the BOE to remove and reseal the BOD

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

**MOTION PASSES: 5-0**

**Motion to Appoint Cassandra Walker for Highland Park Public School Academy System Board of Directors President for a Term of One Year**

President Harris entertained a motion to appoint Cassandra Walker for Highland Park Public School Academy System Board of Directors President for a term of one year, so moved by Vice-President Spight-White, seconded by Member Sanford.

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

**MOTION PASSES: 5-0**

**The Oath of Public Office**

Newly appointed BOD President Cassandra Bates repeated the Oath of Public Office and will repeat the oath again in-person and sign the Oath of Office with the district board before the next BOE meeting.

**Motion to Adopt the Removal and Appointment of the Highland Park Public School Academy Board of Directors Resolution**

President Harris entertained a motion to adopt the removal and appointment of the Highland Park Public School Academy Board of Directors resolution, so moved by Vice President Spight-White, seconded by Member Price.

**Discussion:** Attorney Kevin Smith explained the resolution

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

**MOTION PASSES: 5-0**

**BOARD OF EDUCATION AFFAIRS & COMMENTS**

CEO Gibson stated that Anistia Thomas would be interim BOD President until other members are chosen.

**Public Comments (3 Minutes Only)**

Alexis Ramsey would like to speak in front of the BOE September at the next business meeting about Lansing.

Jason Patton explained his side of the story on what transpired between himself and Vice-President Spight-White.

**ADJOURNMENT** –

President Harris entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:44 PM, so moved by Member Sanford, seconded by Vice-President Spight-White.

*Confirmation of the next HPSD BOE Business Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, September 7, 2022 at 6:00p.m. at Barber Preparatory Academy in the Media Center.*

Respectfully submitted: Cheryl Sanford, Board Secretary.