



The School District of the City of Highland Park **12.13.2022**

**REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

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

Tuesday, December 13, 2022
6:00PM

APPROVED MINUTES

● **CALL TO ORDER** –

Meeting was called to order by President Shamayim Harris @ 6:06 PM

● **ROLL CALL** –

Present: Mark Ashley Price, Member / Anthony Askew, Member/ Lorne McGee, Treasurer / Linda G. Wheeler, Member / Cheryl Sanford, Secretary / Janet Spight -White, Vice President/ Shamayim Harris, President

QUORUM

MOMENT OF REFLECTION

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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

Certified Results of the November 8,2022 General Election

● **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 Wheeler, seconded by Vice-President Spight-White.

Discussion: None.

Roll call vote: Mark Ashley Price – Yes, Anthony Askew – Yes, Linda Wheeler – Yes, Cheryl Sanford – Yes, Lorne McGee – Yes, Janet Spight-White – Yes, Shamayim Harris—Yes
MOTION PASSES: 7-0

● **PUBLIC COMMENTS (Agenda Items 3 Minutes Only)** – None

● **Presentation(s) (10 Minutes)**

Dr. Denyse Porter Jones- Grant Writer

APPROVE MEETING MINUTES

Motion to Approve November 10, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes:

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

Discussion: None

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

MOTION PASSES: 7-0

Motion to Approve December 6, 2022 Special Meeting Minutes:

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

Discussion: None

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

MOTION PASSES: 7-0

● **DISTRICT DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

Finances

Alan C. Young & Associates, P.C.

Alan C. Young, CPA

(Presenter: Luska German, FCCA)

- Presentation of September 2022

Luska German reported on district financial statements, cash position fund balances deficit reductions and debt payments for November 2022 and answered questions.

Public Relations & Marketing

Edge Marketing Firm

Lori Rishar, Director of Public Relations & Marketing

(Presenter: Gianna Ferraro)

- Gianna Ferraro presented November 2022 updates to website, marketing activity and social media engagement, community photos, and Parker Village magazine.

Education & Charter School Compliance

Zakia Gibson, Ed.D., Chief Education Officer

- CEO and Charter School Compliance Report
CEO Gibson presented reports on Epicenter, Huntington Bank financial contribution, upcoming holiday events

6:33 PM- Member Sanford exited

6:35PM- Member Sanford returned

Anistia Thomas, HPPSAS BOD President

- HPPSAS Board of Directors Update

Pam Farris, ACCEL Schools & Interim BPA Principal

- Barber Preparatory Academy Update
Pamela Farris discussed student academic assessments and BPA events

6:50 PM- CEO Gibson exited

6:52 PM- CEO Gibson returned

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

Finance Committee Report

Chairperson: Lorne McGee

Member McGee discussed budget performance, operating debt, financial repayment of debts, and investments

Highland Park School District High School Sub-Committee and Community Advisory Report

Chairperson: Anthony Askew

Updated Members on the high school project

8:41 PM- Member Price exited

8:45 PM- Member Price returned

Board Policy and Bylaws Sub-Committee Report

Chairperson: Janet Spight-White

Reported on policies and bylaws

Fundraising Committee

Chairperson: Linda Wheeler

Reported on the Joy of a Toy Event

- **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Proposed BOE Procedures, Policies, and Bylaws Amendments

Attorney Kevin Smith will review

● **NEW BUSINESS**

Motion to Approve November 2022 Financial Statements

President Harris entertained a motion to approve the November 2022 financial statements, so Moved by Vice-President Spight-White, seconded by Member Wheeler.

Discussion: None

9:34PM- Member McGee exited

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

MOTION PASSES: 7-0

Motion to Approve the Lease Renewal for 2 years

President Harris entertained a motion to approve the lease renewal for 2 years, so moved by Member Wheeler, seconded by Member Price.

Discussion: None

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

MOTION PASSES: 7-0

Motion to Increase BOE Monthly Stipend to \$100.00 per Month for all Meetings

President Harris entertained a motion to increase the BOE monthly stipend to \$100.00 per month for all meetings, so Moved by Member Wheeler, seconded by Member Sanford.

Discussion: None

9:34PM- Member McGee exited

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

MOTION PASSES: 6-0

Motion to Change The Title of Secretary to Executive Assistant and Office Manager

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

Discussion: None

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

MOTION PASSES: 6-0

9:37 PM- Member McGee returned

Motion to Transition the District Office to Operate By Appointment Only, Including BOE Members

President Harris entertained a motion to transition the District Office to by appointment only, so moved by Member Wheeler seconded by Vice-President Spight-White.

Discussion: Members discussion the reason wanting the change

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

MOTION PASSES: 7-0

Motion to Change the BOE Catering Company to Three Sisters Café

President Harris entertained a motion to change the BOE catering company to Three Sisters Café, so moved by Vice-President Spight-White, seconded by Member Wheeler.

Discussion: None

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

MOTION PASSES: 7-0

Motion to Approve Dr. Denyse Porter Jones as Grant Writer

President Harris entertained a motion to approve Dr. Denyse Porter Jones as grant writer, so moved by Member Askew, Seconded by Member McGee.

Discussion: None **Roll Call Vote:** Mark Price- **Yes**, Anthony Askew -**Yes**, Linda Wheeler-**Yes**, Lorne McGee- **Yes**, Cheryl Sanford-**Yes**, Vice-President Janet Spight-White- **Yes**, Shamayim Harris-**Yes**

MOTION PASSES: 7-0

Motion to Negotiate the Purchase Price and Earnest Money Down of 20/30 Bartlett (added by Member Askew)

President Harris entertained a motion to negotiate the purchase price and earnest money down of 20/30 Bartlett

Discussion: BOE members debated the pros/cons of this decision.

MOTION TABLED

Motion to Go Into Recess

President Harris entertained a motion to go into recess

Discussion: None

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

MOTION PASSES: 7-0

BOARD OF EDUCATION AFFAIRS & COMMENTS

Member Price discussed Doris Harris issue

PUBLIC COMMENTS (3 COMMENTS)

None

● **ADJOURNMENT** –

President Harris entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:17 PM, so moved by Member Askew, and seconded by Member Wheeler.

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

MOTION PASSES: 7-0

Respectfully submitted: Cheryl Sanford, Board Secretary.