



**SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

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

Tuesday, December 6, 2022
6:00PM

APPROVED MINUTES

• **CALL TO ORDER** –

Meeting was called to order by President Shamayim Harris @ 7:37 PM

• **ROLL CALL** –

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

Absent: Anthony Askew, Member

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

None.

• **APPROVE SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA**

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

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

MOTION PASSES: 6-0

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

• **New Business**

Motion to Approve the Acquisition of the 20/30 Bartlett Property

President Harris entertained a motion to approve the acquisition of the 20/30 Bartlett property, so moved by Vice-President Spight-White, seconded by Member Price.

Discussion: Members discussed the Ford School and 20/30 Bartlett property

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

MOTION PASSES: 6-0

Motion to Adopt BOE Procedures, Policies, and Bylaws Amendments

President Harris entertained a motion to adopt BOE procedures, policies, and bylaws, so moved by Member Wheeler, seconded by Member Price.

Discussion: Members asked for more clarity on these matters and suggested this motion be tabled. Based on the discussion, Vice-President White moved to rescind the motion until further could be provided, seconded by Member Wheeler.

Roll call vote: None

Motion to Rescind the Adoption of BOE Procedures, Policies, and Bylaws Amendments

Vice-President White moved to rescind the motion until further information could be provided, seconded by Member Wheeler.

Discussion: None

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

MOTION PASSES: 6-0

Motion to Approve Issuance of A Resolution for Ruth Harlin

President Harris entertained a motion to approve issuance of a resolution for Ruth Harlin, so moved by Member Wheeler. Seconded by Member McGee.

Discussion: Members discussed what credentials determine who receives a resolution

8:42 PM- Member McGee exited

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

8:45 PM- Member McGee returned

MOTION PASSES: 5-0

Motion to Take Attorney Recommended Resolve Regarding Doris Harris HPPSAS BOD Laptop

President Harris entertained a motion to take attorney recommended resolve regarding Doris Harris HPPSAS BOD laptop, so moved by Member Sanford, seconded by Member Wheeler.

Discussion: Members discussed what action to take with Attorney Kevin Smith before Doris Harris is seated in January

8:45 PM- President Harris exited

8:47 PM- President Harris returned

8:52 PM- Member Price exited

8:56 PM- Member Price returned

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

MOTION PASSES: 6-0

Motion to Donate \$4000 to Parker Pride for the HP Holiday Tree and Decorations

President Harris entertained a motion for the BOE to donate \$4000 to Parker Pride for the HP holiday tree and tree and decorations.

Discussion: Members discussed the tradition of the tree lighting, the cost, and other options.

Mike Curis and Mark Thomas (20/30 Bartlett owners) donated \$4000 to Parker Pride

Member Wheeler rescinded the motion to donate \$4000 to Parker Pride for the HP Holiday Tree and Decorations

Roll Call Vote: None

BOARD OF EDUCATION AFFAIRS & COMMENTS

Board of Education members thanked Mike Curis and Mark Thomas for their donation.

Member Price expressed his admiration for President Harris and the City Council.

PUBLIC COMMENTS (3 MINUTES ONLY)

Highland Park Community member, Ms. Chambers spoke about the hard work of the BOE

Mike Curis and Mark Thomas thanked the BOE for the purchase of 20/30 Bartlett and want to donate \$200,000 to the children of Highland Park, Michigan.

• ADJOURNMENT –

President Harris entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:28 PM, so moved by, seconded by Vice-President Spight-White, seconded by Member Wheeler.

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

MOTION PASSES: 6-0

Respectfully submitted: Cheryl Sanford, Board Secretary.