



School District of the City of Highland Park **1.17.2023**

**REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

Held at: 45 East BuenaVista
Highland Park, MI 48203-3322

Tuesday, January 17, 2023
6:00PM

APPROVED MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order by President Askew @ 6:13PM

ROLL CALL –

Present: Mark Ashley Price, Member /Doris Harris, Member/ / Linda G. Wheeler, Member /
Secretary & Sergeant-at Arms/ Lorne McGee, Treasurer/ Janet Spight -White, Vice President/
Anthony Askew, President

QUORUM

MOMENT OF REFLECTION

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

President Askew will develop a message.

COMMUNICATIONS

None.

APPROVE MEETING AGENDA

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

Discussion: None.

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

MOTION PASSES: 7-0

PUBLIC COMMENTS (Agenda Items 3 Minutes Only) – None
Khursheed Ash-Shafii inquired about the Doris Harris BOD laptop situation

PRESENTATION(S) (10 MINUTES)
None

APPROVE MEETING MINUTES

President Askew entertained a motion to approve the meeting minutes, so moved by Vice-President Spight-White, seconded by Member Price.

Discussion: None.

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

MOTION PASSES: 7-0

DISTRICT DEPARTMENT REPORTS AND INFORMATION

FINANCES

Alan c. Young & Associates, P.C.

Alan C. Young, CPA

(Presenter: Luska German, FCCA)

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

PUBLIC RELATIONS & MARKETING

Edge Marketing Firm

Lorri Rishar, Director of Public Relations & Marketing

(Presenter: Gianna Ferraro)

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

EDUCATION & CHARTER SCHOOL COMPLIANCE AND BUSINESS OPERATIONS

Zakia Gibson, Ed.D., Chief Education Officer

- CEO and Charter Compliance Report

Anistia Thomas, HPPSAS BOD President

- HPPSAS Board of Directors Update – Did not present

Pam Farris, VP ACCEL Schools

BPA Interim Principal

- Barber Preparatory Academy Update – Did not present

BOARD OF EDUCATION SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance Committee Report

Chairperson: Lorne McGee

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

Highland Park High School Sub-Committee and Community Advisory Report

Chairperson: Anthony Askew

President Askew

Board Policy and Bylaws Sub-Committee Report

Chairperson: Janet Spight-White

Activities and Fundraising Sub-Committee Report

Chairperson: Linda Wheeler

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Separate Resolutions to Amend Bylaws Proposed (second presentation for consideration and vote) ;
- To negotiate the price for 20/30 Bartlett and the Amount of the Earnest Money Down;
- Discuss the letter and resolve regarding Doris Harris HPPSAS BOD laptop;

NEW BUSINESS

Motion to Approve December 2022 Financial Statements

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

Discussion: None.

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

MOTION PASSES: 7-0

7:28PM- Member Price exited

7:31 PM- Member Price returned

Motion to Approve 20/30 Purchase Agreement (As Written)

President Askew entertained a motion to approve 20/30 Bartlett Purchase Agreement, so moved by Member Price, seconded by Vice-President Spight-White.

Discussion: Board of Education members discussed their views

Roll call vote: Mark Ashley Price – **Yes**, Doris Harris- **No**, Linda Wheeler – **Yes**, Cheryl Sanford-**Yes**, Lorne McGee – **No**, Janet Spight-White- **Yes**, Anthony Askew-**No**

MOTION PASSES: 4-3

Motion to Approve the FY2022 Amended Budget

President Askew entertained a motion to approve the FY2022 amended budget, so moved by Vice-President Spight-White, seconded by Member McGee.

Discussion: None.

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

MOTION PASSES: 7-0

8:05PM- Member McGee exited

8:08PM- Member McGee returned

Motion to Approve the Resolution Censoring Doris Harris (Amended)

President Askew entertained a motion to approve the resolution censoring Doris Harris, so moved by Vice President Spight-White, seconded by Member McGee.

Motion to approve Doris Harris to use a BOE laptop during the Meetings and to pay \$50 for 14 months or \$100 for 7 months, to pay off the BOD laptop, and to remove item 3 from the Resolution

Vice-President Spight-White amended a motion to approve Doris Harris to use a BOE laptop during the meetings, to be returned after each meeting, and to pay \$50 for 14 months or \$100 for 7 months, to pay off the BOD laptop, and to remove item 3 from the Resolution, so moved by Vice-President Spight-White, seconded by Member McGee.

Discussion: Members discussed different options and asked questions for clarification to CEO Gibson and Attorney Robert Gavin. BOD President Harris will respond in writing regarding due to the legal components.

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

MOTION PASSES: 7-0

For the Record: CEO Gibson will contact the BOD’s attorney and inform them that the laptop matter has been resolved.

Motion to Change the BOE Meeting Catering Company to Three Sisters Café

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

Discussion: None.

Roll call vote: Mark Ashley Price – Yes, Doris Harris- Yes, Linda Wheeler – Yes, Cheryl Sanford – No, Lorne McGee – Yes, Janet Spight-White- Yes, Anthony Askew-Yes

MOTION PASSES: 6-1

Motion to Select a HPSD/HPPSAS Combined Special Meeting Date to Interview Prospective BOD Candidates on January 25th @ 6 PM

President Askew entertained a motion to select a HPSD/HPPSAS combined meeting to interview Prospective BOD candidates, so moved by Member Price , seconded by Vice-President Spight-White.

Discussion: Board members asked questions about the process and CEO provided clarification

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

MOTION PASSES: 7-0

BYLAWS

0132.1 Selection of Chief Administrative Officer

Motion to Approve Selection of Chief Administrative Officer 0132.1

President Askew entertained a motion to approve the selection of Chief Administrative Officer, so moved by Vice-President Spight-White, seconded Member Wheeler.

Discussion: Member Harris asked for clarity and Attorney Gavin explained.

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

MOTION PASSES: 7-0

0142.3 Term

Motion to Approve A Term of Six (6) Years Effective As of The Next Regular November School Election After January 1, 2023, to Fill The Position of Board Members Whose Term Will Expire, And Each Election Thereafter

President Askew entertained a motion to approve a term of six (6) years effective as of the next regular November school election after January 1, 2023, to fill the position of board members whose term will expire, and each election thereafter, so moved by Member Wheeler, and seconded by Vice-President Spight-White.

Discussion: None.

Roll call vote: Mark Ashley Price – **Yes**, Doris Harris- **No**, Linda Wheeler – **Yes**, Cheryl Sanford – **No**, Lorne McGee – **No**, Janet Spight-White- **Yes**, Anthony Askew-**No**

MOTION PASSES: 4-3

0142.6 Recall and Removal

Motion to Approve Recall of Any Member of the Board Pursuant to M.C.L. 168.951 et seq. and Any Member of the Board May be Removed by the Governor of the State Pursuant to M.C.L. 380.1107 et seq.

President Askew entertained a motion to approve the recall of any board member pursuant to M.C.L. 168.951 et seq. and any member of the board may be removed by the Governor of the state pursuant to M.C.L. 380.1107 et seq., so moved by Member Wheeler, seconded by Member Price.

Discussion: None.

Roll call vote: Mark Ashley Price – **Yes**, Doris Harris- **No**, Linda Wheeler – **Yes**, Cheryl Sanford – **Yes**, Lorne McGee **Yes**, Janet Spight-White- **Yes**, Anthony Askew-**Yes**

MOTION PASSES: 6-1

0144.5 Censure

Motion to Censure A Board Member by A Two-Thirds Vote For Violating These Bylaws,Policies, or

Procedures of the Board, State, or Federal Law, or Otherwise Acting in A Manner Inconsistent With the Duties And Responsibilities of Board Member

President Askew entertained a motion to approve the censuring of a board member by a two-thirds vote for violating these bylaws, policies, or procedures of the board, state, or federal law, or otherwise acting in a manner inconsistent with the duties and responsibilities of a board member, so moved by Vice-President Spight-White, seconded by Member Wheeler.

Discussion: None.

Roll call vote: Mark Ashley Price – Yes, Doris Harris- No, Linda Wheeler – Yes, Cheryl Sanford – Yes, Lorne McGee – Yes, Janet Spight-White- Yes, Anthony Askew-Yes

MOTION PASSES: 6-1

0144.1 Compensation

Motion to Approve HPSD BOE Meeting Compensation

President Askew entertained a motion to approve HPSD BOE meeting compensation to \$100 per month as compensation for services, so moved by Member Wheeler, seconded by Vice-President Spight-White.

Discussion: None.

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

MOTION PASSES: 7-0

0151 Organizational Meeting

Motion to Approve That the HPSD BOE Shall Organize Annually Not Earlier Than January 2nd Immediately Following an Election Held on A November Election Date and Not Later Than the 2nd Tuesday in January for A Meeting of That Purpose

President Askew entertained a motion to approve that the HPSD BOE organize annually not earlier than January 2nd immediately following an election held on a November election date and not later than the 2nd Tuesday in January for a meeting of that purpose, so moved by Vice-President Spight-White, seconded by Member Harris.

Discussion: None.

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

MOTION PASSES: 7-0

BOARD OF EDUCATION AFFAIRS & COMMENTS

Mark Ashley Price – MASB Workshop Attendance Request- Withdrawn

PUBLIC COMMENTS (3 Minutes Only)

Khursheed Ash-Shafii- HPSD BOE concerns

Alexis Ramsey -HPSD BOE concerns

ADJOURNMENT

President Askew entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:01 PM, so moved by, seconded by

Vice-President Spight-White, seconded by Member Wheeler.

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

MOTION PASSES: 7-0

Respectfully submitted: Cheryl Sanford, Board Secretary.