



The School District of the City of Highland Park **12.30.2022**

**SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

Held at: 12360 Woodward Ave.
Highland Park, MI 48203-3322

Friday, December 30, 2022
1:00PM

APPROVED MINUTES

• **CALL TO ORDER** –

Meeting was called to order by President Shamayim Harris @ 1:15 PM

• **ROLL CALL** –

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

Absent: Anthony Askew, Member

QUORUM

MOMENT OF REFLECTION

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

President Harris recited message on putting children first.

COMMUNICATIONS

Shifman & Carlson – Letter of Engagement of Legal Services

McPhail-Stockdale, PLLC – Letter of Engagement of Legal Services

• **APPROVE SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA**

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

• **PUBLIC COMMENTS (Agenda Items Only 3 Minutes)** –

Ms. Thomas asked if there would be discussion about Bylaws.

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• OLD BUSINESS

Resolution to Amend Bylaws Proposed (first presentation for consideration)

President Harris entertained a motion to approve resolution to amend bylaws proposed (first presentation for consideration), so moved by Vice-President Spight-White, seconded by Member Sanford.

Discussion: Members asked questions and Attorney Kevin A. Smith explained.

Motion to Break Up Bylaws Separately and to Vote Individually at Next HPSD BOE Regular Meeting (Added)

Vice-President Spight-White added this motion, seconded by Member Sanford.

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

PRESENTATIONS

LaShanda Thomas -Clairmount Group

Robert Gavin- Shifman & Carlson

Christina McPhail- Stockdale- McPhail-Stockdale, PLLC.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion to Approve the FY 2022 Audit

President Harris entertained a motion to approve the FY 2022, so moved by Vice-President Spight-White, seconded by Member McGee.

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 Select McPhail-Stockdale, PLLC as Legal Counsel

President Harris entertained a motion to select McPhail-Stockdale as legal counsel, so moved by Member Sanford, seconded by Member Wheeler.

Discussion: Members asked questions

Roll Call Vote: Mark Ashley Price – No, Linda Wheeler – Yes, Cheryl Sanford – Yes, Lorne McGee – No, Janet Spight-White – No, Shamayim Harris—No

MOTION FAILS: 2-4

Motion to Select Shifman & Carlson as Legal Counsel

President Harris entertained a motion to select Shifman & Carlson as legal counsel, so moved by Vice-President Spight-White, seconded by Member McGee.

Discussion: None

Roll Call Vote: Mark Ashley Price – No, Linda Wheeler – No, Cheryl Sanford – No, Lorne McGee- No, Janet Spight-White – Yes, Shamayim Harris—Yes

MOTION FAILS: 2-4

Motion to Select Shifman & Carlson as Legal Counsel (Re-Vote)

President Harris entertained a motion to select Shifman & Carlson as legal counsel, so moved by Vice-President Spight-White, seconded by Member McGee.

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Discussion: None

Roll Call Vote: Mark Ashley Price – **No**, Linda Wheeler – **No**, Cheryl Sanford – **No**, Lorne McGee- **Yes**, Janet Spight-White – **Yes**, Shamayim Harris—**Yes**

MOTION FAILS: 3-3

Motion to Select Shifman & Carlson as Legal Counsel (Re-Vote 2)

President Harris entertained a motion to select Shifman & Carlson as legal counsel, so moved by Vice-President Spight-White, seconded by Member McGee.

Discussion: None

Roll Call Vote: Mark Ashley Price – **No**, Linda Wheeler – **No**, Cheryl Sanford – **No**, Lorne McGee- **Yes**, Janet Spight-White – **Yes**, Shamayim Harris—**Yes**

MOTION FAILS: 3-3

Motion to Select Shifman & Carlson as Legal Counsel (Re-Vote 3)

Member Sanford made a motion to select Shifman & Carlson as legal counsel, so moved by Member Sanford seconded by Vice-President Spight-White.

Discussion: None

Roll Call Vote: Mark Ashley Price – **No**, Linda Wheeler – **No**, Cheryl Sanford – **Yes**, Lorne McGee- **Yes**, Janet Spight-White – **Yes**, Shamayim Harris—**Yes**

MOTION PASSESS: 4-3

BOARD OF EDUCATION AFFAIRS & COMMENTS

BOE members comment on their experiences on the BOE as the year comes to a close

PUBLIC COMMENTS (3 MINUTES ONLY)

Luska German- thanked Attorney Kevin A.Smith

Angela Thomas- Questions about Parker Pride, Nepotism, and Policies

Robert Gavin- Looking forward with working with BOE

Christina McPhail- Stockdale- Thankful for the opportunity

Doris Harris- Addressed the BOE with questions

• ADJOURNMENT –

President Harris entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:41 PM, so moved by Member Wheeler, seconded by Member McGee.

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.