



The School District of the City of Highland Park **3.14.2023**

**REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

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

Tuesday, March 14, 2023
6:00PM

APPROVED MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order by President Askew @ 6:02 PM

ROLL CALL –

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

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 Member Harris, seconded by Member Sanford.

Discussion: None.

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

MOTION PASSES: 4-3

PUBLIC COMMENTS (Agenda Items 3 Minutes Only) – None

PRESENTATION(S) (10 MINUTES)

Summit Commercial Creative Real Estate Solutions

Bunia Parker- Principal Owner

APPROVE MEETING MINUTES

President Askew entertained a motion to approve the February 14, 2023, Regular Meeting Minutes, so moved by Member Harris, seconded by Member McGee.

Discussion: None.

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

MOTION PASSES: 6-1

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 February 2023 and answered questions.

7:16 PM- Member Sanford exited

7:18 PM- Member Sanford returned

PUBLIC RELATIONS & MARKETING

Edge Marketing Firm

Lorri Rishar, Director of Public Relations & Marketing

(Presenter: Lorri Rishar)

- Lorri Rishar presented February 2023 updates to website, marketing activity, social media engagement, memorial page, 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

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 ACH deposits.

Highland Park High School Sub-Committee and Community Advisory Report

Chairperson: Anthony Askew

President Askew discussed 20/30 Bartlett updates and will update the BOE on the Hamilton Building at the next meeting.

Board Policy and Bylaws Sub-Committee Report

Chairperson: Janet Spight-White

Member Spight-White discussed the BOE Code of Conduct,

Activities and Fundraising Sub-Committee Report

Chairperson: Linda Wheeler

Member Wheeler discussed honoring students who had the highest grades, were most improved, and electing Goodwill Ambassadors.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Proposed Broker Representation Agreement
2023 Behind the Scenes at the Capitol Participation: and
BPA Security Plans

NEW BUSINESS

Motion to Approve February 2023 Financial Statements

President Askew entertained a motion to approve February 2023 financial statements, so moved by Member Harris, seconded by Member McGee.

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

Motion to Approve Insurance Proposal and Renewal

President Askew entertained a motion to approve insurance proposal and renewal, so moved by Member Harris, seconded by Vice-President Spight-White.

Discussion: Board of Education members discussed their views.

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

Motion to Approve the HPSD CEO to Proceed with the Planning and Development for the BPA

Facility Security Renovations

President Askew entertained a motion to approve the HPSD CEO to proceed with the planning and development for the BPA facility security renovations, so moved by Vice-President Spight-White, seconded by Member Wheeler.

Discussion: Board of Education members discussed their views.

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

Motion for Anthony Askew, Janet Spight-White, Lorne McGee, Cheryl Sanford, Linda Wheeler, Mark Ashely Price, and Doris Harris to Participate in the MASB 2023 Behind the Scenes at the Capitolon 4-19-2023

President Askew entertained a motion for Anthony Askew, Janet Spight-White, Lorne McGee, Cheryl Sanford, Linda Wheeler, Mark Ashely Price, and Doris Harris to participate in the MASB 2023 Behind the Scenes at the Capitol on 4-19-2023, so moved by Member Harris, seconded by Member Price.

Discussion: Board of Education members discussed their views.

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

Motion to Close the District Office on 4-19-2023 for Staff to Participate in the MASB 2023 Behind the Scenes at the Capitol

President Askew entertained a motion to close the District Office on 4-19-2023 for staff to participate in the MASB 2023 Behind the Scenes at the Capitol, so moved by Member Harris, seconded by Member Price.

Discussion: Board of Education members discussed their views.

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

Motion to approve the BPA Restroom Renovation Plans

President Askew entertained a motion to approve the BPA restroom renovation plans, so moved by Member Sanford, motion not seconded.

Motion to Take A 7- Minute Recess @ 8:07 PM

Member Wheeler moved to take a 7-minute recess, seconded by Vice-President Spight-White.

Discussion: BOE members discussed the motion.

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-No

MOTION PASSES: 5-2

Motion for the BOE Members to Vote on the Establishment of the Various Sub-Committees at the Organizational Meeting

President Askew entertained a motion for the BOE members to vote on the establishment of the various sub-committees at the Organizational meeting

Discussion: Members asked questions and expressed their views.

Roll call vote: None.

MOTION: TABLED

Motion for the BOE Members to Select the Membership of the Sub-committees at the Organizational Meeting

President Askew entertained a motion for the BOE members to select the membership of the sub-committees at the Organizational Meeting

Discussion: Board members asked questions and expressed their views.

Roll call vote: None.

MOTION: TABLED

Motion to Form a Community and School Sub-Committee

President Askew entertained a motion to form a Community and School sub-committee, so moved by Member Harris, seconded by Vice-President Spight-White.

Discussion: Board members discussed. Member Harris is open to changing the name to the Community Outreach Sub-Committee.

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

Motion to Form a Traditionally Operated School District Research Sub-Committee

President Askew entertained a motion to form a traditionally operated school district research sub-committee, so moved by Member Harris, seconded by Member Harris.

Discussion: Board members discussed the motion and decided to make this sub-committee an ad-hoc.

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

Motion to Change the High School Sub-Committee Name to the Educational Planning and Expansion Sub-Committee

President Askew entertained a motion to change the High School Sub-Committee name to the Educational Planning and Expansion Sub-Committee, so moved by Member Harris, seconded by Vice-President Spight-White.

Discussion: Board members discussed this motion.

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

MOTION PASSES: 4-3

Motion to Make the Sergeant-at-Arms One Position Separated From the Secretary Role

President Askew entertained a motion to make the Sergeant-at-Arms one position separated from the secretary role, so moved by Member Harris, seconded by Vice-President Spight-White.

Discussion: Board members discussed this motion. Member Wheeler would like to table.

MOTION: TABLED

Motion to Proceed with the Solardarity Solar Light Installation at BPA

President Askew entertained a motion to proceed with the Solardarity solar light installation at BPA, so moved by Member Harris, seconded by no one.

Discussion: None.

MOTION: FAILED

Motion to Proceed with DTE for Lighting Installation at BPA

President Askew entertained a motion to proceed with DTE for lighting installation at BPA, so moved by Member Harris, 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

Motion to Hire Broker Services

President Askew entertained a motion to hire broker services, so moved by Member Harris, seconded by Member McGee.

Discussion: Board of Education members asked questions and discussed their views.

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

MOTION PASSES: 4-3

Motion to Approve the Exclusive Representation Agreement for the Engagement of Broker Services of Summit Commercial

President Askew entertained a motion to approve the Exclusive Representation Agreement for the engagement of broker Services of Summit Commercial, so moved by Member Harris, seconded by Member McGee.

Discussion: Board of Education members asked questions and discussed their views.

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

MOTION PASSES: 4-3

Motion to Approve Luxury Transportation Van to Behind the Scenes at the Capitol on April 19, 2023

President Askew entertained a motion to approve luxury transportation van to Behind the scenes at the Capitol on April 19, 2023, so moved by Vice President Spight-White, seconded by Member Price.

Discussion: Board of Education members asked questions and discussed their views.

MOTION; TABLED

Board of Education Affairs & Comments

Mark Ashley Price- Would like to withdraw his motion to invite Hill Harper to BPA

Linda Wheeler- Expressed her praises on the Mark Ashley Price’s community involvement.

Public Comments (3 Minutes Only)

None

Confirmation of the Next Scheduled Meetings

Business Meeting: Tuesday, April 4, 2023 @ 6:00PM

Regular Meeting: Wednesday, April 12, 2023 @ 6:00PM

ADJOURNMENT

President Askew entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:46 PM, so moved by Member Harris, seconded by Member Sanford.

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.