



**REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

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

Tuesday, April 12, 2023  
6:00PM

**APPROVED MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting was called to order by President Askew @ 6:03 PM

**ROLL CALL** –

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

**QUORUM**

**MOMENT OF REFLECTION**

**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

President Askew discussed respecting one another.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

None.

**APPROVE MEETING AGENDA**

President Askew entertained a motion to approve the meeting agenda, so moved by Member Harris, seconded by Member Price.

**Discussion:** Board members spoke about the Soulardarity packet and DTE.

**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

**PRESENTATION(S) (10 MINUTES)**

None

**APPROVE MEETING MINUTES**

President Askew entertained a motion to approve the March 14, 2023, Regular Meeting Minutes, 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**

President Askew entertained a motion to approve the March 28, 2023, Special Meeting Minutes, so moved by Member Harris, seconded by Member McGee.

**Discussion:** None.

**Roll call vote:** Mark Ashley Price – **Yes**, Doris Harris- **Yes**, Linda Wheeler – **Abstain**, 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 March 2023 and answered questions.

**Public Relations & Marketing**

Edge Marketing Firm

Lorri Rishar, Director of Public Relations & Marketing

(Presenter: Lorri Rishar)

- Lorri Rishar presented March updates to website, marketing activity, social media engagement, memorial page, community photos, and Parker Village magazine at the business meeting on April 4, 2023.

**EDUCATION & CHARTER SCHOOL COMPLIANCE AND BUSINESS**

Zakia Gibson, Ed. D., Chief Education Officer

- CEO and Charter School Compliance Update

Anistia Thomas, HPPSAS BOD President

- HPPSAS Board of Directors Update (did not present)

Pam Farris, VP ACCEL School

BPA Interim Principal

- Barber Preparatory Academy March/April 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 School District Educational Planning and Expansion 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.

Community Outreach Sub-Committee Report

Chairperson: Doris Harris

Traditionally Operated School District Research Ad-Hoc Sub-Committee Report

Chairperson: Doris Harris

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

2023 Behind the Scenes at the Capitol Transportation  
HPSD Expansion Building Discussion; and  
Insurance Renewal Rates

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Motion to Approve March 2023 Financial Statements**

President Askew entertained a motion to approve March 2023 financial statements, so moved by Member Harris, 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***

**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, seconded by Member Price.

**Discussion:** Board of Education members asked questions about the plans and 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 Update the Motion to Approve Pre-payment for Uber Transportation to the Behind the Scenes at the Capitol on April 19, 2023, for All Participants**

President Askew entertained a motion to approve pre-payment for uber transportation to Behind the Scenes at the Capitol on April 19, 2023, for all participants, 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 Purchase BPA Drumline and Pom-Pom Uniforms for Students**

President Askew entertained a motion to purchase BPA drumline and pom-pom uniform for students, so moved by Member Harris, seconded by Member Wheeler.

**Discussion:** Board of Education members asked questions and 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 Establish a BOE Sub-committee to Rehabilitate the BPA Natatorium**

President Askew entertained a motion to establish a BOE sub-committee to rehabilitate the BPA natatorium, so moved by Vice-President Spight-White, seconded by Member Price.

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

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

**MOTION FAILS: 1-6**

**Motion to Go into Recess @ 10:30 PM**

President Harris entertained a motion to go into recess @ 10:30PM, so moved by Member McGee, seconded by Member Harris.

**Discussion:** None

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

Linda Wheeler- Absent

**MOTION PASSES: 6-1**

**Motion to Return from Recess @ 10:40 PM**

President Harris entertained a motion to return from recess @ 10:40PM, so moved by Member McGee, 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**

**Motion to Financially Sponsor Mark Ashley Price to Participate in the MASB Spring Institute**

President Askew entertained a motion to financially sponsor Mark Ashley Price to participate in the MASB Spring Institute, so moved by Vice-President Spight White, seconded by Member Wheeler.

**Discussion:** BOE members discussed the motion.

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

**MOTION PASSES: 4-3**

**Motion to Reserve a Float in the Michigan Week Parade for the BOE and District for \$1000.00**

President Askew entertained a motion to reserve a float in the Michigan Week Parade for the BOE and District for \$1000.00, so moved by Vice-President Spight-White, seconded by Member Wheeler.

**Discussion:** BOE members discussed the motion.

**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 FAILS: 3-4**

**Motion to Reconsider the two (2) Sub-committees (Community Outreach Sub-Committee and Traditionally Operated School District Research Ad-Hoc Sub-Committee) Until Missions and Goals are Established**

President Askew entertained a motion to reconsider the two (2) Sub-committees (Community Outreach Sub-Committee and Traditionally Operated School District Research Ad-Hoc Sub-Committee) until missions and goals are established, so moved by Member Wheeler, seconded by Member Price.

**Discussion:** Members asked questions and expressed their views.

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

**MOTION FAILS: 2-5**

**Motion to Approve the BOE Activities Sub-Committee to Schedule a BOE Retreat for May 24<sup>th</sup> or May 31<sup>st</sup> with a Budget of \$2700.00**

President Askew entertained a motion to approve the BOE Activities Sub-Committee to schedule a BOE Retreat for May 24<sup>th</sup> or May 31<sup>st</sup> with a budget of \$2700.00, 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**

**Amended Motion to Approve Cards and Gift Certificates for 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduates**

President Askew entertained an amended motion to approve cards and gift certificates for 8<sup>th</sup> graduates, so moved by Member Price, seconded by Vice-President Spight-White.

**Discussion:** Board members discussed the motion.

**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 Liability Insurance for 131 Pilgrim Street AKA Ford School**

President Askew entertained a motion to approve the liability insurance for 131 Pilgrim Street

aka Ford School, so moved by Member Harris, 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**

**Board of Education Affairs & Comments**

Member Price- Thanks Member McGee for approving MASB Spring Institute Conference.

Member Wheeler- For the record: It was not her idea to use a luxury van service to travel to the Capitol.

Member Sanford- There needs to be a time limit on the length of the meetings.

Member Harris- Thanks Member Sanford for her position as Secretary & Sergeant

**Public Comments (3 Minutes Only)**

None

**Confirmation of the Next Scheduled Meetings**

Business Meeting: Tuesday, May 2, 2023 @ 6:00PM

Regular Meeting: Wednesday, May 9, 2023 @ 6:00PM

**ADJOURNMENT**

President Askew entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:59 PM, so moved by Member Wheeler, seconded by Member Harris.

**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.