



The School District of the City of Highland Park **5.9.2023**

**REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

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

Tuesday, May 9, 2023
6:00PM

APPROVED MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order by President Askew @ 6:05 PM

ROLL CALL –

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

Absent: Member/ Lorne McGee, Treasurer

QUORUM

MOMENT OF REFLECTION

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

President Askew discussed respecting one another.

6:06 PM- Lorne McGee, Treasurer entered meeting.

COMMUNICATIONS

None.

APPROVE MEETING AGENDA

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

Discussion: Member Sanford would like to make an amendment to the agenda and move Motion 3
under New Business to just under Public Comments, moved by Member Sanford, seconded by Member
Harris. BOE members expressed their views.

Motion to Move Motion 3 up on the Agenda Before Public Comments

President Askew entertained a motion to move Motion 3 up on the agenda before public comments, so moved by Member Sanford, seconded by Member Harris.

Discussion: BOE members 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 Amended Agenda

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

Discussion: BOE members discussed the 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 Approve Limiting Discussion for Each Motion to 3 Minutes per Member Total, Allowing Each Member to Speak at Least Once Initially During Each Motion

President Askew entertained a motion to approve limiting discussion for each motion to 3 minutes per Member total, allowing each member to speak at least once initially during each motion, so moved by Member Sanford, seconded by Member Harris.

Discussion: BOE members expressed their views and discussed the 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

PUBLIC COMMENTS (Agenda Items 3 Minutes Only)

Katherine Joyner -President, McClean Block Club

PRESENTATION(S) (10 MINUTES)

None

APPROVE MEETING MINUTES

President Askew entertained a motion to approve the April 12, 2023, Regular Meeting Minutes, so moved by Member Harris, 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

7:03PM-Member Sanford exited.

7:05PM- Member Sanford returned.

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 April 2023 and answered questions.

7:31PM- Member Price exits

7:34PM- Member Price returns

Public Relations & Marketing

Edge Marketing Firm

Lorri Rishar, Director of Public Relations & Marketing

(Presenter: Lorri Rishar)

- Lorri Rishar presented April updates to website, marketing activity, social media engagement, memorial page, community photos, and Parker Village magazine at the business meeting May 2nd.

7:52PM- Vice-President Spight-White exited.

7:56PM- Vice-President Spight-White returned.

7:58PM- Member McGee exited.

8:02PM- Member McGee returned.

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

Pam Farris, VP ACCEL School

BPA Interim Principal

- Barber Preparatory Academy March/April Update

8:21PM- Member Wheeler exited.

8:28PM- Member Wheeler returned.

BOARD OF EDUCATION SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance Committee Report

Chairperson: Lorne McGee

Member McGee discussed budget performance, operating debt, financial repayment of debts, investments, sinking fund, and bank interest.

Highland Park School District Educational Planning and Expansion Sub-Committee and Community Advisory Report

Chairperson: Anthony Askew

President Askew discussed broker appraisal analysis.

Board Policy and Bylaws Sub-Committee Report

Chairperson: Janet Spight-White

Member Spight-White discussed the CEO evaluation.

9:46PM- Member Price exited.

9:49PM- Member Price returned.

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

None

NEW BUSINESS

Motion to Approve April 2023 Financial Statements

President Askew entertained a motion to approve April 2023 financial statements, 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 Accept the WRESA Proclamation

President Askew entertained a motion to accept the WRESA Proclamation, so moved by Member Harris, seconded by Member Sanford.

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 Add VP Janet Spight-White to the Finance Sub-Committee

President Askew entertained a motion to add VP Janet Spight-White to the Finance Sub-Committee, so moved by Member Wheeler, 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 the Community Outreach Sub-Committee Mother's Day Brunch event to be held on Saturday, May 13, 2023

President Askew entertained a motion to approve the Community Outreach Sub-Committee Mother's Day Brunch event to be held on Saturday, May 13, 2023

Member Price.

Discussion: Board of Education members discussed their views.

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

MOTION FAILS: 3-4

10:34PM- Member McGee exited.

10:36 PM- Member Sanford exited.

10:43PM- Member Sanford returned.

10:43PM- Member McGee returned.

Board of Education Affairs & Comments

None

Closed Session

Attorney Client Privilege

Motion to Go Into A Closed Session

President Askew entertained a motion to go into a closed session, 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 Come Out of Closed Session

President Askew entertained a motion come out of closed session, 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

Confirmation of the Next Scheduled Meetings

Business Meeting: Tuesday, June 6, 2023 @ 6:00PM

Budget Hearing: Tuesday, June 13, 2023 @ 5:00PM

Regular Meeting: Tuesday, June 13, 2023 @ 6:00PM

ADJOURNMENT

President Askew entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:32PM, so moved by Member Harris, seconded by Member Price.

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.