



**REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

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

Tuesday, June 13, 2023
6:00PM

APPROVED MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order by President Askew @ 6:00 PM

ROLL CALL –

Present: Mark Ashley Price, Member /Doris Harris, Member/ Linda G. Wheeler, Member/ 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 apologized to the Board of Education for missing prior meetings and thanked Vice-President Spight-White for presiding during his absence.

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: Member Sanford would like to amend the agenda and add closed session under New Business, so moved by Member Sanford, seconded by Member Price.

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

Motion to Approve the May 9, 2023, Regular Meeting Minutes, May 16, 2023, Special Meeting Minutes, May 26, 2023, Special Meeting Minutes, and June 6, 2023 Special Meeting Minutes

President Askew entertained a motion to approve the May 9, 2023, Regular Meeting minutes, May 16, 2023, Special Meeting minutes, May 26, 2023, Special Meeting minutes, and June 6, 2023 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

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DISTRICT DEPARTMENT REPORTS AND INFORMATION

Finances

Alan c. Young & Associates, P.C.

Alan C. Young, CPA

(Presenter: Luska German, FCCA)

- Q&A May 2023 Financials
- Luska German did not present. CEO Gibson reported on District finances.

Public Relations & Marketing

Edge Marketing Firm

Lorri Rishar, Director of Public Relations & Marketing

(Presenter: Lorri Rishar)

- Q&A May 2023 Communications and Social Media.
- Lorri Rishar presented May updates to website, marketing activity, social media, engagement, community photos, and the new BPA commercial.

Education & Charter School Compliance and Business Operations

Zakia Gibson, Ed.D., Chief Education Officer

- CEO and Charter School Compliance Q&A
- CEO Gibson reported on RFPs and shared the new BPA commercial.
- Attorney Rob Gavin discussed the RFPs.

7:04PM- Member Wheeler exited.

7:09PM- Member Wheeler returned.

7:10PM- Member McGee exited.

7:18PM- Member McGee returned.

Anistia Thomas, HPPSAS BOD President

- HPPSAS Board of Directors May/June Update

Pam Farris, VP ACCEL School

BPA Interim Principal

- Presented @ June 6th business meeting.

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 potential buildings for a high school.

Board Policy and Bylaws Sub-Committee Report

Chairperson: Janet Spight-White

Vice-President Spight-White requested MASB instructor Deb Macon to answer questions by the BOE on voting and other policies.

Activities and Fundraising Sub-Committee Report

Chairperson: Linda Wheeler

Member Wheeler discussed grant writing, Jazzy Jam, and the City Tour, gift cards for BPA graduates.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

HPSD BOE Ethics Policy 0144.2 (J. Spight-White)

NEW BUSINESS

Motion to Approve the FY24 Budget

President Askew entertained a motion to approve the FY24 budget, so moved by Member Harris, seconded by Vice- President Spight-White.

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 May 2023 Financial Statements

President Askew entertained a motion to approve the May 2023 financial statements, so moved by Member Harris, seconded by Vice-President Spight-White.

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 Accept Window Replacement RFP Vendor Sealed Bids

President Askew entertained a motion to accept window replacement RFP vendor sealed bids, so moved by Member Harris, seconded by Vice-President Spight-White.

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

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 Amend the Agenda to Add Motion 6 Approval of the April 2023 Financials From the May 9, 2023 Meeting

President Askew entertained a motion to amend re-vote on the approval the April Financials from the May 9, 2023 meeting, 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 Re-vote on the Approval of the April 2023 Financials From the May 9, 2023 Meeting

President Askew entertained a motion to re-vote on the approval the April Financials from the May 9, 2023 meeting, 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 –**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 April 2023 Financials

President Askew entertained a motion to re-vote on the approval the May 9, 2023 financials, 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 – **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 Go Into Closed Session @ 8:12 PM

President Askew entertained a motion to go into closed session @ 8:12 PM, 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

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President Askew entertained a motion to go into 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 End Closed Session

President Askew entertained a motion to end closed session, 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

Mark Price – Juneteenth: Extended a thank you to friend in the audience.

CEO Zakia Gibson – Invited BOE to District Office

Confirmation of the Next Scheduled Meetings

Business Meeting: Wednesday, July 5, 2023 @ 6:00PM

Organizational Meeting: Tuesday, July 11, 2023 @ 5:00PM

Regular Meeting: Tuesday, July 11, 2023 @ 6:00PM

ADJOURNMENT

President Askew entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:02 PM, so moved by Member Harris, seconded by Member McGee.

Discussion: None

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.