



**ANNUAL ORGANIZATIONAL  
& REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

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

Tuesday, July 11, 2023  
4:00PM

**APPROVED MINUTES**

• **CALL TO ORDER**

CEO Gibson called the meeting to order @ 4:13PM.

• **ROLL CALL**

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

• **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

**Motion to Elect The Slate of Officers From The Previous Year**

Member Sanford made a motion to elect the slate of officers from the previous year, seconded by Member McGee.

**Discussion:** Members discussed the motion.

**Motion to Withdraw The Motion to Elect The Slate of Officers From The Previous Year**

Member Sanford made a motion to withdraw the motion to elect the slate of officers from the previous year, seconded by Member Harris.

**Discussion:** Members discussed the motion.

**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**

*5:45PM-Member Wheeler Exited*

*5:47PM-Member Wheeler Entered*

**Motion to Call the Vote**

Member Harris made a motion to call the vote, seconded by Member Sanford.

**Discussion:** Members discussed the motion.

**Roll call vote:** Mark 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 Elect Member Askew for Board of Education President**

Member Harris made a motion to elect Member Askew for Board of Education President, seconded by Member Sanford.

**Discussion:** Members discussed the motion.

**Roll call vote:** Mark 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**

5:57PM- Member McGee Exited

6:00PM-Member McGee Entered

**Motion to Elect Member Janet Spight-White for Board of Education President**

Member Price made a motion to elect Member Spight-White for Board of Education President, seconded by Member Wheeler.

**Discussion:** Members discussed the motion.

**Roll call vote:** Mark Price- **Yes**, Doris Harris- **No**, Linda Wheeler-**Yes**, Member Sanford-**No**, Member McGee-**Yes**, Janet Spight-White- **Yes**, President Askew-**Yes**

**Motion Fails: 3-4**

President Askew will preside over the remainder of the agenda.

**ELECTION OF REMAINING OFFICERS**

**Motion to Elect Janet Spight-White for Board of Education Vice-President**

President Askew entertained a motion to elect Member Spight-White for Vice-President of the Board of Education, so moved by Member Wheeler, seconded by Member McGee.

**Discussion:** Members discussed the motion.

**Roll call vote:** Mark 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 Elect Linda Wheeler for Board of Education Secretary & Sergeant-at-Arms**

President Askew entertained a motion to elect Member Wheeler as Secretary & Sergeant-at-Arms, so moved by Member Price, seconded by Vice-President Spight-White.

**Discussion:** Members discussed the motion.

**Roll call vote:** Mark 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 Elect Cheryl Sanford for Board of Education Secretary & Sergeant-at-Arms**

President Askew entertained a motion to elect Member Sanford as Secretary & Sargeant-At-Arms, so moved by Member McGee.

**Discussion:** Motion was not seconded.

**Motion Fails**

**Motion to Elect Mark Price for Board of Education Treasurer**

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President Askew entertained a motion to elect Member Price as Treasurer of the Board of Education, moved by Member Harris, seconded by Member Wheeler.

**Discussion:** Members discussed the motion.

**Roll call vote:** Mark 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 Go Into Recess @ 6:25 PM**

President Askew entertained a motion to go into recess at 6:25pm, so moved by Vice-President Janet Spight-White, seconded by Member Mark Price.

**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**

## **Motion to Come Out of Recess at 6:35 PM**

President Askew entertained a motion to come out of recess at 6:34pm, so moved by Member Harris, seconded by Member Mark Price.

**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**

## **Moment of Reflection**

### **President's Message**

President Askew spoke about his aspirations for the next 6 months as Board President.

**Communications** – None

## **Approve Meeting Agenda**

### **Motion to Approve Amended Agenda**

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

**Discussion:** Members discussed the motion.

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

**Motion Passes: 7-0**

### **Public Comments (Agenda Items 3 Minutes Only)**

Highland Park Resident- Congratulations to the newly elected executive members

### **Motion to Vote For Each Resolution Separately, Approving Annual Organizational Resolution**

President Askew entertained a motion to vote for each Resolution separately, approving the 2023-2024 Annual Organizational Resolution, so moved by Member Harris, seconded by Vice-President Spight-White.

**Discussion:** Members discussed the motion.

**Roll call vote:** Doris Harris- **Yes**, Cheryl Sanford- **No**, Lorne McGee-**No**, Mark Price- **Yes**,

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Janet Spight-White- **No**, Anthony Askew-**Yes**, Linda Wheeler-**No**

*Motion Fails: 3-4*

## **Motion to Approve the 2023-2024 Annual Organizational Resolution**

President Askew entertained a motion to approve the 2023-2024 Annual Organizational Resolution, so moved by Member Price, seconded by Member Sanford.

**Discussion:** Members discussed the motion.

**Roll call vote:** Doris Harris- **No**, Cheryl Sanford- **Yes**, Lorne McGee-**Yes**, Mark Price- **Yes**,

Janet Spight-White- **Yes**, Anthony Askew-**Yes**, Linda Wheeler-**Yes**

*Motion Passes: 6-1*

## **Motion to Recess Meeting and Reconvene Within 36 Hours**

President Askew entertained a motion to recess the meeting and reconvene within 36 hours, so moved by Member Sanford, seconded by Member McGee.

**Discussion:** Members discussed the motion.

**Roll call vote:** Doris Harris- **No**, Cheryl Sanford- **Yes**, Lorne McGee-**No**, Mark Price- **No**, Janet

Spight-White- **No**, Anthony Askew-**Yes**, Linda Wheeler-**No**

*Motion Fails:2 -5*

## **Motion to Approve June 13 2023, Annual Budget Hearing Minutes**

President askew entertained a motion to approve the June 13,2023 Annual Budget Hearing and Regular Meeting Minutes, so moved by Member Harris, seconded by Member Price.

**Discussion:** None

**Roll call vote:** Doris Harris- **Yes**, Cheryl Sanford- **Yes**, Lorne McGee-**Yes**, Mark Price- **Yes**,

Janet Spight-White- **Yes**, Anthony Askew-**Yes**, Linda Wheeler-**Yes**

*Motion Passes: 7-0*

## **Motion to Approve June 13, 2023, Regular Meeting Minutes**

President askew entertained a motion to approve the June 13,2023 Annual Budget Hearing and Regular Meeting Minutes, so moved by Member Harris, seconded by Member Price.

**Discussion:** None

**Roll call vote:** Doris Harris- **Yes**, Cheryl Sanford- **Yes**, Lorne McGee-**Yes**, Mark Price- **Yes**,

Janet Spight-White- **Yes**, Anthony Askew-**Yes**, Linda Wheeler-**Yes**

*Motion Passes: 7-0*

## **DISTRICT DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

### **Finances**

Alan C. Young & Associates, P.C.

Alan C. Young, CPA

(Presenter: Luska German, FCCA)

- Presentation of Luska German reported on district financial statements, cash position fund balances deficit reductions and debt payments for June 2023 and answered questions.

### **Public Relations & Marketing**

Edge Marketing Firm

Lori Rishar, Director of Public Relations & Marketing

(Presenter: Lorri Rishar)

- No Presentation

## **Education & Charter School Compliance**

Zakia Gibson, Ed.D., Chief Education Officer

- No Presentation

Anistia Thomas, HPPSAS BOD President

- No Presentation

Pam Farris, ACCEL Schools & Interim BPA Principal

- No Presentation

## **BOARD OF EDUCATION SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Finance Committee Report**

Chairperson: Lorne McGee

No Presentation

### **Highland Park School District High School Sub-Committee and Community Advisory Report**

Chairperson: Anthony Askew

No Presentation

### **Board Policy and Bylaws Sub-Committee Report**

Chairperson: Janet Spight-White

No Presentation

### **Fundraising Committee**

Chairperson: Linda Wheeler

Provided updates on the upcoming Jazzy Jam Event

## **Unfinished Business**

None

## **New Business**

### **Motion to Approve the June 2023 Financial Statements**

President Askew entertained a motion to approve the June 2023 financial statements, so moved by Member Sanford, by Member Price.

**Discussion:** None

**Roll call vote:** Cheryl Sanford- **Yes**, Mark Price- **Yes**, Janet Spight-White- **Yes**, Anthony Askew-**Yes**, Linda Wheeler- **Yes**

**Motion Passes: 5-0**

### **Motion to Table the HPSD BOE Ethics Policy 0144.2 Additions**

President Askew entertained a motion to table the HPSD BOE Ethics Policy 0144.2 additions, so moved by Member Sanford, seconded by Member Harris.

**Discussion:** Members discussed the motion.

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

**Motion Passes: 7-0**

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## **Motion to Approve the Installation of an Irrigation System at BPA in the Amount of \$4600**

President Askew entertained a motion to approve the installation at BPA in the amount of \$4600, so moved by Doris Harris, seconded by Member Price.

**Discussion:** Members discussed the motion.

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

**Motion Passes: 6-1**

## **Motion to Approve Board of Education Member Stipends to \$200/Month Starting December 31, 2023**

President Askew entertained a motion to approve Board of Education members stipends to \$200/month, so moved by Member Harris, seconded by Member Price.

**Discussion:** Members discussed the motion.

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

**Motion Passes: 5-2**

## **Motion to Elect MASB Leadership Assembly Delegate Lorne McGee and Alternate Janet Spight-White**

President Askew entertained a motion to elect MASB Leadership Assembly Delegate Lorne McGee and Alternate Janet Spight-White, so moved by Member Harris, seconded by Member Sanford.

**Discussion:** Members discussed the motion.

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

**Motion Passes: 7-0**

## **Motion to Approve to Issue BOE Member Identification Cards**

President Askew entertained a motion to approve the issue of BOE identification cards, so moved by Member Harris, seconded by Member Price.

**Discussion:** Members discussed the motion.

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

**Motion Fails: 3-4**

## **Motion to Approve the Activities & Fundraising, Policy & Bylaws, Educational Planning & Expansion, and Finance Sub-Committees**

President Askew entertained a motion to approve the Activities & Fundraising, Policy & Bylaws, Educational Planning & Expansion, and Finance Sub-Committees, so moved by Member Harris, seconded by Member Sanford.

**Discussion:** Members discussed the motion.

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

**Motion Passes: 7-0**

## **Motion to Go into A Closed Session to Discuss Attorney/Client Privilege at 8:37 PM**

President Askew entertained a motion to go into a closed session to discuss attorney/client privilege, so moved by Member Harris, seconded by Member Sanford.

**Discussion:** Members discussed the motion.

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

**Motion Passes: 7-0**

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## **Motion to Come Out of Closed Session at 9:00 PM**

President Askew entertained a motion to come out of closed session at 9:00 pm, so moved by Member Harris, seconded by Member Price.

**Discussion:** None

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

**Motion Passes: 7-0**

## **Motion to Withdraw the Authorization of Sigma Academy**

President Askew entertained a motion to withdraw the authorization approval of Sigma Academy, so moved by Member Sanford, seconded by Member Harris.

**Discussion:** None

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

**Motion Passes: 7-0**

## **Motion to Table the Motion to Approve the C. Farmer Construction and Barques Principal Services**

President Askew entertained a motion to table the motion to approve the C. Farmer Construction and Barques Principal Services, so moved by Vice-President Spight-White, seconded by Member Wheeler.

**Discussion:** None

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

**Motion Passes: 7-0.**

## **Board of Education Affairs & Comments**

None

## **Public Comments (3 Minutes Only)**

BOD President Thomas congratulated Member executive elects, discussed the Jazzy Jam, and BPA

## **ADJOURNMENT** –

President Askew entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:27PM, so moved by Member Harris, and seconded by Member Wheeler.

**Discussion:** None

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

**Motion Passes: 7-0.**

Respectfully submitted: Linda Wheeler, Board Secretary.