



**REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

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

Wednesday, September 6, 2023  
6:00PM

**APPROVED MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER** –

Meeting was called to order by President Anthony Askew @ 6:14 PM

**ROLL CALL** –

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

**QUORUM**

**MOMENT OF REFLECTION**

**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

**COMMUNICATIONS**

None.

**APPROVE REGULAR MEETING AGENDA**

**Motion to Approve the Meeting Agenda:**

President Harris entertained a motion to approve the Board of Education Agenda, so moved by Member Sanford, seconded by Member Harris.

**Discussion:** Members discussed the motion.

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

**MOTION PASSES: 7-0**

• **PUBLIC COMMENTS** (Agenda Items 3 Minutes Only) – None

**Presentation(s) (10 Minutes)**

MASB Board President and Government Relations Workshops – J. Spight-White

**APPROVE MEETING MINUTES**

**Motion to Approve July 11, 2023, Annual Organizational & Regular Meeting Minutes:**

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

**Discussion:** None

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

**MOTION PASSES: 6-1**

**Motion to Approve July 19, 2023, Special Meeting Minutes:**

President Askew entertained a motion to approve the July 19, 2023, Special Meeting minutes, so moved by Member Harris, seconded by Treasurer Price.

**Discussion:** None

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

**MOTION PASSES: 7-0**

**Motion to Approve July 28, 2023, Special Meeting Minutes:**

President Askew entertained a motion to approve the July 28, 2023, Special Meeting minutes, so moved by Member Harris, seconded by Treasurer Price.

**Discussion:** None

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

**MOTION PASSES: 7-0**

**Motion to Approve August 23, 2023, Special Meeting Minutes:**

President Askew entertained a motion to approve the August 23, 2023, Special Meeting minutes, so moved by Member Harris, seconded by Treasurer Price.

**Discussion:** None

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

- Q&A July and August Financials

**Public Relations & Marketing**

Edge Marketing Firm

Lori Rishar, Director of Public Relations & Marketing

(Presenter: Gianna Ferraro)

- Q&A August 2023 Communications and social media

**Education & Charter School Compliance**

Zakia Gibson, Ed.D., Chief Education Officer

- CEO and Charter School Compliance Q&A

Anistia Thomas, HPPSAS BOD President

- HPPSAS Board of Directors June/ July/ and August/ September Update

Pam Farris, ACCEL VP and Nicole Arnold, BPA Principal

- Barber Preparatory Academy June/ July/ and August/ September Update

**BOARD OF EDUCATION SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Finance Committee Report

Chairperson: Lorne McGee

Presented budget performance and discussed investments, bonds, fundraising, stipends, and the importance of keeping receipts

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

Chairperson: Anthony Askew

Board Policy and Bylaws Sub-Committee Report

Chairperson: Janet Spight-White

Activities and Fundraising Su-Committee Report

Chairperson: Linda Wheeler

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

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

**NEW BUSINESS**

*9:06PM Lorne McGee Exited*

*9:09 PM Lorne McGee Returned*

**Motion to Retract July and August 2023 Financial Statements**

President Askew entertained a motion to retract the July and August 2023 financial statements, so moved by Member Harris, seconded by Member Price.

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

**MOTION PASSES: 7-0**

**Motion to Amend the Motion to Approve C.S. Farmer Construction Window Replacement Contract Through the Sinking Fund and Include Tempered Brown or Black Glass and Option #4**

President Askew entertained a motion to amend the motion to approve C.S. Farmer Construction Window Replacement Contract through the Sinking Fund and include tempered brown or black glass and Option # 4, so moved by Member 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**

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**Motion to Approve NORA Contracting BPA Restroom Renovation Contract**

President Askew entertained a motion to approve NORA Contracting BPA Restroom Renovation Contract, so moved by Member Harris, seconded by Member Price.

**Discussion:** Members discussed the motion.

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

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**Motion to Approve Code-4 Tactical Solutions Security Contract**

President Askew entertained a motion to approve Code-4 Tactical Solutions security contract, so moved by Member Sanford, seconded by Vice-President Spight-White.

**Discussion:** Members discussed the motion.

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

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**Motion to Approve AP Landscaping, LLC. Contract for Ford and BPA/Edith Perchman Park**

President Askew entertained a motion to approve AP Landscaping, LLC. Contract for Ford/Edith Perchman Park, so moved by Member Sanford, seconded by Vice-President Spight-White.

**Discussion:** Members discussed the motion.

**Roll Call Vote:** Mark Price- **Yes**, Linda Wheeler-**Yes**, Cheryl Sanford-**Yes**, Lorne McGee-**Yes**, Janet Spight-**White-Yes**,

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**Motion to Approve HPSD BOE Ethics Policy 0144.2 (TABLED)**

President Askew entertained a motion Approve HPSD BOE Ethics Policy 0144.2

**Discussion:** Members discussed the motion.

**MOTION TABLED**

**Motion to Approve BOE Members and HPSD Staff to Participate @ Behind the Scenes at the Capitol**

President Askew entertained a motion for Board of Education members and HPSD staff to participate in Behind the Scenes at the Capitol, so moved by Member Harris, seconded by Vice-President Spight-White.

**Discussion:** Members discussed the motion.

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

**MOTION PASSES:7-0**

**Motion to Approve the Disposal of Dated Materials Occupying Classrooms at BPA**

President Askew entertained a motion to approve the disposal of dated materials occupying classrooms at BPA, so moved

**Discussion:** Members discussed the motion.

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

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**BOARD OF EDUCATION AFFAIRS & COMMENTS**

CEO Zakia Gibson - Will Update BOE on Material Disposal

Vice-President Spight-White – President Making Motions

Mark Price/ Zakia Gibson – BOD President Resignation, BOD Candidates

**PUBLIC COMMENTS (3 COMMENTS)**

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

President Askew entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:19 AM, so moved by Member Wheeler, and seconded by Janet Spight-White.

**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**

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Respectfully submitted: Linda Wheeler, Board Secretary.