



**SPECIAL MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

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

Tuesday, October 25, 2023  
6:00PM

**APPROVED MINUTES**

**Call to Order**–

Meeting was called to order by President Askew @ 5:42 PM

**Roll Call** –

Present: Anthony Askew. President/ Janet Spight -White, Vice President/ Mark Ashley Price, Treasurer / Linda Wheeler, Secretary & Sergeant-at-Arms/ Cheryl Sanford, Member/ Lorne McGee, Member / Doris Harris, Member (*entered meeting @ 6:01PM*)

**QUORUM**

**Moment of Reflection**

**Approve Amended Special Meeting Agenda**

President Askew entertained a motion to approve the meeting agenda with an amendment by Vice-President Spight-White to move School Safety from first on the agenda to last and Termination on the agenda to first under New Business, seconded by Member Wheeler.

**Discussion:** Members discussed the motion.

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

**Motion Passes: 4-2**

*6:01PM- Doris Harris Entered Meeting*

**New Business**

Termination  
District Hiring of Legal Services  
School Safety

*6:06PM- Mark Price Exited Meeting*

*6:09PM- Mark Price Re-Entered Meeting*

**Motion to Terminate Rob Gavin as Legal Counsel**

President Askew entertained a motion to terminate Attorney Rob Gavin as legal counsel, so moved by Member Wheeler, seconded by Member Price.

**Discussion:** Members discussed the motion.

**For the Record:** Member Wheeler stated that Attorney Rob Gavin did not say certain Board members were mistreating him; she will not be recognized by President Askew if she continued to speak if she does not have the floor.

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

**Motion Passes: 5-2**

**Motion to Hire Joe Urban for Legal Counsel**

President Askew entertained a motion to hire Attorney Joe Urban as legal counsel, so moved by Member Wheeler, seconded by Vice-President Spight-White.

**Discussion:** Members discussed the motion.

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

**Motion Passes: 5-2**

**Motion to Discuss BPA School Safety**

President Askew entertained a motion to discuss school safety, so moved by Vice-President Spight-White, seconded by Member Price.

**Discussion:** Members discussed the motion.

**For the Record:** CEO Gibson stated Vice-President Spight-White used offensive language toward President Askew.

**Motion to Table School Safety Until the Business Meeting**

President Askew entertained a motion to table school safety until the next business meeting, so moved by Member Sanford, seconded by Member McGee.

**Discussion:** Members discussed the motion.

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

**Motion Fails: 3-4**

**Board of Education Affairs & Comments**

None

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

None

**Confirmation of Next Scheduled Meetings**

Business Meeting: Tuesday, November 7, 2023 @ 6PM

Regular Meeting: Tuesday, November 14, 2023 @ 6PM

**Adjournment**

**Motion to Adjourn the Special Meeting**

President Askew entertained a motion to adjourn the special meeting @ 7:19PM, so moved by Member Sanford, seconded by Member McGee.

**Discussion:** None

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

***Motion Passes: 4-3***

Respectfully submitted: Linda Wheeler, Board Secretary