



**REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

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

Tuesday, November 14, 2023
6:00PM

APPROVED MINUTES

• **Call to Order** –

Meeting was called to order by President Anthony Askew @ 6:08 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

QUORUM

Moment of Reflection

President's Message

Communications

- HP Police Department Letter – Chief James McMahon III

Approve Meeting Agenda

6:24PM- Member Price Exited Meeting

6:27PM- Member Price Re-Entered Meeting

Motion to Approve the Amended Meeting Agenda

President Askew entertained a motion to approve the Board of Education Agenda, so moved Vice-President Spight-White, seconded by Member Wheeler, with amendments.

Discussion: Members discussed the motion.

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

MOTION PASSES: 4-3

Public Comments (Agenda Items Only) (3 Minutes/Guest) – None

Closed Session – Attorney Client Privilege

Motion to Go In to Closed Session @ 6:44PM

President Askew entertained a motion to go into closed session, moved by Member Price, seconded by Vice-President Spight-White.

Discussion: Members discussed the motion.

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

MOTION PASSES: 7-0

Motion to Come Out of Closed Session @ 8:29PM

President Askew entertained a motion to go into closed session, moved by Member Price, seconded by Member Harris.

Discussion: None

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

MOTION PASSES: 7-0

Presentation(s) (10 Minutes) (5 Minutes Q&A)

- None

Approve Meeting Minutes

Motion to Approve October 10, 2023, Special Meeting Minutes

President Askew entertained a motion to approve the October 10, 2023 Special Meeting minutes, so moved by Member Harris, seconded by Member Price.

Discussion: None

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

MOTION PASSES: 7-0

Motion to Approve October 10, 2023, Regular Meeting Minutes

President Askew entertained a motion to approve the October 10, 2023 Regular Meeting minutes, so moved by Member Price, seconded by Member Harris.

Discussion: None

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

MOTION PASSES: 7-0

Motion to Approve October 19, 2023, Special Meeting Minutes

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

Discussion: None

Roll call vote: Anthony Askew – Yes, Janet Spight-White – Yes, Mark Price- Yes, Linda Wheeler- Yes, Cheryl Sanford- Yes, Lorne McGee- Yes, Doris Harris- Yes
MOTION PASSES: 7-0

Motion to Approve October 25, 2023, Special Meeting Minutes

President Askew entertained a motion to approve the October 25, 2023 Special Meeting minutes, so moved by Member Harris, seconded by Member Price.

Discussion: None

Roll call vote: Anthony Askew – Yes, Janet Spight-White – Yes, Mark Price- Yes, Linda Wheeler- Yes, Cheryl Sanford- Yes, Lorne McGee- Yes, Doris Harris- Yes
MOTION PASSES: 7-0

District Departments Reports and Information

Finances

Alan C. Young & Associates, P.C.
Alan C. Young, CPA
(Presenter: Luska German, FCCA)

- Q&A October 2023 Financials

Public Relations & Marketing

Edge Marketing Firm
Lori Rishar, Director of Public Relations & Marketing
(Alternate Presenter: Gianna Ferraro)

- Q&A October 2023 Communications and Social Media

Education & Charter School Compliance

Zakia Gibson, Ed.D., Chief Education Officer

- CEO and Charter School Compliance Q&A

Cassandra Walker, HPPSAS BOD President

- HPPSAS Board of Directors October Update, Q&A

Pam Farris, ACCEL VP

- Educational Service Provider September/October Report, Q&A

Nicole Arnold, BPA Principal

- Barber Preparatory Academy September/October Report, Q&A

Board of Education Sub-Committee Reports

Finance Committee Report
Chairperson: Mark Ashley Price/Lorne McGee

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

Chairperson: Anthony Askew

Board Policy and Bylaws Sub-Committee Report

Chairperson: Janet Spight-White

Activities and Events Sub-Committee Report

Chairperson: Linda Wheeler

Unfinished Business

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

New Business

Motion to Amend the Approval October 2023 Financial Statements to Table Until the December 5, 2023 Business Meeting

President Askew entertained a motion to amend the approval the October 2023 financial statements until the December 5, 2023 business meeting, so moved by Member Sanford, seconded by Member Price.

Discussion: Members discussed the motion.

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

MOTION PASSES: 7-0

9:56PM- Lorne McGee Exited Meeting

9:59PM- Lorne McGee Re-Entered Meeting

Motion to Approve Clark Hill Engagement Letter

President Askew entertained a motion to approve the Clark Hill Engagement Letter, so moved by Vice-President Spight-White, seconded by Member Harris.

Discussion: Members discussed the motion. **For the Record: President Askew expressed that BOE members should not be contacting Attorney Joe Urban directly.**

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

MOTION PASSES: 5-2

Motion to Remove HPSD Ethics Policy 0144.2 From the Agenda

President Askew entertained a motion to remove HPSD BOE Ethics Policy 0144.2 from the agenda, so moved by Member Harris, seconded by Vice-President Spight-White.

Discussion: None

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

MOTION PASSES: 7-0

Motion to Table MASB Hotel Reimbursement

President Askew entertained a motion to table MASB hotel reimbursement, so moved by Member Harris, seconded by Member Harris.

Discussion: Members discussed the motion.

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

MOTION FAILS: 3-4

Motion to Reimburse HPSD BOE Members for Hotel Fees who Attended the MASB Annual Leadership Conference

President Askew entertained a motion to reimburse HPSD BOE members for hotel fees who attended the MASB Annual Leadership Conference, so moved by Vice-President Spight-White, seconded by Member Wheeler.

Discussion: Members discussed the motion.

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

MOTION PASSES: 4-3

Motion to Table Opening the District Office on Friday, Beginning November 17, 2023

President Askew entertained a motion to physically open the District office on Friday, beginning November 17, 2023, so moved by Member Sanford, seconded by Member Harris.

Discussion: Members discussed the motion.

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

MOTION PASSES: 7-0

Board of Education Affairs & Comments

Mark Price, Janet Spight-White, Lorne McGee - MASB Annual Leadership Conference

Doris Harris – Happy to Participate in the Meeting

10:45PM- Linda Wheeler Exited Meeting

10:47PM- Linda Wheeler Re-Entered Meeting

Cheryl Sanford – Board Interaction

Linda Wheeler – BOE Training/Workshops

Public Comments (3 Minutes Only/Guest)

- None

Confirmation of the Next Scheduled Meetings

Business Meeting: Tuesday, December 5, 2023 @ 6:00PM

Regular Meeting: Tuesday, December 12, 2023 @ 6:00PM

Adjournment –

President Askew entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:01 PM, so moved by Member Harris, and seconded by Member Sanford.

Discussion: None

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

Sanford- **Yes**, Lorne McGee- **Yes**, Doris Harris- **Yes**

MOTION PASSES: 7-0

Respectfully submitted: Linda Wheeler, Board Secretary.