



**REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

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

Tuesday, December 12, 2023  
6:00PM

**APPROVED MINUTES**

**Call to Order** –

Meeting was called to order by President Anthony Askew @ 6:07PM

**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**

None

**Motion to Approve the Amended Meeting Agenda**

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

**Discussion:** Members discussed the motion and added amendments to the agenda under New Business.

**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 Add to the Agenda Having Attorney Joe Urban Present at All Board Meetings**

President Askew entertained a motion to add having Attorney Joe Urban present at all board meetings, so moved by Member Price, 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 Add to the Agenda a Three (3)-Day Retreat for BOE Members to Revise the Policies and Bylaws**

President Askew entertained a motion to add to the agenda a three (3)-Day retreat for BOE members to revise the policies and bylaws handbook, so moved by Member Price, seconded by Vice-President Spight-White.

**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- **No**, Doris Harris- **Yes**

**MOTION PASSES: 4-3**

**Motion to Include as an Agenda Item That the District Office be Physically Open on Fridays Beginning December 15, 2023**

President Askew entertained a motion include as an agenda Item that the District Office be physically open on Fridays beginning December 15, 2023, so moved by Member Price, seconded by Vice-President Spight-White.

**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 Approve Agenda with Added Amended Agenda Items Motions 5,6,7**

President Askew entertained a motion to approve the agenda with the added amended items; Motions 5,6,7; so moved by Member Harris, seconded by Member Sanford.

**Discussion:** Members discussed the motion.

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

**MOTION Neither Passed or Failed : 3-3**

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

None

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

None

**Motion to Approve the November 14, 2023, Regular Meeting Minutes**

President Askew entertained a motion to approve the November 14,2023, Regular Meeting minutes, so moved by Member Harris, seconded by Member Sanford.

**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 Approve the December 5, 2023, Special Meeting Minutes**

President Askew entertained a motion approve the December 5, 2023, Special Meeting Minutes, so moved by Member Harris, seconded by Member Sanford.

**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 Forego Page Two (2) of the Agenda**

President Askew entertained a motion to forego page two (2) of the agenda, so moved by Member Harris, seconded by Member Sanford.

**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- **Yes**, Doris Harris- **Yes**

**MOTION PASSES: 4-3**

**New Business****Motion to Approve the October 2023 Financial Statements**

President Askew entertained a motion to approve the October 2023 Financials, so moved by Member Harris, seconded by Member Sanford.

**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- **No**

**MOTION FAILS: 2-5**

**Motion to Approve the November 2023 Financial Statements**

President Askew entertained a motion to approve the November 2023 Financials, so moved by Member Harris, seconded by Member Sanford.

**Discussion:** Members discussed the motion.

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

**MOTION PASSES: 5-2**

**Motion to Censure Janet Spight-White**

President Askew entertained a motion to censure Janet Spight-White, so moved by Member Harris, seconded by Member Sanford.

**Discussion:** Members discussed the motion.

8:29PM- Lorne McGee Exited

8:31PM- Janet Spight-White Exited

8:31PM- Linda Wheeler Exited

8:32PM- Lorne McGee Re-Entered

8:32PM-Janet White Re-Entered

8:32PM-Linda Wheeler Re-Entered

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

**MOTION FAILS: 3-4**

**Motion to Adopt Ethics Policy Amendment**

President Askew entertained a motion to adopt the Ethics Policy, so moved by Member Harris, seconded by Member Sanford.

**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- **Yes**, Doris Harris- **Yes**

**MOTION PASSES: 4-3**

*8:43PM- Lorne McGee Exited*

*8:45PM – Lorne McGee Re-Entered*

**Motion for Attorney Joe Urban to be Present for the Entire BOE Meetings**

President Askew entertained a motion for Attorney Joe Urban to be present for the entire BOE meetings, so moved by Vice-President Spight-White, seconded by Member McGee.

**Discussion:** Members discussed the motion.

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

**MOTION PASSES: 4-3**

**Motion to Table the Three (3)-Day BOE Retreat to Revise Board Policies and Bylaws**

President Askew entertained a motion to table the Three (3)-Day BOE retreat to revise Board policies and bylaws, so moved by Member McGee, seconded by Member Sanford.

**Discussion:** Members discussed the motion.

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

**MOTION PASSES: 6-1**

**Motion to Physically Open the District Office on Friday**

President Askew entertained a motion to open the district office on Friday, so moved by Vice-President Spight-White, seconded by Member Price.

**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**

**Board of Education Affairs & Comments**

Mark Price- Kevin Smith, BPA Tour

Janet Spight-White- Status of BPA Bathrooms and Windows

Cheryl Sanford- MASB Classes, Thanked CEO Gibson

Linda Wheeler- End of Year, Children First, Safe Holiday

*9:06PM- Anthony Askew Exited Meeting*

*9:07PM- Lorne McGee Exited Meeting*

*9:08PM- Anthony Askew Re-Entered Meeting*

*9:08PM Lorne McGee Re-entered Meeting*

*9:08PM- Linda Wheeler Exited Meeting*

9:12PM- Linda Wheeler Re-Entered Meeting

9:18PM- Cheryl Sanford Exited Meeting

9:21PM- Cheryl Sanford Re-Entered Meeting

**Public Comments (3 Minutes Only/Guest)**

None

**Confirmation of the Next Scheduled Meetings**

Business Meeting: Tuesday, January 9, 2024 @ 6:00PM

Regular Meeting: Tuesday, January 16, 2024 @ 6:00PM

**Adjournment** –

President Askew entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 PM, so moved by Member Wheeler, seconded by Member Harris

**Discussion:** None

**Vote:** All Say "I"

**MOTION PASSES: 7-0**

*Respectfully Submitted: Linda Wheeler, Board Secretary.*