



**REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

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

Tuesday, January 9, 2024
6:00PM

APPROVED MINUTES

Call to Order –

Meeting was called to order by President Anthony Askew @ 6:10PM

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

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 Member Wheeler.

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

6:38PM- Cheryl Sanford Exited Meeting

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

MOTION PASSES: 5-1

Motion to Forego District Reports

President Askew entertained a motion to forego District Reports, so moved by Member Harris, 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**, Lorne McGee- **Yes**, Doris Harris-**Yes**

MOTION PASSES: 6-0

Motion to Change HPSD BOE Business Meetings to Regular Meetings

President Askew entertained a motion to change the HPSD BOE Business Meetings to Regular Meetings, so moved by Member Harris, 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, Lorne McGee- Yes, Doris Harris- Yes

MOTION PASSES: 5-1

7:11PM- Cheryl Sanford Re-Entered Meeting

Motion to Call the Vote to Give Edge Partnerships 30-Day Notice of Termination Effective Date January 9, 2024

President Askew entertained a motion call the vote to give Edge Partnerships 30-Day Notice of Termination effective date January 9, 2024, so moved by Member Harris, 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- Yes

MOTION PASSES: 5-2

Motion to Give Edge Partnerships 30-Day Notice of Termination Effective Date January 9, 2024

President Askew entertained a motion to give Edge Partnerships 30-Day Notice of Termination effective date January 9, 2024, so moved by Member Harris, 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- Yes

MOTION PASSES: 5-2

Motion to Remove from the Table, District “Retreat” and Bring to Vote

President Askew entertained a motion to remove from the table, District “Retreat” and bring to vote, so moved by Member Harris, 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- Yes

MOTION PASSES: 5-2

Motion to Reinstate Trustee Doris Harris Stipend be Retroactive From January 2023 to Present

President Askew entertained a motion to reinstate Trustee Doris Harris stipend be retroactive from January 2023 to present, 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- Yes

MOTION PASSES: 5-2

Motion to Receive Stipend Increase Retroactive Date July 2023 For All HPSD BOE Members, \$200/Monthly

President Askew entertained a motion to receive stipend increase retroactive date July 2023 for all HPSD BOE members, \$200/Monthly, so moved by Member Harris, 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

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)

Virtual Chat- Why do Board members always talk about the community members who approach them? They're only talking about two people.

Virtual Chat- It's hard to understand the meeting with board members always talking at the same time.

Confirmation of the Next Scheduled Meeting

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.