



THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF HIGHLAND PARK
SPECIAL MEETING

BOARD MEMBERS

Janet Spight-White
President

Doris Harris
Vice President

Linda Wheeler
Secretary

Mark Ashley Price
Sergeant-at-Arms

Lorne McGee
Treasurer

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Trustee

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Trustee

Zakia Gibson, Ed.D.
Chief Education Officer

Joseph Urban, Esq.
Board Attorney

Barber Preparatory Academy, Media Center
45 E. Buena Vista
Highland Park, MI 48203

February 12, 2024, 4:00 p.m.

- **Call to Order**
- **Roll Call**
- **Communications** – None
- **Approve Meeting Agenda**
- **Public Comments and Questions (Agenda Items 3 Minutes Only)**
- **Approve Meeting Minutes**
 - (1) Approve February 6, 2024 Special Meeting Minutes
- **District Department Reports and Information** - None
- **Board of Education Sub-Committee Reports** - None
- **Unfinished Business** - None
- **New Business**
 - (1) Budget
- **Board of Education Affairs & Comments**
- **Public Comments and Questions (3 Minutes Only)**
- **Confirmation of the Next Scheduled Meetings**
 - Regular Meeting: Tuesday, February 20, 2024 @ 6:00PM
- **Adjournment**

This meeting is a meeting of the Board of Education in public for the purpose of conducting the School District's business and is not to be considered a public community meeting. There is a time for public participation during the meeting as indicated in the agenda item.

The proposed minutes of this meeting will be available for public inspection at The School District of the City of Highland Park Central Office, located at 12360 Woodward Avenue, Highland Park, MI 48203, eight (8) business days after the meeting. Approved minutes are available on the District website within five (5) business days after the meeting at which at which they are approved.



**SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

Held at: 45 E. Buena Vista
Highland Park, MI 48203-3322

Monday, February 12, 2024
4:00 PM

APPROVED MINUTES

Call to Order –

Meeting was called to order by President Janet Spight-White @ 4:06 PM

Roll Call –

Present: Janet Spight -White, President/ Doris Harris, Vice-President/ Lorne McGee, Treasurer/ Linda Wheeler, Secretary/
Mark Price, Sergeant-at-Arms

Absent: Chery Sanford, Member/ Anthony Askew, Member

QUORUM

Communications - None

Approve Meeting Agenda

**Motion to Amend the Agenda to Change February 6, 2024, Special Meeting Minutes to February 6, 2024,
Regular Meeting Minutes Under Approve Meeting Minutes on the Agenda**

President Spight-White entertained a motion to approve the motion to amend the agenda to change February 6, 2024,
Special Meeting Minutes to February 6, 2024, Regular Meeting Minutes, under Approve Meeting Minutes on the
Agenda, so moved by Member Price, seconded by Vice-President Harris.

Discussion: Members discussed the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Janet Spight -White- Yes, Doris Harris - Yes, Linda Wheeler-Yes, Mark Price-Yes

Motion Passes: 4-0

Public Comments and Questions (Agenda Items 3 Minutes Only) - None

Approve Meeting Minutes

4:19PM- Lorne McGee Entered Meeting

Motion to Approve the Amended February 6, 2024, Regular Meeting Minutes without any Underlining or For the Record, on the February 6, 2024, Regular Meeting Minutes for Today Only

President Spight-White entertained a motion to approve the amended meeting minutes without any underlining or For the Record on the February 6, 2024, Regular Meeting Minutes, for today only, so moved by Vice-President Harris, seconded by Member Price.

Discussion: Members discussed the motion. Attorney advised. For the record, Linda Wheeler stated the motion to remove For the Record in the February 6, 2024, Proposed Minutes, is for this meeting only.

Roll Call Vote: Janet Spight -White- Yes, Doris Harris – No, Lorne McGee- Yes, Linda Wheeler-Yes, Mark Price-Yes

Motion Passes: 4-1

District Department Reports and Information - None

Board of Education Sub-Committee Reports - None

Unfinished Business - None

New Business

Budget

Luska German, Alan C. Young & Associates, answered questions about the FY24 budget.

Motion to Approve for an Amendment to the Budget Not to Exceed \$25.00 per Board Member for Meals. The Meals Will be Served at the 2nd BOE Regular Meetings. The Meals Will Include 7 Board Members, 2 Administrative Staff, for a Total of \$25 per Person for 9 Meals, Including \$50 for Delivery, if Necessary. \$25.00 per Person, 9 Meals Total, Including \$50, if Necessary, For a Grand Total of \$275.00.

President Spight-White entertained a motion to approve for an amendment to the budget not to exceed \$25.00 per board member for meals. The meals will be served at the 2nd BOE Regular Meetings. The meals will include 7 Board members, 2 administrative staff, for a Total of \$25 per person for 9 meals, including \$50 for Delivery, if necessary. \$25.00 per person, 9 meals total, including \$50, if necessary for delivery, for a grand total of \$275.00.

Discussion: Members discussed the motion. CEO Gibson and Attorney Joe Urban advised.

Roll Call Vote: Janet Spight -White- Yes, Doris Harris – Yes, Lorne McGee- Yes, Linda Wheeler-Yes, Mark Price-Yes

Motion Passes: 5-0

Board of Education Affairs & Comments

Mark Price- Would like to have personal attorney, BOE President, School Board attorney present during any communication with CEO Gibson, including email; Recognized Secretary Wheeler, former teacher; Honor to serve on School Board; Thanked public attendees; Peace and love to everybody.

Doris Harris- For clarity on record, Mark Price doesn't wish to have School Board attorney present during any communication with CEO Gibson, as previously stated.

Lorne McGee- Thank public attendees, Children succeeding, Bless Highland Park

Janet Spight-White- Thanked BOE Members, Team, BOE will make sure children are first.

Doris Harris- Happy birthday to Mark Price and CEO Gibson.

Public Comments and Questions (Agenda Items 3 Minutes Only)

CEO Gibson- Addressed Attorney Joe Urban regarding communications with Mark Price and his personal attorney.

Confirmation of the Next Scheduled Meetings

Regular Meeting: Tuesday, February 20, 2024 @ 6:00PM

Adjournment

President Spight-White entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:00 PM, so moved by Vice-President Harris, seconded by Member Wheeler.

Discussion: None.

Roll Call Vote: Janet Spight -White- Yes, Doris Harris - Yes, Lorne McGee- Yes, Linda Wheeler-Yes, Mark Price-Yes

Motion Passes: 4-0

Respectfully submitted: Linda Wheeler, Secretary