



**SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

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

Wednesday, January 24, 2024
5:00 PM

APPROVED MINUTES

Call to Order –

Meeting was called to order by President Janet Spight-White @ 5:08PM

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

Motion to Approve Meeting Agenda with 4 Added Amendments;(1) HPSD BOE Attorney Joe Urban to Discuss Transitional Mutual Agreement with Edge Marketing for a 30-Day Transition Period. Attorney Joe Urban and Edge Marketing Will Decide on a Mutual Agreement of Transition Fees (2) To Allow HPSD BOE Attorney Joe Urban to Enter Into a Workable Contract with Simple Computer, (3) To Increase HPSD BOE Legal Fees Hourly Rate To \$305/ Per hour, (4) To Direct That All Legal Bills Be Forwarded By Legal Counsel to the Board President

President Spight-White entertained a motion to approve the amended meeting agenda with the added amendments, so moved by Member Wheeler, seconded by Member Price.

Discussion: Members discussed the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Janet Spight -White- **Yes**, Doris Harris - **Yes**, Lorne McGee- **Yes**, Linda Wheeler-**Yes**, Mark Price-**Yes**
Motion Passes: 5-0

Motion to Approve the Meeting Agenda

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

Discussion: None

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

Motion Passes: 5-0

Public Comments and Questions (Agenda Items 3 Minutes Only)

Virtual: Ann VanderLaan, Clark Hill

Approve Meeting Minutes

Motion to Approve the December 12, 2023, Regular Meeting Minutes

President Spight-White entertained a motion to approve the December 12, 2023, Regular Meeting minutes.

Motin Fails: Lack of Support

Motion to Approve the December 19, 2023, Special Meeting Minutes

President Spight-White entertained a motion to approve the December 19, 2023, Special Meeting minutes.

Motin Fails: Lack of Support

District Department Reports and Information - None

Board of Education Sub-Committee Reports

Determine FY24 Sub-Committee and Chairs- President Spight-White stated the sub-committees will meet on the 4th Tuesday of the month starting in February.

Unfinished Business -None

New Business

Motion to Approve the 2023-2024 Annual Organizational Meeting Resolution (Tabled 1.19.2024)

President Spight-White entertained a motion to approve the 2023-2024 Annual Organizational Meeting Resolution, so moved by President Spight-White, seconded by Member Price.

Discussion: Members discussed the motion.

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

Motion Passes: 5-0

Motion to Approve the October 2023 Financial Statements

President Spight-White stated that the motion to approve the October 2023 Financial statements will stay tabled.

Motion to Approve the December 2023 Financial Statements

President Spight-White stated that the motion to approve the December 2023 Financial statements will stay tabled.

Motion for Executive Assistant to Continue Duties as Performed in the Contract

President Spight-White entertained a motion for Executive Assistant to continue duties as performed in the contract, so moved by Member Price, seconded by Member Wheeler.

Discussion: Members discussed the motion.

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

Motion Passes: 5-0

Motion to Table to Buy/Lease Used Xerox Machine for the District Office

President Spight-White entertained a motion to table buying/leasing a used Xerox Machine for the District office, so moved

by Member Price, seconded by Member Wheeler.

Discussion: President Spight-White noted that Attorney Joe Urban will discuss details with CEO Gibson.

Roll Call Vote: Janet Spight -White- **Yes**, Doris Harris - **Yes**, Lorne McGee- **Yes**, Linda Wheeler-**Yes**, Mark Price-**Yes**
Motion Passes: 5-0

Motion to Provide Agenda Hard Copies Upon Request

President Spight-White entertained a motion to provide agenda hard copies upon request, so moved by Vice-President Harris, seconded by Member Price.

Discussion: Members discussed the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Janet Spight -White- **Yes**, Doris Harris - **Yes**, Lorne McGee- **Yes**, Linda Wheeler-**Yes**, Mark Price-**Yes**
Motion Passes: 5-0

Motion to Amend the Motion to Approve Staggered Board Terms With 6- Year Terms

President Spight-White entertained a motion to amend the motion to approve staggered Board Terms With 6-Year terms, so moved by Vice-President Harris, seconded by Member Price.

Discussion: Members discussed the motion. Attorney Ann VanderLaan advised.

Roll Call Vote: Janet Spight -White- **Yes**, Doris Harris - **Yes**, Lorne McGee- **Yes**, Linda Wheeler-**Yes**, Mark Price-**Yes**
Motion Passes: 5-0

Motion to Approve Board Meeting Calendar

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

Discussion: Members will meet the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of every month.

Roll Call Vote: Janet Spight -White- **Yes**, Doris Harris - **Yes**, Lorne McGee- **Yes**, Linda Wheeler-**Yes**, Mark Price-**Yes**
Motion Passes: 5-0

Motion to Repeal of Resolution Censuring Board Member Doris Harris

President Spight-White entertained a motion to repeal of Resolution censuring Board Member Doris Harris so moved by Vice-President Harris, seconded by Member Price.

Discussion: None

Roll Call Vote: Janet Spight -White- **Yes**, Doris Harris - **Yes**, Lorne McGee- **Yes**, Linda Wheeler-**Yes**, Mark Price-**Yes**
Motion Passes: 5-0

Motion to Discontinue Streaming Meetings

President Spight-White entertained a motion to discontinue streaming meetings, so moved by Vice-President Harris, seconded by Member Price.

Discussion: None

Roll Call Vote: Janet Spight -White- **Yes**, Doris Harris - **Yes**, Lorne McGee- **Yes**, Linda Wheeler-**Yes**, Mark Price-**Yes**
Motion Passes: 5-0

Motion to Approve Annual Organizational Meeting Resolution

President Spight-White entertained a motion to approve the 2023-2024 Annual Organizational Meeting Resolution, so moved by Vice-President Harris, seconded by Member Price.

Discussion: Members discussed the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Janet Spight -White- **Yes**, Doris Harris - **Yes**, Lorne McGee- **Yes**, Linda Wheeler-**Yes**, Mark Price-**Yes**
Motion Passes: 5-0

Motion for HPSD BOE Attorney Joe Urban to Discuss Mutual Agreement with Edge Marketing for a 30-Day Transition Period. Attorney Joe Urban and Edge Marketing Will Decide on a Mutual Agreement of Transition Fees

President Spight-White entertained a motion for HPSD BOE Attorney Joe Urban to discuss a mutual agreement with Edge Marketing for a 30-Day transition period. Attorney Joe Urban and Edge Marketing will decide on a mutual agreement of transition fee, so moved by Member Price, seconded by Member Wheeler.

Discussion: Members discussed the motion.

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

Motion Passes: 5-0

Motion to Allow HPSD BOE Attorney Joe Urban to Enter Into a Workable Contract With Simple Computers

President Spight-White entertained a motion for HPSD BOE Attorney Joe Urban to enter into a workable contract with Simple Computers, so moved by Vice- President Harris, seconded by Member Price.

Discussion: Members discussed the motion.

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

Motion Passes: 5-0

Motion to Increase HPSD BOE Attorney Joe Urban Legal Fee Hourly Rate to \$305/Per Hour

President Spight-White entertained a motion to increase HPSD BOE Attorney Joe Urban legal fee hourly rate to \$305/per hour, so moved by Member Price, seconded by Vice-President Harris.

Discussion: None

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

Motion Passes: 5-0

Motion to Direct That All Legal Bills Be Forwarded by Legal Counsel to the Board President

President Spight-White entertained a motion direct that all legal bills be forwarded by legal counsel to the Board President, so moved by Member Price, seconded by Vice-President Harris.

Discussion: None

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 - Wished Doris Harris good health, Congratulated School Board on the meeting, Peace and love

Lorne McGee - Growth Charts, Real Men Read (reading to students)

Janet Spight-White -

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

Anonymous- There are community members and public that cannot make a physical meeting, but want to participate. What is the reason for removing virtual viewing?

Anonymous- Why does it seem that Janet and Linda bully the other Board members?

In-Person

Tammy Stafford, Community member- Questions about BPA.

Confirmation of the Next Scheduled Meetings

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

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

Adjournment –

President Askew entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:50PM, so moved by Vice-President Harris, seconded by Member Price

Discussion: All say “I”

Motion Passes:5-0

Respectfully submitted: Linda Wheeler, Board Secretary