



## THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF HIGHLAND PARK REGULAR MEETING

### BOARD MEMBERS

Janet Spight-White  
President

Doris Harris  
Vice President

Linda Wheeler  
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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**

**March 5, 2024, 6:00 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 22, 2024 Special Meeting Minutes
- **District Department Reports and Information** - None
- **Board of Education Sub-Committee Reports** - None
- **Unfinished Business**
  - (1) Discussion on Replacement for Plante Moran;
  - (2) Review the HPSD BOE Board Meeting Calendar.
- **New Business**
  - (1) Discussion of Barber Bathrooms (Tabled 2.22.2024);
  - (2) The Board of Education assumes the cost of tuning the donated piano;
  - (3) A motion to amend Accel lease to acknowledge the Board of Education is responsible for some upgrades and repairs;
  - (4) A resolution plaque for Jamil Edwards for services as a board of education member from 1998-2018;
  - (5) A motion to approve the new HPSD Board of Director's Candidate Application;
  - (6) A motion to approve Simple Computer's contract.

- **Board of Education Affairs & Comments**
- **Public Comments and Questions (3 Minutes Only)**
- **Confirmation of the Next Scheduled Meetings**  
Regular Meeting: Tuesday, March 19, 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.**



**REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

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

Tuesday, March 5, 2024  
6:00PM

**APPROVED MINUTES**

**Call to Order** –

Meeting was called to order by Janet Spight-White @ 6:00PM

**Roll Call** –

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

Absent: Cheryl Sanford, Member

**QUORUM**

**Communications** - None

**Approve Meeting Agenda**

**Motion to Approve the Amended Agenda to Place Juan Shannon (Parker Village) Presentation Before Unfinished Business on the Agenda**

President Spight-White entertained a motion to approve the amended agenda to place Juan Shannon (Parker Village) presentation before Unfinished Business on the agenda, so moved by Member Wheeler, seconded by Vice-President Harris

**Discussion:** None

**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**

6:04PM- Lorne McGee and Anthony Askew Entered Meeting

**Motion to Approve the February 22,2024 Special Meeting Minutes**

President Spight-White entertained a motion to approve the February 22,2024 Special Meeting Minutes, so moved by Vice-President Harris, seconded by Member Price.

**Discussion:** Members discussed the motion and identified corrections needed on the proposed minutes

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

**MOTION PASSES: 5-1**

**Motion to Amend the Agenda Adding a Motion to Include the DHHS Clearance to the BOD Candidate Application Under Unfinished Business**

President Spight-White entertained a motion to amend the agenda adding a motion to include the DHHS Clearance to the BOD Candidate Application under Unfinished Business, so moved by Vice-President Harris, seconded by Member Price.

**Discussion:** None

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

**MOTION PASSES: 6-0**

**District Department Reports and Information** - None

**Board of Education Sub-Committee Reports** - None

**Unfinished Business**

**Presentation**

Juan Shannon, Parker Village Magazine

6:38PM- Linda Wheeler Exited Meeting

6:40PM- Linda Wheeler Re-Entered Meeting

**Discussion on Replacement for Plante Moran**

6:48PM- Linda Wheeler Exited Meeting

6:52PM- Linda Wheeler Re-Entered Meeting

CEO Zakia Gibson and Attorney Joe Urban discussed Plante Moran and BOE members provided commentary and asked questions.

**Review HPSD BOE Board Meeting Calendar**

**Motion to Amend the HPSD BOE Board Meeting Calendar for the BOE to Meet on November 6, 2024, Due to November 5, 2024, Being Election Day**

President Spight White entertained a motion to amend the HPSD BOE Board Meeting Calendar for the BOE to meet on November 6, 2024, due to November 5, 2024, being Election Day, so moved by Member Wheeler, seconded by Member Price.

**Discussion:** None

**Roll call vote:** Janet Spight-White - **Yes**, Doris Harris - **Yes**, Linda Wheeler - **Yes**, Mark Price - **Yes**,

McGee - Yes, Anthony Askew - Yes

**MOTION PASSES: 6-0**

**Motion to Approve Including DHHS Clearance in the HPSD Board of Director's Candidate Application**

President Spight White entertained a motion to include the DHHS Clearance in the HPSD Board of Director's Candidate Application, so moved by Vice-President Harris, seconded by Member Price.

**Discussion:** None

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

**MOTION PASSES: 6-0**

**New Business**

**Discussion of Barber Bathrooms**

CEO Zakia Gibson and Attorney Joe Urban provided updates and answered BOE member questions.

7:24PM - Lorne McGee Exited Meeting

**Motion to Approve the Board of Education Assuming the Cost of Tuning the Donated Piano up to \$250.00**

President Spight-White entertained a motion to approve the Board of Education assuming the cost of tuning the donated piano up to \$250.00, so moved by Vice-President Harris, seconded by Member Price.

**Discussion:** Members discussed the motion.

7:28PM - Lorne McGee Re-Entered Meeting

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

**MOTION PASSES: 6-0**

**Motion to Table the Motion to Amend Accel Lease to Acknowledge the Board of Education is Responsible for Some Upgrades and Repairs**

President Spight-White entertained a motion to table the motion to amend Accel lease to acknowledge the Board of Education is responsible for some upgrades and repairs, 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, Linda Wheeler - Yes, Mark Price - Yes, Lorne McGee - Yes, Anthony Askew - Yes

**MOTION PASSES: 6-0**

**Motion to Table a Resolution Plaque for Jamille Edwards for Services as a Board of Education Member From 1998-2018**

President Spight-White entertained a motion to table a resolution plaque for Jamille Edwards for services as a Board of Education Member from 1998-2018, 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, Linda Wheeler - Yes, Mark Price - Yes, Lorne McGee - Yes, Anthony Askew - Yes

**MOTION PASSES: 6-0**

**Motion to Approve the new HPSD Board of Director’s Candidate Application**

President Spight White entertained a motion to approve the new HPSD Board of Director’s Application, 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, Linda Wheeler - Yes, Mark Price - Yes, Lorne McGee - Yes, Anthony Askew - Yes

**MOTION PASSES: 6-0**

**Motion to Approve Simple Computer’s Contract for Two (2 )Years**

President Spight-White entertained a motion to approve Simple Computer’s contract for two (2) years, so moved by Vice-President Harris, seconded by Member Price.

**Discussion:** Members discussed Simple Computer’s contract. Attorney Joe Urban advised.

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

**MOTION PASSES: 5-1**

**Board of Education Affairs & Comments**

**Mark Price-** State of the County Address in March, President Biden State of the Union Address on March 7, 2024, Mayor McDonald State of the City Address on March 21, 2024; Peace and Love

**Doris Harris-** MASB Election Outcome

**Public Comments and Questions (3 Minutes Only)**

**Tammy Stafford, Community Member-** BOE and BOD meeting once a month; questions regarding security protocols; elevator concerns; BOE stipends

**Mark Price -** For the Record: Does not like when CEO Gibson goes back and forth with BOE members.

**Anthony Askew –** Mark Price’s comment about going back and forth was directed at President Spight-White was well.

**Confirmation of the Next Scheduled Meetings**

Regular Meeting: Tuesday, March 19, 2024 @ 6:00PM

**Adjournment –**

**Motion to Adjourn**

President Spight-White entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:21PM.

**Discussion:** None

**Vote:** All Say “Y”

**MOTION PASSES: 6-0**

*Respectfully submitted: Linda Wheeler, Board Secretary.*