



THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF HIGHLAND PARK SPECIAL MEETING

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

March 14, 2024, 5:00 p.m.

BOARD MEMBERS

Janet Spight-White
President

Doris Harris
Vice President

Linda Wheeler
Secretary

Mark Ashley Price
Sergeant-at-Arms

Lorne McGee
Treasurer

Cheryl Sanford
Trustee

Anthony Askew
Trustee

Zakia Gibson, Ed.D.
Chief Education Officer

Joseph Urban, Esq.
Board Attorney

- **Call to Order**
- **Roll Call**
- **Communications** – None
- **Approve Meeting Agenda**
- **Public Comments and Questions (Agenda Items 3 Minutes Only)**
- **Approve Meeting Minutes**
 - (1) Approve March 5, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes
- **Unfinished Business** – None
- **New Business**
 - (1) Discussion of Barber Bathrooms (Tabled 2.22.2024)(Tabled 3.5.2024);
 - (2) A Motion to Approve the Simple Computers Contract; and
 - (3) A Motion to Approve the Modern Tribe Communications, Inc.
- **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.



**SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

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

Thursday, March 14, 2024
5:00PM

APPROVED MINUTES

Call to Order –

Meeting was called to order by Janet Spight-White @ 5:05PM

Roll Call –

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

Absent: Anthony Askew, Member

QUORUM

Communications - None

Approve Meeting Agenda

Motion to Approve the Meeting Agenda

President Spight-White entertained a motion to approve the meeting agenda, 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,

MOTION PASSES: 5-0

5:06PM- Cheryl Sanford Entered Meeting

Approve Meeting Minutes

President Spight-White entertained a motion to approve the meeting minutes, 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,

Cheryl Sanford - Yes

MOTION PASSES: 6-0

Motion to Amend the Agenda to Remove from the Table the Jamille Edwards Resolution

President Spight-White entertained a motion to amend the agenda to remove from the table the Jamille Edwards resolution, 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, Cheryl Sanford - Yes

MOTION PASSES: 6-0

Public Comments and Questions (Agenda Items 3 Minutes Only)

Jamille Edwards, Former HPSD BOE President, Current GWC BOE President- Statement about her tenure on the HPSD Board of Education

Motion for CEO Gibson to Create a Resolution or Proclamation for Jamille Edwards

President Spight-White entertained a motion for CEO Gibson to create a resolution or proclamation for Jamille Edwards, 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, Cheryl Sanford - Yes

MOTION PASSES: 6-0

Unfinished Business - None

New Business

Discussion of Barber Bathrooms (Tabled 2.22.2024) (Tabled 3.5.2024)

Motion to Remove Barber Bathroom Renovations Discussion off the Table

President Spight-White entertained a motion to remove Barber bathroom renovations discussion off the table, 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, Cheryl Sanford - Yes

MOTION PASSES: 6-0

Motion to Turn Over the Completion of the BPA Bathroom Renovations to the Board of Directors

President Spight-White entertained a motion to turn over the completion of the BPA bathroom renovation to the Board of Directors, so moved by Vice-President Harris, seconded by Member Price.

Discussion: Members discussed the motion and asked questions.

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

MOTION FAILS: 3-3

Motion to Table that the Board of Education and the Board of Directors Assume 50/50 Financial Responsibility of

the Barber Bathroom Renovations

President Spight-White entertained a motion to table that the Board of Education and the Board of Directors assume 50/50 financial responsibility of the Barber bathroom renovations, 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, Cheryl Sanford - Yes

MOTION PASSES: 6-0

Motion to Approve Simple Computers Contract

President Spight-White entertained a motion to approve the Simple Computers contract, 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 - No, Cheryl Sanford - No

MOTION PASSES: 4-2

Motion to Approve the Modern Tribe Communications, Inc. Contract

President Spight-White entertained a motion to approve the Modern Tribe Communications, Inc. contract, 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, Cheryl Sanford - Yes

MOTION PASSES: 6-0

Board of Education Affairs & Comments

Mark Price - MASB classes; State of the County Address on March 12th; State of the City Address with Mayor McDonald on March 21st; Peace and Love

6:47PM - Cheryl Sanford Exited Meeting

6:49PM - Cheryl Sanford Re-Entered Meeting

Lorne McGee - BPA Varsity basketball game; March Reading Month

Doris Harris - Thanked CEO Gibson for agreeing to do resolution for Jamille Edwards

Cheryl Sanford - BOE consensus on when Special Meetings are held

Janet Spight-White - History of Highland Park for Children book

Public Comments and Questions (3 Minutes Only)

Jamille Edwards, Former HPSD BOE President, Current GWC BOE President - Thanked BOE for acknowledging her Contributions to Highland Park; Encouraged BOE to work with CEO Gibson and protect Administration; Put personal aside and focus on educating children; George Washington Carver's policies and procedures.

7:12PM - Cheryl Sanford Exited Meeting

Tammy Stafford, Community Member - BOE and BOD combined meeting once a month; Questions regarding security

protocol; Elevator concerns; BOE stipends

7:21PM - Cheryl Sanford Re-Entered Meeting

7:23PM – Linda Wheeler Exited Meeting

7:28PM – Linda Wheeler Re-Entered Meeting

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 7:32PM.

Discussion: None

Vote: All Say “I”

MOTION PASSES: 6-0

Respectfully submitted: Linda Wheeler, Board Secretary.