



THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF HIGHLAND PARK
REGULAR MEETING

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

April 10, 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 April 2, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes
- **District Department Reports and Information** - None
- **Unfinished Business** - None
- **New Business**
 - (1) Amend the Budget; and
 - (2) BOD Concerns.
- **Board of Education Affairs & Comments**
- **Public Comments and Questions (3 Minutes Only)**
- **Confirmation of the Next Scheduled Meetings**
 - Regular Meeting: Tuesday, April 16, 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

Wednesday, April 10, 2024
5:00PM

APPROVED MINUTES

Call to Order –

Meeting was called to order by Janet Spight-White @ 5:07PM

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 Special Meeting Agenda Adding the Motion that BOE Members do not Need an Appointment to Visit the District Office

President Spight-White entertained a motion to approve the amended special meeting agenda adding the motion that BOE members do not need an appointment to visit the District Office, so moved by Vice-President Spight-White, seconded by Member Price.

Discussion: Members discussed the motion. Lorne McGee suggested a courtesy call before visiting the District office.

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

MOTION PASSES: 5-1

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

Approve Meeting Minutes

Motion to Approve the April 2, 2024, Regular Meeting Minutes

President Spight-White entertained a motion to approve the April 2, 2024, Regular Meeting Minutes, so moved by Vice-President Harris, seconded by Member Price.

Discussion: President Spight-White asked if all members had a chance to review the minutes.

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

District Department Reports and Information - None

Unfinished Business – None

New Business

Motion to Approve that BOE Members do not Need an Appointment to Visit the District Office

President Spight-White entertained a motion to approve that BOE members do not need an appointment to visit the District office, so moved by Vice-President Harris, seconded by Member Price.

Discussion: Members discussed the motion. President Spight-White asked CEO Gibson if BOE members were to come to the District office, would they be allowed inside. CEO Gibson stated that BOE Members in which she feels safe for herself and her staff would be able to enter the building.

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

MOTION PASSES: 5-1

Motion to Amend the HPSD BOE Budget

President Spight-White entertained a motion to amend the HPSD BOE budget, so moved by Vice-President Harris, seconded by Member Price.

Discussion: Members discussed the motion. Luska German provided insight into the budget.

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

HPPSAS BPA BOD Concerns

Motion to Appoint Tammy Stafford to the HPPSAS BPA Board of Directors

President Spight-White entertained a motion to appoint Tammy Stafford to the HPPSAS BPA Board of Directors, so moved by Vice-President Harris, seconded by Member Price.

Discussion: Member Sanford asked if candidates had all of the clearances and stated that BOD candidates' personal information should be secured at the District office by the Administration and not someone's house. For the Record - Member Wheeler stated due to the nature of what is going on in the District, President Spight-White has made an executive decision to handle the BOD applications.

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

MOTION PASSES: 5-1

Motion to Appoint Marceles Turner to the HPPSAS BPA Board of Directors

President Spight-White entertained a motion to appoint Marceles Turner to the HPPSAS BPA Board of Directors, 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 – No

MOTION PASSES: 5-1

Motion to Appoint Roslyn Tucker Martin to the HPPSAS BPA Board of Directors

President Spight-White entertained a motion to appoint Roslyn Tucker Martin to the HPPSAS BPA Board of Directors, 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 – No

MOTION PASSES: 5-1

HPPSAS BPA BOD Candidate Interview

Runae Ford

5:41PM – Cheryl Sanford Exited Meeting

Motion to Appoint Runae Ford to the HPPSAS BPA Board of Directors

President Spight-White entertained a motion to appoint Runae Ford to the HPPSAS BPA Board of Directors, 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 – Absent

MOTION PASSES: 5-0

Oath of Office

President Spight-White administered the Oath of Office to Tammy Stafford, Marceles Turner, Roslyn Tucker Martin and Runae Ford.

BOE Affairs & Comments

Mark Price - Congratulated the newly appointed HPPSAS BPA BOD Members; Thanked the public for attending the meeting; Peace and Love.

Linda Wheeler - Thanked the newly appointed HPPSAS BPA BOD Members; Kindly donate to Winston for volunteering to provide security services for the meeting.

Lorne McGee – Spoke about resigning but decided to stay due to his commitment to the children; False allegations.

Linda Wheeler – Thanked Chris Woodard for his magazine articles.

6:00PM – Cheryl Sanford Re-Entered the Meeting

Public Comments and Questions (3 Minutes Only)

Cassandra Walker - President, HPPSAS BPA BOD – Asked for CEO Gibson for BOD applications, DHHS Clearance and IChat of new members; Knew what the BOE is up too and they’re going to fail, the BOD will not behave like the BOE.

Famika Jackson-Roberts - Vice-President, HPPSAS BPA BOD – For the Record: Someone has been very vocal. Lorne McGee reached out to her and shared specifics about his investigation that if asked, she would be able to quote things in the report. Before he hung up the phone, he asked her to keep it between them. Saw what the BOE was doing. Doesn't know if the community knew due to all the special meetings of the attorney bill the BOE has accumulated. Had her finger pointed at all the BOE members that support Lorne McGee. Looks forward to working with all the new BOD members. Attorney Urban explained that the \$351,000 budget amendment does not have anything to do with attorney fees and special meeting issue. Ms. Roberts asked for the record, what the money is for, the community needs to know.

6:11PM- Lorne McGee Exited the Meeting

Runae Ford - Questioned where BOD applicants' information was handled and stored. Did not want her information sitting around in someone's kitchen or dining room and company comes over. Asked CEO Gibson the process. CEO Gibson stated that she used to process the BOD applications and process the IChat, that is no longer the case.

Adjournment -

Motion to Adjourn

President Spight-White entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:14PM, 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 – Absent, Cheryl Sanford – Yes

MOTION PASSES: 5-0

Respectfully submitted: Linda Wheeler, Board Secretary.