



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

### BOARD MEMBERS

Janet Spight-White  
President

Doris Harris  
Vice President

Linda Wheeler  
Secretary

Mark Ashley Price  
Sergeant-at-Arms

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Trustee

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Chief Education Officer

Joseph Urban, Esq.  
Board Attorney

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

**April 2, 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 March 25, 2024 Special Meeting Minutes
- **District Department Reports and Information** - None
- **Unfinished Business** - None
- **New Business**
  - (1) Modern Tribe Contract;
  - (2) Staggered Terms;
  - (3) To remove DHS for background clearance;
  - (4) The district will only use "ICHAT" for clearance;
  - (5) Board of Directors (BOD) concerns;
  - (6) Rehire Angel Landscaping;
  - (7) New security company, \$15.00 an hour;
  - (8) Vote on new BOD members; and
  - (9) Closed Session – Attorney Client Privilege.

- **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.



**REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

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

Tuesday, April 2, 2024  
6:00PM

**APPROVED MINUTES**

**Call to Order** –

Meeting was called to order by Janet Spight-White @ 6:24PM

**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/ Anthony Askew, Member

**QUORUM**

**Communications** - None

**Approve Meeting Agenda**

**Motion to Approve the Amended Meeting Agenda to add new Security Company to Item 1 (One) Under New Business, Modifying the BOE Budget to Include \$50.00 for Snacks at the First Regular Meeting of Each Month and Adding Approving Member Mark Price to Attend Classes at the MASB Spring Institute in Lansing on April 19, 2024, and April 20 2024, Before Closed Session**

President Spight-White entertained a motion to approve the amended meeting agenda to add new security company to modifying the BOE budget to include \$50.00 for snacks at the first Regular Meeting of each month and adding approving Member Mark Price to attend classes at the MASB Spring Institute in Lansing on April 19, 2024, and April 20, 2024, so moved by Member Price, seconded by Member Wheeler.

**Discussion:** Members discussed the motion.

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

**MOTION PASSES: 6-0**

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

**Approve Meeting Minutes**

President Spight-White entertained a motion to approve the March 25, 2024, Special Meeting Minutes, so moved by Member Price, seconded by Member Wheeler.

**Discussion:** None

**Roll call vote:** Janet Spight-White - Yes, Linda Wheeler - Yes, Mark Price - Yes, Lorne McGee - Yes, Cheryl Sanford – Yes, Anthony Askew - Yes

**MOTION PASSES: 6-0**

**District Department Reports and Information** - None

**Unfinished Business** - None

**New Business**

**Introduction of New Security Company Evans & Evans**

*6:32PM – Doris Harris Entered Meeting*

**Motion to Hire Evans & Evans Security Company @ \$15.00 per Hour**

President Spight-White entertained a motion to hire Evans & Evans Security Company @ \$15.00 per hour, so moved by Vice-President Harris, seconded by Member Price.

**Discussion:** Members discussed the motion and asked questions. Evans & Evans will submit their insurance information and contract before the next BOE regular meeting on April 16, 2024.

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

**MOTION PASSES: 5-2**

**Motion to Approve Modern Tribe Communications, Inc. Contract**

President Spight-White entertained a motion to approve Modern Tribe Communications, Inc. contract, so moved by Member McGee, seconded by Member Price.

**Discussion:** Members discussed the motion and asked questions.

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

**MOTION PASSES: 7-0**

**Staggered Board Terms** No Further Action on This Item

**Motion to Remove DHS for Background Clearance**

President Spight-White entertained a motion to remove DHS for background clearance, so moved by Member Wheeler, seconded by Member Price.

**Discussion:** Members discussed the motion.

**Action:** Motion Dismissed

*7:34PM - Lorne McGee Exited Meeting*

**Motion to Re-hire AP Landscaping, LLC**

President Spight-White entertained a motion to re-hire AP Landscaping, LLC, so moved by Vice-President Harris,

seconded by Member Price.

**Discussion:** Members discussed the motion. Mr. Price stated that he was trying to hang someone, they would be dead by now.

**Action:** *Motion Not Completed*

7:38PM – Lorne McGee Re-Entered Meeting

**Motion to Go Into Closed Session @ 7:39PM**

President Spight-White entertained a motion to go into closed session @ 7:39PM, so moved by Member Wheeler, 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, Lorne McGee - Yes, Cheryl Sanford - Yes, Anthony Askew - Yes

**MOTION PASSES: 7-0**

**Motion to Come Out of Closed Session @ 9:06PM**

President Spight-White entertained a motion to come out of closed session @ 9:06PM, 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, Anthony Askew - Yes

**MOTION PASSES: 7-0**

**Motion to Table Re-Hiring AP Landscaping, LLC**

President Spight-White entertained a motion to table re-hiring AP Landscaping, LLC, 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, Anthony Askew - Yes

**MOTION PASSES: 7-0**

**Board of Directors Candidate Interviews**

Marcelis Dymare Turner

Roslyn Tucker Martin

**Motion to Modify the HPSD BOE Budget to Include \$50.00 for Snacks at the First Regular Meeting of Each Month**

President Spight-White entertained a motion to modify the HPSD BOE budget to include \$50.00 for snacks at the first regular meeting of each month, so moved by Member Wheeler, 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, Anthony Askew - Yes

**MOTION PASSES: 6-1**

**Motion to Approve Mark Price to Attend the MASB Spring Institute in Lansing from April 19, 2024, to April 20, 2024**

President Spight-White entertained a motion to approve Mark Price to attend the MASB Spring Institute in Lansing from

April 19, 2024, to April 20, 2024, so moved by Member Wheeler, seconded by Member Price.

**Discussion:** Members discussed the motion. CEO Gibson asked what the threshold is that the Board is approving for hotel, transportation and courses.

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

**MOTION PASSES: 6-1**

### **Board of Education Affairs & Comments**

**Mark Price** - MASB classes; Peace and Love

**Lorne McGee** - Children First

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

**Runa Ford, Community Member** - AP Landscaping questions; Parents attending school board meetings in the past, BOE members are being recorded and Mark Price sounded threatening; BOE members should take classes that apply to their position on the board; meetings get out of hand.

**Famika Jackson-Roberts, Vice-President, HPPSAS BPA BOD** - DHS Clearance concerns; Modern Tribe Communications Contract; Marketing concerns; Security concerns; BOD in compliance, how many members will be appointed; BPA and certified teachers; Bathroom renovations halted; No Items on agenda about Children First.

**Cassandra Walker, President, HPPSAS BPA BOD** - Stands in support of HPPSAS BOD Vice-President Famika Jackson-Roberts, CEO Zakia Gibson and Accel Schools; Hopes the BOE does not remove DHS Clearance and appoints legitimate BOD members, will report to the State.

**Runa Ford, Community Member** - Security concerns; BOE needs to take accountability.

**Shamayim Harris, Founder, Avalon Village** - Classes for Children at the Homework House; Adult Education Classes have started; Avalon Village puts Children First; Peace.

### **Confirmation of the Next Scheduled Meetings**

Regular Meeting: Tuesday, April 16, 2024 @ 6:00PM

### **Adjournment**

#### **Motion to Adjourn**

President Spight-White entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:11PM, so moved by Vice-President Harris, seconded by Member Price.

**Discussion:** None

**Vote:** All Say "I"

**MOTION PASSES: 7-0**

*Respectfully submitted: Linda Wheeler, Board Secretary.*