



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 16, 2024, 6:00 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

- **6th grade Javair McClain**
- **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 10, 2024 Special Meeting Minutes
- **District Department Reports and Information**
 - (1) **Finances**
 - Alan C. Young & Associates, P.C.
 - Alan C. Young, CPA
 - (Presenter: Luska German, FCCA)
 - Q&A March 2024 Financials
- **Unfinished Business** - None
- **New Business**
 - (1) Michigan Week Parade Float
 - (2) Security Company
 - (3) Board of Education Business
 - (4) Board of Directors Updates
 - (5) Receipts have been sent to the office for reimbursement for President White and Secretary Wheeler; hopefully, they will be included with the end-of-the-month stipends.
 - (6) Changing the time of our regular meetings.
- **Board of Education Affairs & Comments**

- **Public Comments and Questions (3 Minutes Only)**
- **Confirmation of the Next Scheduled Meetings**
Regular Meeting: Tuesday, May 7, 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 16, 2024
6:00PM

APPROVED MINUTES

Call to Order –

Meeting was called to order by Janet Spight-White @ 6:13PM

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 Agenda to Make Separation Agreement 1 (One), Under New Business and the Michigan Week Parade Float 1A and Remove Item 6 (Six) Changing the Time of the Regular Meetings

President Spight-White entertained a motion to approve the amended agenda to make Separation Agreement, 1 (One) under New Business and the Michigan Week Parade Float 1A, and remove Item 6, Changing the Time of the Regular Meetings,

so moved by Member Wheeler, seconded by Member Price.

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, Doris Harris – Yes

MOTION PASSES: 7-0

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

Approve Meeting Minutes

Motion to Approve the April 10, 2024, Special Meeting Minutes

President Spight-White entertained a motion to approve the April 10, 2024, Special Meeting Minutes, so moved by Vice-President Harris, seconded by Member Price.

Discussion: Members discussed the motion. Ms. Sanford questioned the vote for adjournment.

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

MOTION PASSES: 7-0

District Department Reports and Information

Finances

Alan C. Young & Associates, P.C.

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(Presenter: Luska German, FCCA)

Q&A March 2024 Financials

Motion to Add the Approval of March Financials to Item 6 (Six) Under New Business

President Spight-White entertained a motion to add March Financials to Item 6 (six) under New Business, so moved by Vice-President Harris, seconded by Member Price.

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, Doris Harris – Yes

MOTION PASSES: 7-0

Unfinished Business – None

New Business

Motion to Approve Separation Agreement

President Spight-White entertained a motion to add March Financials to Item 6 under New Business, so moved by Member Wheeler, seconded by Member Price.

Discussion: Members discussed the motion.

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

MOTION PASSES: 4-3

Motion to Approve that President Spight-White Signs the Separation Agreement

President Spight-White entertained a motion to approve that President Spight-White signs the Separation Agreement, so moved by Vice-President Harris, seconded by Member Price.

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, Doris Harris – Yes

MOTION PASSES: 7-0

Motion to Go Into Recess @ 6:41PM

President Spight-White entertained a motion to go into recess at 6:41PM.

Action: Motion Incomplete

Motion to Come Out of Recess @ 7:21PM

President Spight-White entertained a motion come out of recess at 7:21PM.

Action: Motion Incomplete

Security Company

Ashton Norfolk – Panther Security Company

BOD Updates

Famika Jackson- Roberts - Vice-President, HPPSAS BPA Board of Directors, stated that she had been attending BOE meetings for the past two months and have never seen BOD Updates on the agenda. Questioned this agenda item and stated that the BOD will not be set up for failure by the BOE.

Receipts Have Been Sent to the Office for Reimbursement for President White and Secretary Wheeler; Hopefully, They Will Be Included with the End-of-the-Month Stipends

President Spight-White mentioned this discussion item. Vice-President Harris asked about the notary expenses.

BOE Affairs & Comments

Linda Wheeler - Kindly donate to Winston for volunteering to provide security services for the meeting.

Cheryl Sanford – Took issue with the questioning of everyone’s community spirit for not chipping in on a volunteer security officer, has donated food to security before.

Public Comments and Questions (3 Minutes Only)

Famika Jackson-Roberts - Vice-President, HPPSAS BPA Board of Directors – Requested an update with Lorne McGee’s training, should have a special meeting to let the community know what is going on with that; BOD files in possession of BOE President; Contracts that BOE President stated did not know was ending; Now the public knows what the \$287,000 was for; BOE asking for donations toward cost, make sure security is properly trained; Marcelus Turner’s Oath of Office; For the Record: Act 116 of 1954, Michigan Election Law for School Boards, and Act 454 of 1976.

Lorne McGee-Treasurer, HPSD Board of Education Will be identifying a sexual harassment trainer to bring before the Board for approval; Proclaimed innocence; Would like to donate his \$200 stipend to a woman’s shelter or cause, remove himself from all sub-committees; Harassment training class begins in May.

Joe Urban - Attorney, HPSD Board of Education - Advised the Board members as they answered public questions.

Confirmation of the Next Scheduled Meetings

Regular Meeting: Tuesday, May 7, 2024 @ 6:00PM

Adjournment -

Motion to Adjourn

President Spight-White entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:39PM, so moved by Member Wheeler, seconded by Member Price.

Discussion: None

Action: *Motion Incomplete*

Respectfully submitted: Linda Wheeler, Board Secretary.