



**PUBLIC NOTICE OF REGULAR MEETING
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE OF THE REGULAR MEETING
FOR THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF HIGHLAND PARK SCHOOL DISTRICT**

DATE OF MEETING: May 21, 2024

LOCATION OF MEETING: The Board of Education Members Meet at
Barber Preparatory Academy (In Person)
45 E. Buena Vista Street
Highland Park, MI 48203

TIME OF MEETING: 6:00 p.m.

**TELEPHONE NUMBER OF
THE PRINCIPAL OFFICE OF THE
BOARD OF EDUCATION:** 313-402-0266

**THE BOARD MINUTES ARE LOCATED AND
AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION AT THE HPSD
OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION:** 12360 Woodward Avenue
Highland Park, MI 48203

PURPOSE: A Regular Board of Education Meeting

Linda Wheeler, Secretary
Board of Education

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MISSION STATEMENT: *To provide a high-quality public education that assures students will receive a comprehensive learning experience which prepares them to compete in a global 21st century society.*



**REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

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

Tuesday, May 21, 2024
6:00PM

APPROVED MINUTES

Call to Order –

Meeting was called to order by Janet Spight-White @ 6:01 PM

Roll Call –

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

Absent: Lorne McGee, Treasurer

QUORUM

Approve Meeting Agenda

Motion to Approve the Meeting Agenda

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

MOTION PASSES: 4-0

Motion to Amend the Meeting Agenda and Add Dr. Farris to Item 1A Under District Department Reports and Information and Add Under Board of Education Affairs & Comments Item 3A BOD Business and Remove Item 3 Board Mandated Classes Report-Treasurer Lorne McGee, Under Unfinished Business Remove Items 2 and 3

President Spight -White entertained a motion to motion to amend the meeting agenda and add Dr. Farris to Item1A under

District Department Reports and Information and add under Board of Education Affairs & Comments Item 3A BOD Business and remove Item 3 Board Mandated Classes Report-Treasurer Lorne McGee, and under Unfinished Business remove Items 2 and 3, 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

MOTION PASSES: 4-0

Approve Meeting Minutes

Motion to Approve the May 7, 2024, Regular Meeting Minutes

President Spight-White entertained a motion to approve the May 7, 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

MOTION PASSES: 4-0

6:12PM- Anthony Askew Entered the Meeting

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

Communications

COO Memo- Reimbursement Procedures

BPA Teacher Appreciation Thank You Card

District Department Reports and Information

Education & Charter School Compliance and Business Operations

Isaiah Pettway, M.P.A., B.A., Chief Operating Officer

COO and Charter School Compliance Q&A

COO Pettway updated the BOE on the District’s Transition, Upcoming Budget Hearing

Dr. Pam Farris, ACCEL Schools - Absent

Finance – Alan C. Young, P.C.

(Presenter: Luska German, FCCA)

Q&A April Financials

Board of Education Sub-Committee Reports

Activities Comm. Report- Secretary Linda Wheeler

Unfinished Business

Tribute Resolution for Jamille Edwards

New Business - None

BOE Affairs & Comments

NSBA Conference Report-Vice President Doris Harris
NSBA Conference Report-Member Anthony Askew

Board of Directors Business

Motion to Remove Famika Roberts from the HPPSAS BPA Board of Directors

President Spight-White entertained a motion to remove Famika Roberts from 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, Anthony Askew-No
MOTION PASSES: 4-1

Motion to Remove Cassandra Walker from the HPPSAS BPA Board of Directors

President Spight-White entertained a motion to remove Cassandra Walker from 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, Anthony Askew-No
MOTION PASSES: 4-1

Legal Fees

President Spight-White discussed the importance of Board members emailing the BOE President about the concerns and not to reach out to the Board attorney.

COO Isaiah Pettway discussed legal fees incurred and the outstanding invoices for April and May. amendment of the budget for legal fees, managing the budget, cost of calling the Board attorney with questions, the cost of special meetings, fiscal responsibility, and other concerns.

7:39PM – Cheryl Sanford Entered the Meeting

Public Comments and Questions (3 Minutes Only)

Michelle Maddox, Community Member – Asked questions about older HP residents not allowed to take classes at WCCC; paying taxes and millages and there is no high school or college.

Jamille Edwards, Former HPSD BOE President, Current GWC President- Cassandra Walker and Famika Roberts should be present for their removal from the Board of Directors; BOE should not have an attorney at every Board meeting, BOE and BOD can agree to disagree, but respect one another. Thank you for the Tribute Resolution.

Sharmaine Robinson, Highland Park City Council – Lorne McGee came to City Council meeting and disrespected their meeting, it's all about respecting one another.

Marcelis Turner, HPPSAS BPA BOD Member – Spoke about several items including a combined meeting with the BOE and BOD.

Isaiah Pettway, COO HPSD- His goal is to work with everyone in the community and to understand their lane and their role. There are a number of things that need to be handled by process and procedure. It is imperative that processes

and procedures are followed. We need to have a level of trust and understanding of each other. Go back to your contract and see what you can do and not do. And do not let personalities get in the way. Everyone deserves to be respected and honored and do the work.

Confirmation of the Next Scheduled Meeting

Regular Meeting: Tuesday, June 4th, 2024 @ 6:00pm

Regular Meeting: Tuesday, June 18th, 2024 @ 6:00pm

Adjournment -

Motion to Adjourn

President Spight-White entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:34PM, 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, Cheryl Sanford- Yes, Anthony Askew-Yes

MOTION PASSES: 6-0

Respectfully submitted: Linda Wheeler, Board Secretary.