



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

DATE OF MEETING: May 23, 2024

LOCATION OF MEETING: **Barber Preparatory Academy (In Person)**
45 E. Buena Vista St.
Highland Park, MI 48203

TIME OF MEETING: 4:00 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: **To Discuss Provisions for Solutions Contract;
20-30 Bartlett Purchase Agreement**

Linda Wheeler, Secretary
Board of Education

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT NOTICE:

Any individual with a disability who require accommodations for participating or attending this meeting should contact the Board of Education at 313-402-0266 in advance of the meeting to request assistance.

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.*



THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF HIGHLAND PARK
12360 Woodward Avenue Highland
Park, Michigan
48203-3322

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Janet Spight-White, President

Doris Harris, Vice President

Linda Wheeler, Secretary

Lorne McGee, Treasurer

Mark Ashley-Price, Sergeant-at-Arms

Anthony Askew, Member

Cheryl Sanford, Member

Isaiah Pettway, Chief Operating Officer

Joseph Urban, Esq., Board Attorney

Barber Preparatory Academy
45 E. Buena Vista Street
Highland Park, MI 48203
May 23, 2024, 6:00pm

- **Call to Order**
- **Roll Call**
- **Communications**
- **Approve Meeting Agenda**
- **Public Comments & Questions (Agenda Items Only (3 minutes))**
- **Approve Meeting Minutes**
 - (1) _ May 21, 2024
- **District Department Reports and Information**
- **Board of Education Sub-Committee Reports**
- **Unfinished Business**
 - (1) Provision for Solutions Proposal
 - (2) 2030 Bartlett Purchase

- **New Business**
- **Board of Education Affairs & Comments**
- **Public Comments & Questions (3 minutes only)**
- **Confirmation of the Next Scheduled Meeting**

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

Regular Meeting: Tuesday, June 18th 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's website within five (5) business days after the meeting 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, May 23, 2024
4:00PM

APPROVED MINUTES

Call to Order –

Meeting was called to order by Janet Spight-White @ 4:21PM

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

President Spight-White entertained a motion to approve the special meeting agenda, so moved by Vice-President Harris, seconded by Member Price.

Discussion: Members discussed the motion.

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

MOTION PASSES: 4-2

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

Approve Meeting Minutes

Motion to Approve the May 21, 2024, Special Meeting Minutes

President Spight-White entertained a motion to approve the April 18, 2024, Special Meeting Minutes, 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

District Department Reports and Information - None

New Business

Motion to Approve Provisions for Solutions Proposal

President Spight-White entertained a motion to approve Provisions for Solutions proposal, so moved by Member Price, seconded by Member McGee.

Discussion: Members discussed the motion. For the Record, Linda Wheeler stated that the BOE did not fire former CEO Zakia Gibson. She decided to take a buyout on her contract and was not terminated. It was a choice. Also, Ms. Gully (Provisions for Solutions) comes highly respected whether anyone wants to accept it or not. Ms. Gully can guide the new Board, she is proficient in charter school management and affairs and knows policies and procedures. For the Record, Doris Harris stated that she is a certified board member Level 1 and Level 2 before she got on the BOE, and she knows her stuff and Ms. Gully is not going to tell her nothing, other than hello and goodbye.

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

MOTION PASSES: 4-2

Motion to Purchase 20-30 Bartlett with Legitimate Proof from Treasury

President Spight-White entertained a motion to purchase 20-30 Bartlett with legitimate proof from Treasury, so moved Member Price, seconded by Member Wheeler.

Discussion: Members discussed the motion.

5:04PM- Linda Wheeler Exited the Meeting

5:05PM- Linda Wheeler Re-Entered the Meeting

5:08PM- Linda Wheeler Exited the Meeting

5:09PM- Linda Wheeler Re-Entered the Meeting

Motion to End the Discussion of the Purchase 20-30 Bartlett with Legitimate Proof from Treasury

Member Wheeler asked for a motion to end the discussion of the purchase 20-30 Bartlett with legitimate proof from Treasury, seconded by Member Price.

Discussion: None

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

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MOTION PASSES: 4-2

Public Comments and Questions (3 Minutes Only)

Marcelis Turner, HPPSAS BPA BOD Member- The BOE issues. The purchase of 20-30 Bartlett.

Loretta Stafford, Community Member- BOE needs to respect one another and focus on helping the community.

Board of Education Affairs & Comments - None

Cheryl Sanford, HPSD BOE Member – Apologized if the special meeting took longer than expected. All elected and will do her due diligence before spending a million dollars on a building. Asking for info to be presented to all Board members is not unfair or unreasonable. The entire Board is responsible because they vote collectively. She will always do her due diligence and ask questions, trust and verify. The culture of the Board is toxic.

Mark Price, HPSD BOE Member – Is considering resigning from the Sergeant-at Arms position. Will make an announcement at the next regular meeting. For the Record, he is not resigning from the BOE. Peace and love to all of Highland Park.

Janet Spight-White- Hopes as an elected Board that every member does their homework and investigate and do their best.

Lorne McGee - HPSD BOE Member – Spoke to Mama Shu about Avalon Village and she said stepping out on faith. And that is what he believes about 23-30 Bartlett.

Doris Harris – Thanked Member Price for his Sergeant-at-Arms position. The BOE does not have the money to purchase 20-30 Bartlett and does not know the outcome of the pending lawsuit. The Treasury has not cleared the purchase of the building. The district is still in debt.

Confirmation of the Next Scheduled Meetings

Regular Meeting Tuesday, June 4, 2024 @ 6:00PM.

Regular Meeting: Tuesday, June 18, 2024 @ 6:00PM.

Adjournment -

Motion to Adjourn @ 5:32PM

President Spight-White entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:32PM, so moved by Vice-President Harris, seconded by Member Price.

Discussion: All Say “I”

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

MOTION PASSES: 6-0

Respectfully submitted: Linda Wheeler, Board Secretary.