



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:

June 18, 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.
Session Pursuant to Section 8(h) of the Open
Meetings Act, To Review the Written Opinion of Counsel

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 | 6.18.2024

**REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

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

Tuesday, June 18, 2024
6:00PM

APPROVED MINUTES

Call to Order –

Meeting was called to order by Janet Spight-White @ 6:07 PM

Roll Call –

Present: Janet Spight-White, President/ Doris Harris, Vice-President/ Linda Wheeler, Secretary / Lorne McGee, Treasurer
Mark Ashley Price, Member/ Cheryl Sanford, Member/ Anthony Askew, Member

QUORUM

Communications

President Spight-White- Barber Preparatory Academy Promotion Ceremony
COO Isaiah Pettway – MDE Memo Authorizer Review Report; Parker Village

Approve Meeting Agenda

Motion to Approve the Meeting Agenda Adding the Motion that All Vendor Invoices Must Be Reviewed at the District Office and not be Distributed Via Email Due to Legal Confidentiality Under New Business

President Spight-White entertained a motion to approve the meeting adding the motion that all vendor invoices must be reviewed at the District Office and not be distributed via email due to legal confidentiality, 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, Doris Harris – Yes, Linda Wheeler - Yes, Mark Price – Yes, Lorne McGee- Yes, Cheryl Sanford – No, Anthony Askew - No

MOTION PASSES: 5-2

Approve Meeting Minutes

Motion to Approve the June 4, 2024, Regular Meeting Minutes

President Spight-White entertained a motion to approve the June 4, 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, Anthony Askew - Yes

MOTION PASSES: 7-0

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

District Department Reports and Information

Education & Charter School Compliance and Business Operations

Charter School Compliance

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

COO Pettway updated the BOE on the clean-up and landscaping at Ford School; lots for purchase across from Barber Preparatory Academy; 8th grade promotion ceremony; new BOD Members Runae Ford and Arleen Allen

Finance

Alan C. Young, P.C.

(Presenter: Luska German, FCCA)

Q&A May Financials/ Final

Motion to Approve the May 2024 Financials

President Spight-White entertained a motion to approve the May 2024 financials.

Discussion: None

Action: Motion fails due to lack of support.

Motion to Approve the FY23-24 Final Budget

President Spight-White entertained a motion to approve the FY23-24 final budget.

Discussion: None

Action: Motion fails due to lack of support.

Motion to Approve the FY24-25 Proposed Budget

President Spight-White entertained a motion to approve the FY24-25 proposed budget.

Discussion: None

Action: Motion fails due to lack of support.

Motion to Re-Entertain the Motion to Approve the May 2024 Financials

President Spight-White re-entertained a motion to approve the May 2024 financials, so moved Member Price, seconded by Member Wheeler.

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, Anthony Askew - No

MOTION PASSES: 4-3

Motion to Re-Entertain the Motion to Approve the FY23-24 Final Budget

President Spight-White re-entertained a motion to approve the FY23-24 final budget, so moved Member Wheeler, 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, Anthony Askew - No

MOTION PASSES: 4-3

Motion to Re-Entertain the Motion to Approve the FY24-25 Proposed Budget

President Spight-White re-entertained a motion to approve the FY24-25 proposed budget, so moved by Member Wheeler, 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, Anthony Askew - No

MOTION PASSES: 4-3

Dr. Pam Farris, District Superintendent (Accel Schools)- May ESP Report; 8th grade promotion ceremony; new student enrollment; marketing strategies.

Board of Education Sub-Committee Reports

Activities & Events Sub-Committee Report- Secretary Linda Wheeler will present next month.

Unfinished Business

Motion to Approve Barber Preparatory Academy Charter Contract and Barber Preparatory Academy Lease Agreement

President Spight-White entertained a motion to approve Barber Preparatory Academy Charter Contract and Barber Preparatory Academy Lease Agreement, 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, Anthony Askew - Yes

MOTION PASSES: 7-0

New Business

PR/Marketing Proposal

Presenter- Karen Dumas, Images and Ideas, Inc.

Motion to Approve that All Vendor Invoices Must Be Reviewed at the District Office and not be Distributed via Email Due to Legal Confidentiality

President Spight-White entertained a motion to approve that all vendor invoices must be reviewed at the District Office and not be distributed via email due to legal confidentiality, so moved by Member Wheeler, 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, Anthony Askew - No

MOTION PASSES: 4-3

Motion to Amend the Agenda to Add that BOE Members can Receive a Hard Copy of Vendor Invoices and Sign a Non-Disclosure to not Share with the Community

President Spight-White entertained a motion to amend the agenda to add that BOE members can receive a hard copy of vendor invoices and sign a non-disclosure to not share with the community, 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 - No, Mark Price – Yes, Lorne McGee- Yes, Cheryl Sanford – Yes, Anthony Askew - Yes

MOTION PASSES: 6-1

Motion to Approve that BOE Members can Receive a Hard Copy of Vendor Invoices and Sign a Non-Disclosure to not Share with the Community

President Spight-White entertained a motion to approve that BOE members can receive a hard copy of vendor invoices and sign a non-disclosure to not share with the community, so moved by Vice President Harris, seconded by Member Price.

Discussion: Members discussed the motion.

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

MOTION PASSES: 4-3

Board of Education Affairs & Comments

Janet Spight-White, HPSD BOE President- stated for the record that on May 23, 2024, at a Board of Education meeting, she made a statement that might have confused some people and their people to believe that she talked to the state about the School District gave permission to purchase 20/30 Bartlett, she was talking about the Sinking Fund. It was a mistake. No such permission has been given, either verbally or in written.

Public Comments and Questions (3 Minutes Only)

Runae Ford, HPPSAS BPA BOD Member- Questions about PR/Marketing firm

Closed Session – Privileged Information Discussion

Motion to Go into A Closed Session for the Written Opinion of Counsel @ 8:09PM

President Spight-White entertained a motion to go into a closed session for the written opinion of counsel at 8:09pm, 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: 4-3

Motion to Come Out of Closed Session for the Written Opinion of Counsel @ 9:24PM

President Spight-White entertained a motion to go into a closed session for the written opinion of counsel at 9:24pm, 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 Maintain the Privilege on the Investigative Report

President Spight-White entertained a motion to maintain the privilege on the Investigative Report, 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

Confirmation of the Next Scheduled Meeting

Regular Meeting: Tuesday, July 2nd, 2024 @ 6:00pm

Regular Meeting: Tuesday, July 16th, 2024 @ 6:00pm

Adjournment -

Motion to Adjourn

President Spight-White entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:26 PM, 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

Respectfully submitted: Linda Wheeler, Board Secretary.