



**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: July 2, 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.
Closed Session Pursuant to Section 8(h) of the Open
Meetings Act, To Review the Written Opinion of Counsel

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.*



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, Member

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
July 2, 2024, 6:00pm

- Call to Order
- Roll Call
- Communications
- Approve Meeting Agenda
- Public Comments & Questions (Agenda Items Only (3 minutes))
 - Approve Meeting Minutes
 - (1) June 18, 2024
 - District Department Reports and Information
 - (1) COO Isaiah Pettway
 - Board of Education Sub-Committee Reports
 - (1) Activities & Events Committee
 - Unfinished Business

(1) Motion to Approve PR/Marketing Proposal-Karen Dumas

- **New Business**
- **Closed Session**-Discussion of Written Opinion of Counsel
- **Board of Education Affairs & Comments**
- **Public Comments & Questions (3 minutes only)**
- **Confirmation of the Next Scheduled Meeting**

Regular Meeting: Tuesday, July 16th, 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.



**REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

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

Tuesday, July 2, 2024
6:00PM

APPROVED MINUTES

Call to Order –

Meeting was called to order by Janet Spight-White @ 6:04 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/

Absent: Anthony Askew, Member

QUORUM

Communications- None

Approve Meeting Agenda

Motion to Approve the Meeting Agenda Adding a Statement by Vice-President Doris Harris Under New Business Before the Closed Session

President Spight-White entertained a motion to approve the meeting adding a statement by Vice-President Doris Harris under New Business before the Closed Session, 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

MOTION PASSES: 5-0

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

Approve Meeting Minutes

Motion to Approve the June 18, 2024, Budget Hearing Minutes and June 18, 2024, Regular Meeting Minutes

President Spight-White entertained a motion to approve the June 18, 2024, Budget Hearing Minutes and June 18, 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.

MOTION PASSES: 5-0

District Department Reports and Information

Charter School Compliance

Isaiah Pettway, M.P.A., B.A., Chief Operating Officer
Report and Q&A

6:09PM- Cheryl Sanford Entered the Meeting

COO Isaiah Pettway updated the BOE on the MASB Summer Institute Registration; BOE and District Office Recess; BOD Organizational Meeting; BPA student enrollment, per pupil increase, and grants.

For the Record: Vice-President Harris stated that when BPA was a regular school and thriving, there was more than enough room for even up to 500 students.

For the Record: Vice-President Harris stated that everyone knows the money that comes in from the city government goes to the District only, not students or anyone else.

Board of Education Sub-Committee Reports

Activities & Events Sub-Committee Report- Secretary Linda Wheeler – Jazzy Jam

For the Record: COO Pettway stated that there would be a benefit to combining with BPA for the Jazzy Jam on August 29th.

Unfinished Business

PR/Marketing Proposal

Motion to Approve PR/Marketing Proposal – Karen Dumas

President Spight-White entertained a motion to approve PR/ Marketing Proposal-Karen Dumas, so moved by Member Wheeler, seconded by Member Price.

Discussion: Members discussed the motion.

Action: Board members decided to seek additional vendor proposals from two other companies.

Motion to Rescind the Motion to Approve PR/Marketing Proposal – Karen Dumas and Table

President Spight-White entertained a motion to rescind to approve PR/ Marketing Proposal-Karen Dumas and table, 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 -Yes

MOTION PASSES: 5-1

New Business

Vice-President Doris Harris Statement

I, Doris Harris, on July 2, 2024, @ 6:53pm formally inform this Board that I waive my attorney-client privilege in regard to the lawsuit pending. And also, the email I submitted was in my defense because I was being accused of releasing a report, so upon that I am giving notification that I waive my attorney-client privilege as of today. Thank you.

Public Comments and Questions (3 Minutes Only)

Tammy Stafford, HPPSAS BPA BOD Member- Commented on Karen Dumas Proposal; BOE holding up progress.

Runae Ford- HPPSAS BPA BOD Secretary – Questions and comments regarding multiple RFPs from PR/Marketing Firms; Why was Edge Marketing relieved of their contract, Bringing back Para Pros.

Famika Roberts, Former HPPSAS BOD BPA Vice-President- Commented on interviewing multiple PR/ Marketing vendors was a great practice. Spoke about her removal from the Board of Directors without valid reasoning. Believed it was because of her stance about the sexual harassment allegations against Lorne McGee. Asked President Spight-White for Lorne McGee’s documented proof of his sensitivity training classes and has been asking since March 21,2024. President Spight-White said Ms. Roberts was terminated from the BOD for simple assault, to which Ms. Roberts stated she had not been charged.

Yolanda Harrison- Mental Health awareness and education in schools.

Closed Session – Discussion of Written Opinion of Counsel

Motion to Go into A Closed Session for the Purpose of the Legal Written Opinion of Counsel @ 7:06PM

President Spight-White entertained a motion to go into a closed session for the purpose of the legal written opinion of counsel at 7:06pm, so moved by Member Wheeler, 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

MOTION PASSES: 6-0

7:49PM- Cheryl Sanford Exited the Meeting

Motion to Come Out of Closed Session @ 8:11PM

President Spight-White entertained a motion to come out of closed session at 8:11pm, 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,

MOTION PASSES: 5-0

Board Of Education Affairs & Comments

Lorne McGee – Everyone have a Happy 4th of July, be safe, and have a good time.
Mark Price – Peace and love to everybody.

Confirmation of the Next Scheduled Meeting

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

8:12PM- Lorne McGee Exited the Meeting

Adjournment -

Motion to Adjourn

President Spight-White entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:13 PM, 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

MOTION PASSES: 4-0

Respectfully submitted: Linda Wheeler, Board Secretary.