



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

DATE OF MEETING:

August 20, 2024

LOCATION OF MEETING:

Barber Preparatory Academy (In Person)
45 E. Buena Vista St.
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 Written Approval of Counsel**

Linda Wheeler, Secretary
Board of Education

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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, 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

August 20, 2024, 6:00pm

- **Call to Order**
- **Roll Call**
- **Communications**
 - (1) State Treasury Memo-Digitization Project
- **Approve Meeting Agenda**
- **Public Comments (Agenda Items Only (3 minutes))**
- **Approve Meeting Minutes**
 - (1) August 7th, 2024
- **District Department Reports and Information**
 - (1) COO Isaiah Pettway
 - (2) Finance-Alan C. Young, PC.

(Presenter: Luska German, FCCA)

- Q&A May Financials
- Motion to approve July Financials

(3.) District Superintendent-Dr. Farris

- **Board of Education Sub-Committee Reports**

- (1.) Activities Committee

- **Unfinished Business**

- (1.) Additional Legal Counsel-Elections

- (2.) New Day Construction Invoices

- **New Business**

- (1.) Continuance of COO Service Contract

- **Closed Session**-Discussion of Legal Opinion of Counsel

- **Board of Education Affairs & Comments**

- **Extended Public Comments (3 minutes only)**

- **Confirmation of the Next Scheduled Meeting**

Regular Meeting: Wednesday, September 4th, 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.



The School District of the City of Highland Park | **8.20.2024**

**REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

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

Tuesday, August 20, 2024
6:00PM

APPROVED MINUTES

Call to Order –

Meeting was called to order by Janet Spight-White @ 6:03 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

Parker Village Magazine

State Treasury Memo-Digitization Project

Approve Meeting Agenda

6:07PM- Cheryl Sanford Entered the Meeting

Motion to Amend the Meeting Agenda Moving Item 1 Additional Legal Counsel - Elections Under Unfinished Business to the Closed Session,

President Spight-White entertained a motion to amend the meeting agenda, moving Item 1 Additional Legal Counsel - Elections under Unfinished Business to the Closed Session, so moved by Member Wheeler, seconded by Member Price.

Discussion: Members discussed the motion.

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

MOTION PASSES: 6-1

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

Approve Meeting Minutes

Motion to Approve the August 7, 2024, Special Meeting Minutes

President Spight-White entertained a motion to approve the August 7, 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, Lorne McGee-Yes, Mark Price - Yes, Cheryl Sanford – Yes, Anthony Askew-Yes

MOTION PASSES: 7-0

District Department Reports and Information

Isaiah Pettway, M.P.A., B.A., Chief Operating Officer
COO and Charter School Compliance Q&A

COO Pettway updated the BOE on The Back to School Jazzy Jam Event; securing Ford Building and removal of rubbish and other items; NCSI meeting; MDE Meeting; Edge Partnerships social media engagement and promotion of the District.

Finance- Alan C. Young, PC.

Presenter: Luska German, FCCAs
Q&A May Financials

Dr. Pam Farris – VP, Accel Schools, updated BOE on BOD approved classrooms and bathrooms renovations 4-week project; and student enrollment; Child’s Hope partnership.

Board of Education Sub-Committee Reports

Activities & Events Sub-Committee -Linda Wheeler (chair)

Member Wheeler provided updates for the upcoming Back to School Jazzy Jam on August 29th

Unfinished Business

New Day Construction Invoices

Motion to Approve the New Day Construction Invoices

President Spight-White entertained a motion to approve the New Day Construction invoices, 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, Lorne McGee-Yes, Mark Price - Yes, Cheryl Sanford – Yes, Anthony Askew-Yes

MOTION PASSES: 7-0

New Business

Continuance of COO Service Contract Discussion

Motion to Go Into Closed Session to Consider the Written Opinion of Legal Counsel @ 7:06PM

President Spight-White entertained a motion to go into closed session to consider the written opinion of legal counsel at 7:06pm, 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, Lorne McGee-Yes, Mark Price - Yes, Cheryl Sanford – Yes, Anthony Askew-Yes

MOTION PASSES: 6-1

Motion to Come Out of Closed Session at 7:52PM

President Spight-White entertained a motion to come out of closed session at 7:52pm, 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, Lorne McGee-Yes, Mark Price - Yes, Cheryl Sanford – Yes, Anthony Askew-Yes

MOTION PASSES: 7-0

Motion to Approve Additional Legal Counsel for Elections

President Spight-White entertained a motion to approve additional legal counsel for elections, so moved by Member Wheeler, seconded by Member Price.

Discussion: Members discussed the motion. Cheryl Sanford asked if this was regarding Board member recalls. For the record, Doris Harris did not agree to go into closed session about this motion. It is a violation of OMA.

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

MOTION FAILS: 3-4

BOE Affairs & Comments

Mark Price - Peace and love.

Lorne McGee – Skilled Workers; Need for Trades

Extended Public Comments and Questions (3 Minutes Only)

Yolanda Harrison, Community Member- Commented about why there is so much discussion about Adult Education and trade programs when Highland Park needs a high school; Does not feel that taxpayers should pay for a recall; Urged Board to be more effective with their time and helping the children.

Famika Roberts, Former HPPSAS BOD Vice-President, Community Member – Commented on the Recall of Linda Wheeler and Janet Spight-White; BOE purchasing a property is concerning to the community, vote for Famika Jackson Roberts for the BOE in November.

Confirmation of Next Scheduled Meeting

Regular Meeting: Wednesday, September 4, 2024 @ 6:00pm

Adjournment -

Motion to Adjourn

President Spight-White entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:53PM, 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, Lorne McGee-Yes, Mark Price - Yes, Cheryl Sanford – Yes, Anthony Askew-Yes

MOTION PASSES: 7-0

Respectfully submitted: Linda Wheeler, Board Secretary.