



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: October 4, 2024

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

TIME OF MEETING: 11:00 a.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: **Closed Session: To Discuss the Legal 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
12360 Woodward Avenue Highland
Park, Michigan
48203-3322

SPECIAL 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
October 4, 2024, 11:00am

- **Call to Order**
- **Roll Call**
- **Approve Meeting Agenda**
- **Public Comments (Agenda Items Only 3 minutes)**
- **Approve Meeting Minutes**
(1) October 1, 2024
- **New Business**
(1) Approval of Legal Counsel
- **Extended Public Comments (3 minutes only)**
- **Board of Education Affairs & Comments**
- **Closed Session**-Discussion of Legal Opinion of Counsel

- **Confirmation of the Next Scheduled Meeting**

Regular Meeting: Wednesday, November 6, 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

Friday, October 4, 2024
11:00AM

APPROVED MINUTES

Call to Order –

Meeting was called to order by Janet Spight-White @ 11:10AM

Roll Call –

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

MOTION PASSES: 6-0

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

Approve Meeting Minutes

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

President Spight-White entertained a motion to approve the October 4, 2024, Regular Meeting Minutes, 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

New Business

Approval of Legal Counsel

Motion to Approve Joe Urban Letter of Engagement Regarding Kirk, Huth, Lang & Badalamenti, PLC @ a Rate of \$305/hr.

President Spight-White entertained a motion to approve Joe Urban Letter of Engagement regarding Kirk, Huth, Lang & Badalamenti@ a rate of \$305/hr., so moved by Vice-President Harris, seconded by Member Proce,

Discussion: Members discussed the motion.

Roll call vote: Janet Spight-White - Yes, Doris Harris – Yes, Linda Wheeler - Yes, Mark Price - Yes, Anthony Askew-Yes

MOTION PASSES: 6-0

Extended Public Comments (3 minutes only) - None

BOE Affairs & Comments

Mark Price - Peace and love.

Linda Wheeler - Attorney Joe Urban has done an excellent job.

Closed Session

Motion to go into Closed Session for the Discussion of Legal Opinion of Counsel at 11:15 AM

President Spight-White entertained a motion to go into closed session for the discussion the legal opinion of counsel at 11:15 am, 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, Cheryl Sanford – Yes, Anthony Askew-Yes

MOTION PASSES: 6-0

Motion to come out of Closed Session @ 12:24 PM

President Spight-White entertained a motion to come out of closed session at 12:24 pm, so moved by Vice-President Harris, seconded by Member Askew.

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

Motion to Amend the Agenda to Enter the Resignation of Lorne McGee

President Spight-White entertained a motion to amend the agenda to enter the Resignation of Lorne McGee, so moved by Vice-President Harris, seconded by Member Askew.

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

Resolution requesting the resignation of Lorne McGee read into the record by President Janet Spight White.

Motion to Amend the Agenda to Approve the Resolution of the Resignation of Lorne McGee

President Spight-White entertained a motion to amend the agenda to approve the resolution of the resignation of Lorne McGee, so moved by Vice-President Harris, seconded by Member Askew.

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

Confirmation of Next Scheduled Meetings

Regular Meeting: Wednesday, November 6, 2024 @ 6:00 pm

Extended Public Comments (3 minutes only)

Alexis Ramsey – Wanted to clarify that State Rep McFall has no affiliation with Chief Tomby.

Motion to Adjourn @ 12:31 PM

President Spight-White entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:31 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, Cheryl Sanford – Yes, Anthony Askew-Yes

MOTION PASSES: 6-0

Respectfully submitted: Linda Wheeler, Board Secretary.