



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

DATE OF MEETING: February 19, 2025

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 to Discuss Written Opinion of Counsel

Yolanda Harrison, 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

RESCHEDULED REGULAR BOARD MEETING

President Cheryl Sanford

Vice President Famika Roberts

Secretary Yolanda Harrison

Treasurer Cassandra Walker

Trustee Doris Harris

Trustee Linda Wheeler

Trustee Janet Spight-White

Isaiah Pettway, Chief Educational
Officer

Joseph Urban, Esq., Board
Attorney

Barber Preparatory Academy
45 E. Buena Vista Street
Highland Park, MI 48203

February 18, 2025, 6:00pm

- **Call to Order**
- **Roll Call**
- **Communications**
 - (1.) HP Journal Periodical
- **Special Presentation: Ms. Jamille Edwards**
- **Approve Meeting Agenda**
- **Public Comments (Agenda Items Only 3 minutes)**
 - **Approved Meeting Minutes**
 - (1) January 14th, 2025 (Org & Regular Meeting)
 - **President Comments**
 - **District Department Reports and Information**
 - (1) Edge Partnership-Lorri Rishar, CEO

(2) CEO Isaiah Pettway

(3) Finance-Alan C. Young, PC.

(Presenter: Luska German, FCCA)

- Q&A January Financials
- Motion to approve January Financials

(4) Board Governance/Oversight Report

- Vanessa Gulley, Provision

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

(1.) Determine FY25 Sub-Committees and Chairs

- a. Executive Committee (suggested)
- b. Exploratory Committee (suggested)
- c. Policy Committee (suggested)
- d. Finance Committee (suggested)
- e. Activities Committee (suggested)

▪ **Unfinished Business**

(1.) Motion to Approve the Fall Board Policy Updates

▪ **New Business**

- (1.) Motion to approve MASB Board of Directors Election
- (2.) Motion to Resume Zoom Meeting Link for Board Meetings
- (3.) Special Meetings Policy Revision-3-member requirement
(Discussion)
- (4.) Motion to Approve Conference Guidelines

- (5.) Motion to Add Sargeant-at-Arms to the role of Secretary
- (6.) Motion to Approve Food Provision reimbursement
- (7.) Motion to Identify Food vendors for 2025 (3)
- (8.) Motion to Approve Board President to Engage Legal Counsel
- **Extended Public Comments (3 minutes only)**
- **Closed Session**-Discussion of the Written Opinion of Legal Counsel
- **Board of Education Affairs & Comments**
- **Confirmation of the Next Scheduled Meeting**

Regular Meeting: Tuesday, March 11th, 2025 @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

Wednesday, February 19, 2025
6:00PM

APPROVED MINUTES

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President Cheryl Sanford @ 6:11PM.

Roll Call

Present: Cheryl Sanford, President/ Famika Roberts, Vice-President/ Yolanda Harrison, Secretary/
Cassandra Walker, Treasurer/ Doris Harris, Member/ Linda Wheeler, Member/ Janet Spight-White, Member

QUORUM

Communications

HP Journal Periodical

6:13PM – Yolanda Harrison entered the meeting

Motion to Approve the Meeting Agenda

President Sanford entertained a motion to approve the meeting agenda, so moved by Member Harrison, seconded by Vice President Roberts.

Discussion: Members discussed the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Cheryl Sanford-Yes, Famika Roberts- Yes, Yolanda Harrison- Yes, Cassandra Walker-Yes, Doris Harris-Yes, Linda Wheeler- Yes, Janet Spight-White-Yes

Motion Passes: 7-0

Special Presentation: Ms. Jamille Edwards

Motion to Approve January 14, 2025, Annual Organizational & Regular Meeting Minutes

President Sanford entertained a motion to approve the January 14, 2025, Annual Organizational & Regular Meeting minutes, so moved by Vice President Roberts, seconded by Member Walker.

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Discussion: Members discussed the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Cheryl Sanford-Yes, Famika Roberts- Yes, Yolanda Harrison- Yes, Cassandra Walker-Yes, Doris Harris-No, Linda Wheeler- Yes, Janet Spight-White-Yes

Motion Passes: 6-1

President Comments

Public Comments (Agenda Items Only 3 minutes)

None

District Department Reports and Information

Edge Partnership – Lorri Rishar, CEO

Accel Schools – Dr. Pam Farris, Vice President

Finance- Alan C. Young, PC. - Presenter: Luska German, FCCA
Q&A January Financials

Motion to Approve the January 2025 Financials

President Sanford made a motion to approve the January 2025 financials, so moved by Member Harrison, seconded by Member Walker.

Discussion: None

7:03PM- Famika Roberts exited the meeting

Roll Call Vote: Cheryl Sanford-Yes, Yolanda Harrison- Yes, Cassandra Walker-Yes, Doris Harris-No, Linda Wheeler- Yes, Janet Spight-White-Yes

Motion Passes: 5-1

Board Governance/ Oversight Report- Vanessa Gulley, Provision

7:06PM – Famika Roberts re-entered the meeting

CEO Report- Isaiah Pettway, HPSD

Board of Education Sub-Committee Reports

Determine FY25 Sub-Committees and Chairs

- a. Executive Committee
- b. Educational Expansion Committee
- c. Policy Committee
- d. Finance Committee
- e. Fundraising & Events Committee

Unfinished Business

Motion to Approve the Fall Board Policy Updates

President Sanford entertained a motion to approve the fall board policy updates, so moved by Member Harrison,

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seconded by Member Walker.

7:53PM – Yolanda Harrison exited the meeting.

Discussion: Members discussed the motion.

7:55PM – Yolanda Harrison re-entered the meeting.

Roll Call Vote: Cheryl Sanford-Yes, Famika Roberts- Yes, Yolanda Harrison- Yes, Cassandra Walker-Yes, Doris Harris-Yes, Linda Wheeler- No, Janet Spight-White-No

Motion Passes: 5-2

For the Record, Doris Harris would like to change her vote.

Motion to Reconsider the Vote

President Sanford entertained a motion to reconsider the vote, so moved by Member Harrison. seconded by Member Janet Spight-White.

Discussion: None

Roll Call Vote: Cheryl Sanford-Yes, Famika Roberts- Yes, Yolanda Harrison- Yes, Cassandra Walker-Yes, Doris Harris- Yes, Linda Wheeler- Yes, Janet Spight-White-Yes

Motion Passes: 7-0

Motion to Move Forward with the Approval of the Fall Board Policy Updates

President Sanford entertained a motion to move forward with the approval of the fall board policy updates, so moved by Vice President Roberts, seconded by Member Harrison.

Discussion: Members discussed the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Cheryl Sanford-Yes, Famika Roberts- Yes, Yolanda Harrison- Yes, Cassandra Walker-Yes, Doris Harris-No, Linda Wheeler- No, Janet Spight-White-No

Motion Passes: 4-3

Reading of the Accepted Board Member Ethics & Conduct Policy

New Business

Motion to Approve MASB Board of Director Candidate, Dr. Anisha Hannah

President Sanford entertained a motion to approve MASB Board of Director candidate, Dr. Anisha Hannah, so moved by Member Wheeler, seconded by Member Harris.

Discussion: Members discussed the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Cheryl Sanford-Yes, Famika Roberts- Yes, Yolanda Harrison- Yes, Cassandra Walker-Yes, Doris Harris- Yes, Linda Wheeler- Yes, Janet Spight-White-Yes

Motion Passes: 7-0

Motion to Resume Zoom Link for Board Meetings and Live Streaming & Channel 33

President Sanford entertained a motion to resume Zoom link for board meetings and live streaming & channel 33, so moved by Vice President Roberts, seconded by Member Harris.

Discussion: Members discussed the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Cheryl Sanford-Yes, Famika Roberts- Yes, Yolanda Harrison- Yes, Cassandra Walker-Yes, Doris Harris- Yes, Linda Wheeler- Yes, Janet Spight-White-Yes

Motion Passes: 7-0

Motion to Approve Conference Guidelines

President Sanford entertained a motion to approve conference guidelines, so moved by Vice President Roberts, seconded by Member Harris.

Discussion: Members discussed the motion.

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Roll Call Vote: Cheryl Sanford-Yes, Famika Roberts- Yes, Yolanda Harrison- Yes, Cassandra Walker-Yes, Doris Harris- Yes, Linda Wheeler- Yes, Janet Spight-White-Yes

Motion Passes: 7-0

Motion to Add Sergeant-at-Arms to the Role of Secretary

President Sanford entertained a motion to add Sergeant-at-Arms to the role of Secretary, so moved by Vice President Roberts, seconded by Member Walker.

Discussion: Members discussed the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Cheryl Sanford-Yes, Famika Roberts- Yes, Yolanda Harrison- Yes, Cassandra Walker-Yes, Doris Harris- Yes, Linda Wheeler- Yes, Janet Spight-White-Yes

Motion Passes: 7-0

Motion to Approve Food Provision Reimbursement

President Sanford entertained a motion to trademark inspection services quote, so moved by Member Walker, seconded by Member Harrison.

Discussion: Members discussed the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Cheryl Sanford-Yes, Famika Roberts- Yes, Yolanda Harrison- Yes, Cassandra Walker-Yes, Doris Harris- No, Linda Wheeler- Yes, Janet Spight-White-Yes

Motion Passes: 6-1

Motion to Identify Crispelli's, Luisa's and Mama Joan and Sons as Food Vendors for 2025

President Sanford entertained a motion to identify Crispelli's, Luisa's and Mama Joan and Sons as food vendors for 2025, so moved by Member Walker, seconded by Member Harris.

Discussion: Members discussed the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Cheryl Sanford-Yes, Famika Roberts- Yes, Yolanda Harrison- Yes, Cassandra Walker-Yes, Doris Harris- Yes, Linda Wheeler- Yes, Janet Spight-White-Yes

Motion Passes: 7-0

Motion to Approve Board President to Engage Legal Counsel

President Sanford entertained a motion to approve board President to engage legal counsel, so moved by Vice President Roberts, seconded by Member Harrison.

Discussion: Members discussed the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Cheryl Sanford-Yes, Famika Roberts- Yes, Yolanda Harrison- Yes, Cassandra Walker-Yes, Doris Harris- No, Linda Wheeler- No, Janet Spight-White-No

Motion Passes: 4-3

Extended Public Comments (3 minutes only)

None

Motion to go into the Closed Session at 9:23PM

President Sanford entertained a motion to go into closed session at 9:23pm, so moved by Member Walker, seconded by Member Harris.

Discussion: None

Roll Call Vote: Cheryl Sanford-Yes, Famika Roberts- Yes, Yolanda Harrison- Yes, Cassandra Walker-Yes, Doris Harris- Yes, Linda Wheeler- Yes, Janet Spight-White-Yes

Motion Passes: 7-0

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Motion to come out of Closed Session at 9:56PM

President Sanford entertained a motion to come out of closed session at 9:56pm, so moved by Member Wheeler, seconded by Member Spight-White.

Discussion: None

Roll Call Vote: Cheryl Sanford-Yes, Famika Roberts- Yes, Yolanda Harrison- Yes, Cassandra Walker-Yes, Doris Harris- Yes, Linda Wheeler- Yes, Janet Spight-White-Yes

Motion Passes: 7-0

Board of Education Affairs & Comments

Janet Spight-White – Vanessa Gully being added to Closed Sessions; Simple Computers assisting the BOE and BOD Computer training.

Famika Roberts – Appreciated the board retreat and growing forward with everyone.

Confirmation of the Next Scheduled Meeting

Regular Meeting: Tuesday, March 11, 2025 @ 6:00pm

Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn

President Sanford entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:59 pm., so moved by Member Harris, seconded by Vice President Roberts

Discussion: None

Roll Call Vote: Doris Harris -Yes, Yolanda Harrison -Yes, Famika Roberts- Yes, Cheryl Sanford- Yes, Janet Spight-White-Yes, Cassandra Walker-Yes, Linda Wheeler- Yes

Motion Passes: 7-0

Respectfully submitted: Yolanda Harrison, Board Secretary.