



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:

March 13, 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

Public Guests Join via Zoom (Virtual)

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Meeting ID: 84011473307
Passcode: 955655

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 the 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 BOARD MEETING

President Cheryl Sanford

Vice President Famika Roberts

Barber Preparatory Academy

45 E. Buena Vista Street

Secretary Yolanda Harrison

Highland Park, MI 48203

March 13th, 2025, 6:00pm

Treasurer Cassandra Walker

- **Call to Order**

Trustee Doris Harris

- **Roll Call**

Trustee Linda Wheeler

- **Communications**

Trustee Janet Spight-White

(1.) Leaderboard Magazine (MASB)

(2.) HP Journal Magazine

(3.) Barber Preparatory Academy Request Letter

Isaiah Pettway, Chief Educational
Officer

- **Approve Meeting Agenda**

Joseph Urban, Esq., Board
Attorney

- **Public Comments (Agenda Items Only 3
minutes)**

- **Approved Meeting Minutes**

(1) February 28th, 2025 (Special Meeting)

- **President Comments**

- **District Department Reports and Information**

- (1) Edge Partnership-Lorri Rishar, CEO
- (2) Vice President, Accel Schools-Dr. Farris
- (3) Finance-Alan C. Young, PC.

(Presenter: Luska German, FCCA)

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

- (4) Board Governance/Oversight Report

- Vanessa Gulley, Provision

- (5) CEO Report-Isaiah Pettway

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

- (1.) Executive Committee Report
- (2.) Discussion of Meeting Times for Committees

- **Unfinished Business**

- (1.) Motion to Approve Special Meeting Policy-3 Member Requirement (Bylaw Change)

- **New Business**

- (1.) Motion to Approve Board Policy for Reconsideration & Rescission of Actions
- (2.) Motion to Require all requests for vendor services to be submitted to the CEO.
- (3.) Discussion-Establish parameters for BOE Computer Training.

(4.) Motion to Approve Reimbursement to the Board of Directors of Barber Preparatory Academy using Sinking Fund Allocations.

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

Regular Meeting: Tuesday, April 8th, 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

Thursday, March 13, 2025
6:00PM

APPROVED MINUTES

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order by President Cheryl Sanford @ 6:06 pm.

Roll Call- Cheryl Sanford, President/ Famika Roberts, Vice President/ Yolanda Harrison, Secretary & Sergeant-at-Arms/ Cassandra Walker, Treasurer/ Doris Harris, Member/ Linda Wheeler, Member/ Janet Spight-White, Member

QUORUM

Communications

1. Leaderboard Magazine (MASB)
2. HP Journal Magazine
3. Barber Preparatory Academy Request Letter

Approve Meeting Agenda

Motion to Approve the Meeting Agenda:

President Sanford entertained a motion to approve the Board of Education Meeting Agenda, so moved by Member Walker, seconded by Vice President Roberts.

Discussion: President Sanford stated that under New Business, the motion to approve board policy for reconsideration and rescission of actions has been changed to a discussion and will appear as a motion next month.

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

MOTION PASSES: 4-3

Public Comments and Questions (Agenda Items – 3 Minutes Only) –

Mark Ashley Price, former BOE Treasurer- BOE Sub-Committees; 3-Member Special Meeting Policy Requirement

Approve Meeting Minutes

Motion to Approve February 28, 2025, Special Meeting Minutes

President Sanford entertained a motion to approve the February 28, 2025, Special Meeting Minutes, so moved by Member Walker, seconded by Member Harrison.

Discussion: None

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

MOTION PASSES: 4-3

President Comments

Behind the Scenes at the Capitol

Motion to Approve February 28, 2025, Special Meeting Minutes

President Sanford entertained a motion to approve the February 28, 2025, Special Meeting Minutes, so moved by Member Walker, seconded by Member Harrison.

Discussion: None

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

MOTION PASSES: 4-3

District Department Reports and Information

1. Edge Partnership - Lorri Rishar, CEO
2. Accel Schools – Dr. Pam Farris, Vice President
3. Finance – Alan C. Young, PC.
(Presenter: Luska German, FCCA)

Motion to Approve February Financials

President Sanford entertained a motion to approve the February Financials, so moved by Member Walker, seconded by Vice President Roberts.

Discussion: Members discussed the motion.

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

MOTION PASSES: 4-3

4. Provision- Vanessa Gulley
Board Governance/ Oversight Report
5. CEO Report – Isaiah Pettway, CEO HPSD

Board of Education Sub-Committee Reports

1. Executive Committee Report
2. Discussion of Meeting Times for Committees

Unfinished Business**Motion to Approve Special Meeting Policy – 3 Member Requirement (Bylaw Change)**

President Sanford entertained a motion to approve the Special Meeting Policy – 3 Member Requirement (Bylaw change), so moved by Vice President Roberts, seconded by Member Harrison.

Discussion: Members discussed the motion.

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

MOTION PASSES: 4-3

New Business**Discussion Item- Approve Board Policy for Reconsideration & Recission of Actions**

CEO Isaiah Pettway read the policy into the record and members asked questions.

8:50PM - Famika Roberts Exited

8:54PM Famika Roberts Returned

Motion to Require All Requests for Vendor Services to be Submitted to the CEO

President Sanford entertained a motion to require all requests for vendor services to be submitted to the CEO, so moved by Vice President Roberts, seconded by Member Walker.

Discussion: Members discussed the motion.

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

MOTION PASSES: 4-3

Discussion Item – Establish Parameters for BOE Computer Training**Motion to Table the Motion to Approve Reimbursement to the Board of Directors of Barber Preparatory Academy Using Sinking Fund Allocations**

President Sanford entertained a motion to table the motion to approve reimbursement to the Board of Directors of Barber Preparatory Academy using Sinking Fund allocations, so moved by Member Walker, seconded by Vice President Roberts.

9:17PM - Yolanda Harrison Exited

9:20PM - Yolanda Harrison Returned

9:31PM - Cassandra Walker Exited

9:32PM - Cassandra Walker Returned

Discussion: Members discussed the motion.

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

MOTION PASSES: 7-0

Extended Public Comments (3 Minutes Only)

Runae Ford, Barber Preparatory Academy BOD Member- Thanked CEO Pettway for mentioning the status of Title 1; Helping Barber; Gift certificates.

Mark Ashley Price, former HPSD BOE Treasurer – Importance of MASB training; Peace & Love.

Board of Education Affairs & Comments

Janet Spight-White – For the Record: The BOE is not following the contract regarding BPA.

Doris Harris – Thanked Vice President Roberts; Zoom meeting on social media.

Famika Roberts – Bathroom renovations; Our words are who we are; Assist the BOD with capital improvements; Attending events; Live streaming.

Isaiah Pettway – Possible cuts in Funding for BPA; BOE supporting BPA; Apologized for the livestream situation.

Motion to Go into Closed Session for the Discussion of Written Legal Opinion of Counsel

President Sanford entertained the motion to go into closed session for the discussion of written legal opinion of Counsel, so moved by Member Harrison, seconded by Vice President Roberts.

Discussion: Members discussed the motion.

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

MOTION FAILS: 3-4

Confirmation of the Next Scheduled Meeting

Regular Meeting: Tuesday, April 8, 2025 @ 6:00pm

Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn at 9:49 PM

President Sanford entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:49 pm, so moved by Member Harris, seconded by Member Harrison.

Discussion: None

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

MOTION PASSES: 7-0

Respectfully submitted: Yolanda Harrison, Board Secretary.