



**PUBLIC NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING
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FOR THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF HIGHLAND PARK SCHOOL DISTRICT**

DATE OF MEETING:

August 23, 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

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Meeting ID: 896 4929 1583

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TIME OF MEETING:

9:00 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:

A Special Board of Education Meeting

Yolanda Harrison, Secretary Board of
Education

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THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF HIGHLAND PARK
12360 Woodward Avenue Highland
Park, Michigan
48203-3322

SPECIAL 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

August 23rd, 2025, 9:00am

- **Call to Order**
- **Roll Call**
- **Communications**
- (1) HP Journal Periodical
- **Approve Meeting Agenda**
- **Public Comments (Agenda Items Only 3 minutes)**
- **Approved Meeting Minutes**
- (1) July 8th, 2025, Regular Board Meeting
- **President Comments**
- **District Department Reports and Information**
- (1) CEO Report-Isaiah Pettway (15 mins)
- **Board of Education Sub-Committee Reports**

- **Unfinished Business**

None

- **New Business**

(1.) Approve Resolution/Tribute Policy

(2.) Approve Resolution Requesting Bond for City Treasurer

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

- **Board of Education Affairs & Comments**

- **Confirmation of the Next Scheduled Meeting**

Regular Meeting: September 9th, 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.



The School District of the City of Highland Park | **8.23.2025**

**SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

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

Saturday, August 23, 2025
9:00AM

APPROVED MINUTES

Call to Order –

Meeting was called to order by President Cheryl Sanford @ 9:11AM.

Roll Call –

Present: 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

HP Journal Periodical

Approve Meeting Agenda

Motion to Approve the Amended Agenda to Remove Approving Resolution/Tribute Policy and the Resolution Requesting Bond for City Treasurer

President Sanford entertained a motion to amend the agenda and remove both approving Resolution/Tribute Policy approving the Resolution Requesting Bond for City Treasurer, so moved by Vice President Roberts, seconded by Member Walker.

Discussion: Board members discussed the amended agenda items. Vice President Roberts asked for more time to review and find out additional information.

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

MOTION PASSES: 6-1

Public Comments (Agenda Items Only – 3 Minutes)

Mark Price, former HPSD BOE Trustee – *For the record, why is the BOE having a special meeting discussing the treasury bond?*

Carla Oliver, Highland Park Community Member – Raised questions about the removal of the agenda item related to city treasury bond.

Motion to Approve July 8, 2025, Regular Meeting Minutes

President Sanford entertained a motion to approve the July 8, 2025, regular meeting minutes, so moved by Member Harris, seconded by Vice President Roberts.

Discussion: None

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

MOTION PASSES: 7-0

President Comments

President Sanford thanked everyone who participated in the Jazzy Jam and celebrated BPA’s centennial and elaborated on the positive feedback from the parents and community.

District Department Reports and Information

CEO Report

CEO Isaish Pettway discussed the Forever Free Friendship Club event, provided updates on Dream Academy charter application and stated Ford School has not been sold. *For the record no one can sell property unless approved by the BOE.* Three BOD member candidates have been forwarded to the BOE for consideration and will be discussed during the September meeting. CEO Pettway also discussed the successful event of the Jazzy Jam. Student enrollment exceed BPA’s goals of 375 and over 300 backpacks with supplies were given to BPA students and GWC students. CEO Pettway further discussed additional matters including issues with Detroit Public Schools transporting special needs students who live in Highland Park. The CEO has been working with Tanya Meyer-Phillips who was fundamental in getting the transportation services needed for the upcoming school year and Wayne Resa. *Mr. Pettway stated on the record a thank you to Michigan State Representative Tanya Meyer-Phillips.* CEO Isaiah Pettway updated the board on compliance work with the insurance carrier, pothole repairs, a fire security system at the district office and concluded with the window installations and the modernization of the school elevator.

Unfinished Business – None

New Business - None

Extended Public Comments (3 Minutes Only)

Carla Oliver, Highland Park Community Member – Career Day at BPA, Zoom link credentials

Lisa Stolarski, Highland Park City Treasurer – Offered to discuss the bonding situation further and provided her contact information.

Mark Price, former HPSD BOE Trustee -*For the record, can the public attend the sexual harassment training?*

Board of Education Affairs & Comments

Cheryl Sanford – Everyone is welcome to attend the sexual harassment training.

Yolanda Harrison – Thanked Carla Oliver for her idea about Career Day, raised questions about the city treasurer being bonded.

Janet Spight White - Has never missed a City Council meeting and the issues brought up at this BOE meeting are discussed in those meetings as well, thanked Ms. Stolarski for attending.

Doris Harris – *For the record, the BOE is not merging with the City of Highland Park.*

Linda Wheeler – Thanked everyone including Mr. Pettway and Ms. McPhail for the work they did on the Jazzy Jam event. Glad that the motion to remove the treasurer item from the agenda, thanked Carla Oliver for her Career Day idea and will there be a City our this October.

Famika Roberts – Thanked everyone who participated in the Jazzy Jam event, thanked Mark Price for his continued support, thanked Carla Oliver for her ideas, talked about community, thanked Mr. Pettway and Ms. McPhail for their hard work, and reminded everyone to take the Day of Dialogue poll on the district’s website.

Cassandra Walker – Warned the public that Potential individuals with ulterior motives may try to undermine the school district’s efforts.

Confirmation of the Next Scheduled Meeting

Regular Meeting: Tuesday, September 9, 2025 @ 6:00 p.m.

Adjournment -

Motion to Adjourn 10:24AM

President Sanford entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:24 a.m., so moved by Member Harris, seconded by Member Wheeler.

Discussion: None

All in Favor Say “I”: Cheryl Sanford - “I”, Famika Roberts - “I”, Cassandra Walker - “I”, Yolanda Harrison - “I”, Doris Harris - “I”, Linda Wheeler - “I”, Janet Spight-White - “I”

MOTION PASSES: 7-0

Respectfully submitted by: Yolanda Harrison, Board Secretary