

**SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

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

**Wednesday, October 29, 2025
6:00 PM**

APPROVED MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER –

The meeting was called to order by President Cheryl Sanford at 6:06 PM.

ROLL CALL –

Ms. Cheryl Sanford, President, Board of Education	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Ms. Famika Roberts, Vice President, Board of Education	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Ms. Yolanda Harrison, Secretary & Sergeant-at-Arms, Board of Education	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Ms. Cassandra Walker, Treasurer, Board of Education	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
<i>Exited meeting at 6:08 and RETURN AT 6:14 - Exited meeting at 2:27 and RETURN AT 6:30</i>		
Ms. Doris Harris, Member, Board of Education	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
<i>Exited meeting at 6:10 and DID NOT RETURN TO MEETING</i>		
Ms. Linda Wheeler, Member, Board of Education	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Ms. Janet Spight-White, Member, Board of Education	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent

QUORUM

PUBLIC COMMENTS (Agenda Items Only – 3 minutes only)

- **Ms. Charmain Robinson**
 - Desire to speak regarding the resolutions to censure members
- **Mrs. Lisa Stolarski**
 - Desire to speak regarding the resolutions to censure members
 - Comment regarding incorporation of her comments in previous meeting minutes
- **Mr. Mark Ashley Price**
 - Desire to see agenda on screen in the Zoom meeting
- **Mr. Charles Blackwell**
 - Desire to speak regarding the resolution to censure members
 - Request that agendas be placed on the website along with the meeting postings

APPROVE MEETING AGENDA

MOTION: VICE PRESIDENT ROBERTS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE OCTOBER 29, 2025 SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA

SUPPORT: SECRETARY HARRISON SECONDED.

DISCUSSION:

AS PRESENTED.

WITH MODIFICATION TO ADD PRESIDENT’S COMMENTS TO THE AGENDA PRIOR TO APPROVAL OF THE MEETING MINTUES.

ROLL CALL:

- Ms. Cheryl Sanford, President, Board of Education Yes No
- Ms. Famika Roberts, Vice President, Board of Education Yes No
- Ms. Yolanda Harrison, Secretary & Sergeant-at-Arms, Board of Education Yes No
- Ms. Cassandra Walker, Treasurer, Board of Education Yes No
- Ms. Doris Harris, Member, Board of Education Yes No *Not in meeting*
- Ms. Linda Wheeler, Member, Board of Education Yes No
- Ms. Janet Spight-White, Member, Board of Education Yes No

MOTION CARRIED 4-2.

PRESIDENT’S COMMENT

- Comment regarding genuine regret for the need to consider censure of members

MOTION TO APPROVE OCTOBER 14, 2025, REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

MOTION: SECRETARY HARRISON MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE OCTOBER 14, 2025 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

SUPPORT: VICE PRESIDENT ROBERTS SECONDED.

DISCUSSION: None

AS PRESENTED.

WITH CORRECTIONS,

ROLL CALL:

- Ms. Cheryl Sanford, President, Board of Education Yes No
- Ms. Famika Roberts, Vice President, Board of Education Yes No
- Ms. Yolanda Harrison, Secretary & Sergeant-at-Arms, Board of Education Yes No
- Ms. Cassandra Walker, Treasurer, Board of Education Yes No
- Ms. Doris Harris, Member, Board of Education Yes No *Not in meeting*
- Ms. Linda Wheeler, Member, Board of Education Yes No
- Ms. Janet Spight-White, Member, Board of Education Yes No

MOTION CARRIED 5 -1

UNFINISHED /OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

1. Board Resolution to Censure Trustee Doris Harris

MOTION: SECRETARY HARRISON MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION TO CENSURE TRUSTEE DORIS HARRIS.

SUPPORT: VICE PRESIDENT ROBERTS SECONDED.

DISCUSSION:

- Janet Spight-White inquired about documents/support that have been presented to substantiate violation
- Yolanda Harrison reminded the board of the allegations of harassment and the final response post investigation

ROLL CALL:

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| Ms. Famika Roberts, Vice President, Board of Education | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| Ms. Yolanda Harrison, Secretary & Sergeant-at-Arms, Board of Education | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| Ms. Cassandra Walker, Treasurer, Board of Education | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| Ms. Doris Harris, Member, Board of Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No <i>Not in meeting</i> |
| Ms. Linda Wheeler, Member, Board of Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No |
| Ms. Janet Spight-White, Member, Board of Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No |

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 4-2.

2. Board Resolution to Censure Trustee Janet Spight-White

MOTION: SECRETARY HARRISON MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION TO CENSURE TRUSTEE JANET SPIGHT-WHITE.

SUPPORT: VICE PRESIDENT ROBERTS SECONDED.

DISCUSSION:

- Linda Wheeler
 - inquired if the threats against board members have been documented
 - inquired if the board misrepresentation items have been documented
 - inquired about the negative representation regarding Avalon Village
- Janet Spight-White
 - Noted her love for Highland Park and respect for Avalon Village
 - Requested documentation for HPBOE partnership with Avalon Village
 - Noted concern or disagreement with other matters
- Famika Roberts
 - Noted the good work of mutual members but spoke to her concerns regarding lawsuits and false accusations
- Cassandra Walker
 - Noted that she has concerns about actions of members and behavior public members as well
- Yolanda Harrison
 - Noted she was falsely accused of assault and falsely litigated
- Cheryl Sanford
 - Noted that the public is watching and have expressed unwillingness to partner with HP due to actions of board members during board meetings
 - Attempting to take the district into a new, more professional direction

ROLL CALL:

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| Ms. Doris Harris, Member, Board of Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No <i>Not in meeting</i> |
| Ms. Linda Wheeler, Member, Board of Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No |
| Ms. Janet Spight-White, Member, Board of Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No |

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EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENTS (3 minutes only)

- **Mark Ashley Price**
 - Noted that he is always praying for the district and available for the students
 - Noted his desire to see negativity within the BOE go away for the sake of children

- Noted his support of the BOE members who spoke to the gubernatorial candidate; HP may garner support from the State in the future
- **Ms. Charmain Robinson**
 - Noted that she has been in attendance at meetings and has witnessed back and forth; everyone should censured
 - Inquired why opportunities for BOE members were taken away
- **Mrs. Lisa Stolarski**
 - Noted that she does not believe that the board practices what it says
 - Reiterated that she is not clear why her statements were not captured in the minutes
- **Mr. Olive**
 - Request for clarity around the policy and procedures regarding issues/complaints amongst the board members and how those are to be navigated

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- **Yolanda Harrison**
 - Noted that she is extremely optimistic about the board moving forward and its transparency with the public.
- **Famika Roberts**
 - Noted that recordings of meetings can be viewed to investigate, verify, and confirm matters that have occurred or are being misrepresented.
- **Cheryl Sanford**
 - Noted challenges with board service in the past but she is very hopeful despite current challenges being faced.
 - Noted there are several opportunities ahead, much talent at the table, and hopes this board can move forward.
- **Linda Wheeler**
 - Noted that she too agrees with all that others are saying and reiterated that the board wants to move forward for the sake of children.
 - Reminded that her mission is children.
 - Noted that she would like to see unity in the city and the district; there is hope.
- **Cassandra Walker**
 - Noted her respect and appreciation for the board president and CEO
 - Noted that she is also hoping for better things.
- **Janet Spight-White**
 - Noted her work as previous sitting board president and other comments.

CONFIRMATION OF THE NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

REGULAR MEETING: Tuesday, November 11, 2025 @ 6:00 p.m.

Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn

**MOTION: MEMBER WHEELER MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 8:52 PM
SUPPORT: SECRETARY HARRISON SECONDED.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 6-0.**

Respectfully submitted by:

Yolanda Harrison

11/18/2025

Yolanda Harrison, HPBOE Secretary

Date

Signature: 
Yolanda Harrison (Nov 18, 2025 15:06:26 EST)

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