



**SPECIAL MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

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

Wednesday, September 24, 2025  
6:00 PM

**APPROVED MINUTES**

**Call to Order** –

The meeting was called to order by President Cheryl Sanford at 6:21 PM.

**Roll Call** –

Present: Cheryl Sanford, President | Famika Roberts, Vice President | Yolanda Harrison, Secretary & Sergeant-at-Arms | Cassandra Walker, Treasurer | Doris Harris, Member | Janet Spight-White, Member

Absent: Linda Wheeler, Member

**QUORUM**

**Communications**

None

**Approve Meeting Agenda**

**Motion to Approve the Agenda**

President Sanford entertained a motion to approve the agenda with an amendment, adding a vote on the Mediation Agreement of Ms. Lisa McPhail to follow Closed Session- Discussion of Legal Opinion, so moved by Vice President Famika Roberts, seconded by Secretary Yolanda Harrison.

**Discussion:** None

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

**MOTION PASSES: 6-0**

**Public Comments (Agenda Items Only – 3 minutes only)**

None

**Motion to Approve September 9, 2025, Regular Meeting Minutes**

President Sanford entertained a motion to approve the minutes of the September 9, 2025 regular meeting, with a correction, changing the name from Dan Stolarski to Brian Donovan. So moved by Vice President Roberts, seconded by Secretary Harrison.

**Discussion:** Members discussed the motion.

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

**MOTION PASSES: 5-1**

**President Comments**

None

**Unfinished Business**

None

**New Business**

**Motion to Approve the Vote of Confidence to Pursue Partnership with WCCCD**

President Sanford entertained a motion to approve the vote of confidence to pursue partnership with WCCCD and empowering Board President and CEO to complete due diligence and bring recommendations, so moved by Member Doris Harris, seconded by Secretary Harrison.

**Discussion:** Members discussed the motion.

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

**MOTION PASSES: 6-0**

**Discussion of Charter Amendment – Barber Prep Academy**

Mr. Pettway discussed two areas that may be an opportunity for Barber Prep Academy to amend its charter contract. The items being reviewed would accommodate additional grade levels and services for students. He also noted that no approvals are being requested at this time, that this item is being presented to make the BOE aware of the discussions that are occurring at Barber.

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

None

**Closed Session – Discussion of Legal Opinion of Counsel**

President Sanford entertained a motion to move into closed session for discussion of legal opinion of Counsel at 7:17 pm, so moved by Member Doris Harris, seconded by Vice President Roberts.

**Discussion:** None

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

**MOTION PASSES: 6-0**

President Sanford entertained a motion to move into open session at 8:09 pm, so moved by Member Doris Harris, seconded by Vice President Roberts.

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

**Discussion:** None

**MOTION PASSES: 6-0**

**Motion to Approve the Mediation Agreement of Ms. Lisa McPhail**

President Sanford entertained a motion to approve the Mediation Agreement of Ms. Lisa McPhail, so moved by Member Doris Harris, seconded by Secretary Harrison.

**Discussion:** Members discussed the motion.

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

**MOTION PASSES: 6-0**

**Board of Education Affairs & Comments**

**Janet Spight White** – Desire to discuss vendors for food service at board meeting

**Confirmation of the Next Scheduled Meeting**

Regular Meeting: Tuesday, October 14, 2025 @ 6:00 p.m.

**Adjournment**

**Motion to Adjourn @ 9:08 PM**

President Sanford entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:13 p.m., so moved by Member Harris, seconded by Vice President Roberts.

**Discussion:** None

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

**MOTION PASSES: 6-0**

Respectfully submitted by: Yolanda Harrison, Board Secretary

  
Yolanda Harrison (Oct 20, 2025 17:11:42 CDT)

Date:








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