



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

DATE OF MEETING:

November 6, 2024

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 the Purchase of Property;
Closed Session to Discuss the Written Legal Opinion of Counsel

Linda Wheeler, Secretary
Board of Education

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT NOTICE:

Any individual with a disability who require accommodations for participating or attending this meeting should contact the Board of Education at 313-402-0266 in advance of the meeting to request assistance.

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

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Janet Spight-White, President

Doris Harris, Vice President

Linda Wheeler, Secretary

Mark Ashley-Price, Treasurer

Lorne McGee, Member

Anthony Askew, Member

Cheryl Sanford, Member

Isaiah Pettway, Chief Educational
Officer

Joseph Urban, Esq., Board
Attorney

Barber Preparatory Academy
45 E. Buena Vista Street
Highland Park, MI 48203
November 6, 2024, 6:00pm

- Call to Order
- Roll Call
- Communications
 - (1.) HP Journal Periodical
- Approve Meeting Agenda
- Public Comments (Agenda Items Only 3 minutes)
- Approve Meeting Minutes
 - (1) October 11, 2024 (Special Meeting)
 - District Department Reports and Information
 - (1) Edge Partnership-Lorri Rishar, CEO
 - (2) CEO Isaiah Pettway
 - (3) Vice President, Accel Schools-Dr. Farris

(4) The Clairmont Group

- Audit Presentation 2024
- Motion to accept the 2024 Audit Presentation

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

(Presenter: Luska German, FCCA)

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

(6) Board Governance/Oversight Report

- Vanessa Gulley, Provision

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

(1.) Activities Committee

(2.) Exploratory Committee

▪ **Unfinished Business**

▪ **New Business**

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

• **Board of Education Affairs & Comments**

• **Closed Session**-Discussion of Purchase of Property (Proposal)

- Written Legal Opinion of Counsel

• **Confirmation of the Next Scheduled Meeting**

Regular Meeting: Tuesday, December 3, 2024 @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, November 6, 2024
6:00PM

APPROVED MINUTES

Call to Order –

Meeting was called to order by Janet Spight-White @ 6:05 PM

Roll Call –

Present: Janet Spight-White, President/ Doris Harris, Vice-President/ Linda Wheeler, Secretary / Mark Ashley Price,
Treasurer/ Cheryl Sanford, Member/ Anthony Askew, Member

Absent: Lorne McGee, Member

QUORUM

Communications

HP Journal Periodical

Approve Meeting Agenda

Motion to Approve the Meeting Agenda

President Spight-White entertained a motion to approve the meeting agenda, so moved by Vice-President Harris, seconded by Member Price.

Discussion: None

Roll call vote: Janet Spight-White - Yes, Doris Harris – Yes, Linda Wheeler - Yes, Mark Price - Yes, Cheryl Sanford - Yes, Anthony Askew-Yes

MOTION PASSES: 6-0

Public Comments and Questions (Agenda Items 3 Minutes Only) - None

Approve Meeting Minutes

Motion to Approve the October 11, 2024, Special Meeting Minutes

President Spight-White entertained a motion to approve the October 11, 2024, Special Meeting Minutes, so moved by Vice-President Harris, seconded by Member Price.

Discussion: Vice-President Harris noted that on the October 11, 2024, Special Meeting Minutes, on the motion to elect Mark Price as Board treasurer, she voted “Yes.” The minutes will be corrected.

Roll call vote: Janet Spight-White - Yes, Doris Harris – Yes, Linda Wheeler - Yes, Mark Price - Yes, Cheryl Sanford-Yes, Anthony Askew - Yes

MOTION PASSES: 6-0

Motion to Accept the October 11, 2024, Special Meeting Minutes as Corrected

President Spight-White entertained a motion to accept the October 11, 2024, Special Meeting Minutes as corrected, so moved by Vice-President Harris, seconded by Member Price.

Discussion: None

Roll call vote: Janet Spight-White - Yes, Doris Harris – Yes, Linda Wheeler - Yes, Mark Price - Yes, Cheryl Sanford-Yes, Anthony Askew - Yes

MOTION PASSES: 6-0

District Department Reports and Information

Edge Partnership – Lorri Rishar, CEO

Presenter – Emma Berry

CEO Isaiah Pettway, M.P.A., B.A. – HPSD District Report

Vice-President Accel Schools- Dr.Farris

The Clairmount Group

Audit Presentation 2024

Motion to Accept the 2024 Audit

President Spight-White entertained a motion to accept the 2024 Audit, so moved by Vice-President Harris, seconded by Member Price.

Discussion: None

Roll call vote: Janet Spight-White - Yes, Doris Harris – Yes, Linda Wheeler - Yes, Mark Price - Yes, Cheryl Sanford-Yes, Anthony Askew - Yes

MOTION PASSES: 5-1

Finance

Alan C. Young, PC.

Presenter- Luska German, FCCA

Q&A September & October Financials

Motion to Approve the September 2024 and October 2024 Financials

President Spight-White entertained a motion to approve the September 2024 and October 2024 financials, so moved by

Vice-President Harris, seconded by Member Price.

Discussion: None

Roll call vote: Janet Spight-White - Yes, Doris Harris – No, Linda Wheeler - Yes, Mark Price - Yes, Cheryl Sanford-Yes, Anthony Askew - Yes

MOTION PASSES: 5-1

Board Governance/Oversight Report

Vanessa Gulley, Provision

Board of Education Sub-Committee Reports

Activities Committee

Linda Wheeler, Chairperson

For the Record: Mr. Pettway stated that the MASB is an organization and makes recommendations and suggestions to the Board, it's just that. It is not the law. The Board has a right based on the Michigan school code to govern itself and its policies, as long as the Board is in line with the law. Once the new Board members take their Oath after 10 days, they will be given all the necessary things to transition fully into their roles as duly election officials of the Board of Education.

Exploratory Committee

CEO Isaiah Pettway

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

None

Extended Public Comments (3 Minutes Only)

BOE Affairs & Comments

Proposed New Regular Board Meeting Date

Motion to Change the HPSD BOE Regular Meeting to the Second Tuesday of Every Month

President Spight-White entertained a motion to change the HPSD BOE Regular Meeting to the second Tuesday of every month, so moved by Vice-President Harris, seconded by Member Price.

Discussion: None

Roll call vote: Janet Spight-White - Yes, Doris Harris – Yes, Linda Wheeler - Yes, Mark Price - Yes, Cheryl Sanford-Yes, Anthony Askew - Yes

MOTION PASSES: 6-0

Extended Public Comments (3 Minutes Only)

Lisa Stolarski, Community Member – Copy of the Audit Report

Board of Education Affairs & Comments

None

Motion to Go into Closed Session to Discuss the Purchase of Property (Proposal) and the Written Legal Opinion of Counsel @ 7:35PM

President Spight- White entertained a motion to go into closed session to discuss the purchase of property (proposal) and the written legal opinion of counsel at 7:35PM, so moved by Member Wheeler, seconded by Member Price.

Discussion: None

For the Record: Mr. Pettway stated that no agreement has been made [regarding the purchase of property], no one has agreed to anything. There was a proposal that was given verbally. The reason why there is no black and white proposal in front of the Board is because the Board has to decide if they even want to entertain the proposal.

Roll call vote: Janet Spight-White - Yes, Doris Harris – No, Linda Wheeler - Yes, Mark Price - Yes, Cheryl Sanford-Yes, Anthony Askew - Yes

MOTION PASSES: 5-1

Motion to Come Out of Closed Session @ 9:05PM

President Spight- White entertained a motion to come out of closed session at 9:05PM, so moved by Vice-President Harris, seconded by Member Price.

Discussion: None

Roll call vote: Janet Spight-White - Yes, Doris Harris – Yes, Linda Wheeler - Yes, Mark Price - Yes, Cheryl Sanford-Yes, Anthony Askew - Yes

MOTION PASSES: 6-0

Confirmation of the Next Scheduled Meeting

Regular Meeting: Tuesday, December 10, 2024 @ 6:00pm

Adjournment -

Motion to Adjourn @ 9:06PM

President Spight-White entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:06PM, so moved by Member Price.

Discussion: None

Roll call vote: Janet Spight-White - Yes, Doris Harris – Yes, Linda Wheeler - Yes, Mark Price - Yes, Cheryl Sanford-Yes, Anthony Askew - Yes

MOTION PASSES: 6-0

Respectfully submitted: Linda Wheeler, Board Secretary.