

**REGULAR AND ANNUAL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

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

**Tuesday, January 13, 2026
6:00 PM**

APPROVED MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER –

The meeting was called to order by CEO Isaiah Pettway at 6:01 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
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Ms. Janet Spight-White, Member, Board of Education	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent

QUORUM

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Elect President- **MOTION: VICE PRESIDENT ROBERTS MADE A MOTION TO MAINTAIN THE CURRENT OFFICERS AS A SLATE**

SUPPORT: PRESIDENT SANFORD SECONDED.

ROLL CALL:

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Ms. Janet Spight-White, Member, Board of Education	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

MOTION CARRIED 4-3

***MEETING TURNED OVER TO THE ELECETED PRESESDENT
SANFORD**

COMMUNICATIONS

- (1) HP Journal- Copies provided for the BOE and public. This month’s copy was the quarterly newsletter highlighting the activity of the district.

APPROVE MEETING AGENDA

MOTION: VICE PRESIDENT ROBERTS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE JANUARY 13, 2026 MEETING AGENDA TO TABLE OUR REPORTS EXCEPT THE CEO REPORT AND FINANCE REPORT

SUPPORT: SECRETARY HARRISON SECONDED.

DISCUSSION:

AS PRESENTED.

WITH MODIFICATION, MOVING THE PRESENTATION OF THE AUDIT PRIOR TO THE PUBLIC COMMENTS.

ROLL CALL:

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| Ms. Janet Spight-White, Member, Board of Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No |

MOTION CARRIED 4-3

PUBLIC COMMENTS (Agenda Items Only – 3 minutes only)

- **Mark Price-** Congratulate the reelected, discussed new business and his happiness for the motion to approve MASB conference.

RESOLUTION APPROVING ANNUAL ORGANIZATIONAL BUSINESS

- Mr. Pettway read the Resolution of the Board of Education of the school district of the city of Highland Park
- Mr. Pettway notes that there are two opportunities to consider changes to the calendar, January and June, and there are no changes currently
- Ms. Spight White suggests changing the calendar into different sections for when the teachers, the students and the district are open or closed
- Ms. Wheeler comments regarding the elevator being down and some guests that are impaired had to use the stairs and when the public will be able to make comments
- Ms. Roberts want clarification on Ms. White comments regarding the calendar
- President Sanford explains the calendar for the school year can be added to our website and the board is only focusing on the BOE calendar
- Ms. Harris wants to vote individually on each line item of the resolution document
- President Sanford asks Vanessa Gulley to weigh in regarding voting on each line item
- Vanessa Gulley explains that yes, each line item of the Resolution can be voted on individually

MOTION: VICE PRESIDENT ROBERTS MADE A MOTION TO DEIGNATION OF CHIEF ADMINSTRATIVE OFFICER ISAAH PETTWAY

SUPPORT: TREASURER WALKER SECONDED.

DISCUSSION: NONE

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
- Ms. Linda Wheeler, Member, Board of Education Yes No
- Ms. Janet Spight-White, Member, Board of Education Yes No

MOTION CARRIED 6-1

MOTION: VICE PRESIDENT ROBERTS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE LEGAL COUNSEL KIRK, HUTH, LANGE & BADALAMENTI PLC

SUPPORT: TREASURER WALKER SECONDED.

DISCUSSION: NONE

ROLL CALL:

- Ms. Cheryl Sanford, President, Board of Education Yes No
- Ms. Famika Roberts, Vice President, Board of Education Yes No
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- Ms. Cassandra Walker, Treasurer, Board of Education Yes No
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- Ms. Linda Wheeler, Member, Board of Education Yes No
- Ms. Janet Spight-White, Member, Board of Education Yes No

MOTION CARRIED 6-1

MOTION: VICE PRESIDENT ROBERTS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE EDGE PARTNERS, LLC COMMUNICATION SERVICES

SUPPORT: TREASURER WALKER SECONDED.

DISCUSSION: NONE

ROLL CALL:

- Ms. Cheryl Sanford, President, Board of Education Yes No
- Ms. Famika Roberts, Vice President, Board of Education Yes No
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- Ms. Cassandra Walker, Treasurer, Board of Education Yes No
- Ms. Doris Harris, Member, Board of Education Yes No
- Ms. Linda Wheeler, Member, Board of Education Yes No
- Ms. Janet Spight-White, Member, Board of Education Yes No

MOTION CARRIED 5-2

MOTION: VICE PRESIDENT ROBERTS MADE A MOTION TO RETAIN THE FIRM OF CLAIMOUNT GROUP, LLC

SUPPORT: MEMBER WHEELER SECONDED.

DISCUSSION: NONE

ROLL CALL:

- Ms. Cheryl Sanford, President, Board of Education Yes No
- Ms. Famika Roberts, Vice President, Board of Education Yes No
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- Ms. Cassandra Walker, Treasurer, Board of Education Yes No
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- Ms. Linda Wheeler, Member, Board of Education Yes No
- Ms. Janet Spight-White, Member, Board of Education Yes No

MOTION CARRIED 6-1

MOTION: VICE PRESIDENT ROBERTS MADE A MOTION TO RETAIN THE FINANCIAL INSTITUTION OF THE HUNTINGTON NATIONAL BANK

SUPPORT: MEMBER WHEELER SECONDED.

DISCUSSION: NONE

ROLL CALL:

- Ms. Cheryl Sanford, President, Board of Education Yes No
- Ms. Famika Roberts, Vice President, Board of Education Yes No
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- Ms. Cassandra Walker, Treasurer, Board of Education Yes No
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- Ms. Linda Wheeler, Member, Board of Education Yes No
- Ms. Janet Spight-White, Member, Board of Education Yes No

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION: VICE PRESIDENT ROBERTS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE ALL GENERAL FUND CHECKS MUST BE SIGNED BY TWO AUTHORIZED PERSONS

SUPPORT: TREASURER WALKER SECONDED.

DISCUSSION: Ms. Harris questions the amount of signatures that are needed, President Sanford confirms 2

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- Ms. Linda Wheeler, Member, Board of Education Yes No
- Ms. Janet Spight-White, Member, Board of Education Yes No

MOTION CARRIED 6-1

MOTION: VICE PRESIDENT ROBERTS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE meeting dates

SUPPORT: MEMBER WHEELER SECONDED.

DISCUSSION:

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
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- Ms. Linda Wheeler, Member, Board of Education Yes No
- Ms. Janet Spight-White, Member, Board of Education Yes No

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION: VICE PRESIDENT ROBERTS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE CALENDAR AS IS SUPPORT: TREASURER WALKER SECONDED.

DISCUSSION: NONE

ROLL CALL:

- Ms. Cheryl Sanford, President, Board of Education Yes No
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MOTION CARRIED 6-1

MOTION TO APPROVE DECEMBER 9, 2025, REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

MOTION: VICE PRESIDENT ROBERTS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE DECEMBER 9, 2025 SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

SUPPORT: TREASURER WALKER 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
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MOTION CARRIED 6-1

PRESIDENT’S COMMENTS

- Ms. Sanford forgoes comments aside from expressing appreciation for her re-election and another successful year.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Jennifer Reinhardt, General Agency Insurance Reported:

- With a March 1st renewal date, we reached out to 10 different carries for renewals, and we are awaiting the quotes which they release 30days before renewal
- Ms. Wheeler asked if board members are covered
- Jennifer explains they are covered for liability protection in their role as a BOE member not an individual
- Mr. Pettway clarified that BOE members are covered for liability if a lawsuit is filed and they are named in their official capacity as Board members, not as individuals.

DISTRICT DEPARTMENT REPORTS AND INFORMATION

(1) FINANCE-ALAN C. YOUNG, PC.

a. LUSKA GERMAN

Ms. German reviewed her report, noting:

- The Boe financial position
- Ms. Roberts asked a question regarding our deficit, is there an interest rate that we must pay
- Ms. German clarifies question about the deficit from Ms. Roberts regarding interest charges
- Ms. Roberts also asked if there’s any penalties if we were to pay off the deficit early
- Ms. German explains that the district can make a request to the department of treasury to see if there would be a penalty to repay what is due and regarding the bond payment it would be considered a recall
- Mr. Pettway clarifies that the debt to the state cannot be paid early because we don’t guide the payment timing it is driven by the treasury

MOTION TO APPROVE DECEMBER 2025 FINANCIALS

MOTION: VICE PRESIDENT ROBERTS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE **DECEMBER 2025 FINANCIALS.**

SUPPORT: MEMBER WHEELER SECONDED.

DISCUSSION: NONE

ROLL CALL:

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MOTION CARRIED 6-1.

(2) HPSD REPORT- MR. ISAIAH PETTWAY, CEO

Mr. Pettway reported:

- We are waiting on the motor for the new elevator motor, and we don’t have a timeline at this moment, thanks Ms. Wheeler and Simple Computers for setting up area in the cafeteria and hope to continue
- Notes we have an influx of students that need transportation, we have not heard anything regarding a cooperative agreement with DPSCD
- Ms. White asked what the complete charge of the elevator modernization

- Mr. Pettway explained they are charging us for each part as they are modernizing it not replacing the whole thing and the replacement motor cost is just under \$40,000 which is the largest part

NEW BUSINESS

1. Motion to approve MASB Leadership Conference- Designee & Alternate, approval of fees and transportation.

MOTION TO APPROVE KEEP THE Conference- Designee & Alternate, Secretary Yolanda Harrison and Vice President Famika Roberts

MOTION: VICE PRESIDENT ROBERTS

SUPPORT: SECRETARY HARRISON SECONDED.

DISCUSSION: Ms. White notes that there was a lot of information that was not covered by the designee & alternate

ROLL CALL:

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MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 5-2

2. Motion to approve District Ambassadorship-Mark Ashley Price

MOTION TO APPROVE DISTRICT AMBASSADORSHIP-MARK ASHLEY PRICE

MOTION: VICE PRESIDENT ROBERTS

SUPPORT: TREASURER WALKER SECONDED.

DISCUSSION:

- Ms. Wheeler noted that an ambassador has integrity, she does not feel that Mr. Price is not ambassador material. She feels that due to a comment in the past he has personally attacked her. She feels that he has/is trying to ruin her reputation
- Ms. Harris notes that she would like to abstain due to what Mark Anthony Price has expressed to her personally
- President Sanford explains that this is turning into a personal attack and as a BOE member you cannot abstain
- Mr. Price reads a statement regarding his involvement with Highland Park school district and how he will do his continued best to represent the school district
- Mr. Pettway read the Resolution to appoint a volunteer ambassador certification.

ROLL CALL:

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Ms. Janet Spight-White, Member, Board of Education

Yes No

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 5-2.

3. Motion to approve Ever Driven Contract-Transportation Svcs.

MOTION TO APPROVE EVERDRIVEN CONTRACT-TRANSPORTATION SVCS.

MOTION: MEMBER WHEELER

SUPPORT: VICE PRESIDENT ROBERTS SECONDED.

DISCUSSION:

- Mr. Pettway explains why Ever Driven is a better choice for the district
- Ms. Roberts asks if it is adopted today when will it become effective
- Mr. Pettway replies Feb 1st

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

Ms. Linda Wheeler, Member, Board of Education

Yes No

Ms. Janet Spight-White, Member, Board of Education

Yes No

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 7-0

4. Motion to approve Fundraising Slate 2026

MOTION TO APPROVE FUNDRAISING SLATE 2026

MOTION: VICE PRESIDENT ROBERTS

SUPPORT: MEMBER WHEELER SECONDED.

DISCUSSION:

ROLL CALL:

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Yes No

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Yes No

Ms. Doris Harris, Member, Board of Education

Yes No

Ms. Linda Wheeler, Member, Board of Education

Yes No

Ms. Janet Spight-White, Member, Board of Education

Yes No

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 6-1.

EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENTS (3 minutes only)

Sylvia Culberson-Resident of highland park former teacher the reason she is here regarding disturbing comments by Mr. price regarding herself and that she has “shook” him. She protests him being placed in a position as an ambassador that would represent her as a Highland Park resident

Marke Ashley Price- Mentions the State of the county address on February 11th at 6pm and thanks the board regarding his appointment

CLOSED SESSION-DISCUSSION OF WRITTEN OPINION OF LEGAL COUNSEL

MOTION TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION TO FOR DISCUSSION OF WRITTEN OPINION OF LEGAL COUNSEL

MOTION: MEMBER WHEELER

SUPPORT: VICE PRESIDENT ROBERTS SECONDED.

DISCUSSION:

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Ms. Janet Spight-White, Member, Board of Education	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 6-1.

MOTION TO EXIT CLOSED SECTION

MOTION: MEMBER WHEELER

SUPPORT: VICE PRESIDENT ROBERTS SECONDED.

DISCUSSION:

ROLL CALL:

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MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 7-0.

UNFINISHED /OLD BUSINESS

- Revised Censorship Policy (2nd Read & Vote)

MOTION TO APPROVE REVISED CENSORSHIP POLICY AS IT STANDS

MOTION: VICE PRESIDENT ROBERTS

SUPPORT: SECRETARY HARRISON SECONDED.

DISCUSSION: BOE discuss amending the time for addressing the board from 3 minutes to 5 minutes

ROLL CALL:

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MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 6-1.

BOARD OF EDUCATION AFFAIRS & COMMENTS

- **Doris Harris** – No comment.
- **Yolanda Harrison** – Thanked the HPSD Board of Education for being re-elected.
- **Famika Roberts** – Thanked the HPSD Board of Education for being re-elected. Thanked Barber for the Christmas performance and community engagement. Thanked Mr. Pettway for the elevator update. Lastly, she expressed appreciation for the Board of Education holiday party and participation.
- **Cheryl Sanford** – Echoed Ms. Roberts’ comments and noted that she remains hopeful for 2026 and the continued work for the district. She also expressed happiness regarding the progress made in paying down the debt.
- **Linda Wheeler** – Commented on her happiness regarding the debt elimination and paid tribute to a teacher who passed away, Katrina Henry. She also stated that she does not agree with Mr. Price serving as a Board ambassador. Additionally, she shared that she is looking forward to 2026 and expressed concerns about ICE attempting to establish a facility in the city and the mayor’s efforts to stop it.
- **Cassandra Walker** – Congratulated all officers. Commented on President Sanford’s leadership within the workforce. Thanked Mr. Pettway and emphasized that the Board must work together as a team and avoid unnecessary “yang yang.”
- **Janet Spight-White** – Congratulated the elected Board and emphasized that the Board needs to work together for the community. She mentioned that while some may have hidden agendas, she is committed to the community and focused solely on progress.
- **Cheryl Sanford** – Stated that no one is being targeted and announced plans for another retreat to discuss Board goals. She invited the community to attend the Day of Dialogue to learn about the Board’s goals and provide input. She emphasized that the focus remains on children and that progress can only move forward with community input. She also announced that the district will host coffee and donuts at the district office starting in February.

CONFIRMATION OF THE NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

REGULAR MEETING: Tuesday, February 10, 2026 @ 6:00 p.m.

Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn at 8:39 PM

MOTION: MEMBER WHEELER MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 8:39PM

SUPPORT: MEMBER HARRIS SECONDED.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 7-0.

Respectfully submitted by:

Yolanda Harrison

Yolanda Harrison, HPBOE Secretary

11/02/2026

Date

Signature:  (Feb 11, 2026 11:46:41 EST)

Email: harrisony@hipark.org




School District of the City of Highland Park BOE Minutes

Final Audit Report

2026-02-11

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