

**REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

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

**Tuesday, June 9, 2026
6:00 PM**

APPROVED MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER –

The meeting was called to order by President Cheryl Sanford at 6:03PM.

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
Ms. Doris Harris, Member, Board of Education	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
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

COMMUNICATIONS

(1) HP Journal Periodical

(2) Contract Amendment Request from Barber:

Discussion: Ms. Harris would like to know if there’s any momentary change, Mr. Pettway explains that yes, it will be difference of \$2,000 that will be saved.

Ms. White asked about the CSI and Mr. Pettway explained that this is not IReady. She then asked why there’s a recurring cost; Mr. Pettway explains that it’s an annual license that you have to pay for annual.

(3) Building Appraisals:

Discussion: Ms. Harrison asked how much it would be to get Ford up and running, Mr. Pettway explains he did not ask for remodel cost with the appraisals, Ms. Sanford explained that it had been appraised to be remodeled and it would be over \$30 million

APPROVE MEETING AGENDA

MOTION: MEMBER HARRIS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE JUNE 9, 2026 MEETING AGENDA

SUPPORT: VICE PRESIDENT ROBERTS SECONDED.

DISCUSSION:

AS PRESENTED.

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

ROLL CALL:

Ms. Cheryl Sanford, President, Board of Education	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Ms. Famika Roberts, Vice President, Board of Education	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
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Ms. Linda Wheeler, Member, Board of Education	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Ms. Janet Spight-White, Member, Board of Education	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No

MOTION CARRIED 7-0

PUBLIC COMMENTS (Agenda Items Only – 3 minutes only)

- None

MOTION TO APPROVE MAY 12, 2026, REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

**MOTION: MEMBER HARRIS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MAY 12, 2026 MEETING MINUTES
SUPPORT: VICE PRESIDENT ROBERTS SECONDED.**

DISCUSSION: Ms. White asked about the two versions sent. Ms. Sanford clarified

- AS PRESENTED.
- WITH CORRECTIONS,

ROLL CALL:

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

MOTION CARRIED 7-0

PRESIDENT’S COMMENTS

President Sanford speaks on partnering with the Detroit links to provide support for our students at Barber Preparatory Academy, Ms. Roberts asked what type of organization is the links Ms. Sanford explained. She also mentions how she attended the Mackinac Policy conference, where she learned the lack of reading and math proficiency is a state wide issue. National experts are looking into to this due to it being an election year. It’s important because Michigan is ranked 44 out of 50 states is regards to education.

DISTRICT DEPARTMENT REPORTS AND INFORMATION

(1) FINANCE-ALAN C. YOUNG, PC. PRESENTED BY MR. PETTWAY (LUSKA GERMAN HAD ANOTHER ENGAGEMENT)-

QUESTIONS:

Ms. Roberts asked for clarification on line-item number 3. Ms. German explained.

MOTION TO APPROVE MAY 2026 FINANCIALS

MOTION: VICE PRESIDENT ROBERTS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MAY 2026 FINANCIALS.

SUPPORT: SECRETARY HARRISON 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
- 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 FINAL AMENDED BUDGET 25-26. SUPPORT: SECRETARY HARRISON 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
- 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 PROPOSED BUDGET 26-27.

SUPPORT: TREASURER WALKER 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
- 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.

(2) BOARD GOVERNANCE/OVERSIGHT REPORT VANESSA GULLEY, PROVISION- Ms. Gulley is excited that the board will be beginning their webinar series with a start date of July 6th.

(3) HPSD REPORT- MR. ISAIAH PETTWAY, CEO MR. PETTWAY- Mr. Pettway explains that we are still in the

process of the bond redemption. This also means less taxes for the community. There has been a request for the consideration of a charter contract from the Dream Academy, Mr. Pettway explained that there are a number of things they still need to provide. They have 30 days to respond. We are in the process in getting the curb outside of Barber ADA compliant. The goal is to have it completed over the summer. Lastly tomorrow is the 8th grade graduation ceremony and we will be gifting them a \$50 gift cards, the ceremony is tomorrow at 4:30pm. The BOD has been provided with the new corrective action plan. That they presented to the state. This goes into effect starting in July, and they will be reporting their financials to the BOE quarterly.

BOARD OF EDUCATION SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. **Executive Committee Report-** Ms. Roberts mentioned that the committee discussed conference memberships, the head shots came in and building appraisals.
2. **Finance Committee Report-** Ms. Walker explains that they are aware of additional cost due to maintenance. Ms. Walker wants to brag about how reducing the BOE debt helps the community.
3. **Educational Expansion Committee Report-** Ms. Sanford explains that they have discussed having the Highland park Promise. She explains that Highland Park dose not qualify for a zone because we don't have a high school. We are looking for the board to help develop a scholarship that would help students in Highland Park. Ms. White asked if we would be in conjunction with the Mothers Club in Highland Park. Ms. Sanford explains it will be separate and we are planning to use the funds we already have that are sitting in student activity funds. Ms. Harrison ask if it would be beneficial to students that graduate Barber and attend another high school. Ms. Sanford explains it will be for students that are residents of highland park.
4. **Fundraising Committee Report-** Mr. Pettway reports that the sound system has been installed and staff and a student have been trained on how to operate the system. He also reports how the BOE will be selling raffles during the up-and-coming coffee and conversation to raise funds for pictures packages to be provided for all the students at Barber.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS-

NEW BUSINESS

(1.) Approval of Annual BOE Calendar:

MOTION: SECRETARY HARRISON MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE ANNUAL BOE CALENDAR

SUPPORT: VICE PRESIDENT ROBERTS SECONDED.

DISCUSSION: Ms. White asked about the school calendar

ROLL CALL:

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MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

(2.) Motion to Renew/Non-Renew Simple Computers Contract:

MOTION: MEMBER HARRIS MADE A MOTION TO RENEW/NONRENEW SIMPLE

COMPUTERS CONTRACT

SUPPORT: SECRETARY HARRISON SECONDED.

DISCUSSION: Ms. Harrison asked if the rate changes, Mr. Pettway explains yes

ROLL CALL:

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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 7-0.

(3.) Motion to Renew/Non-Renewal Provisions:

MOTION: MEMBER HARRIS MADE A MOTION TO RENEW/NONRENEW PROVISIONS

SUPPORT: SECRETARY HARRISON SECONDED.

DISCUSSION:

ROLL CALL:

- Ms. Cheryl Sanford, 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 7-0.

(4.) Motion to Create the Highland Park Promise Scholarship Program:

MOTION: SECRETARY HARRISON MADE A MOTION TO CREATE THE HIGHLAND PARK PROMISE SCHOLORSHIP PROGRAM SUPPORT: VICE PRESIDENT ROBERTS SECONDED.

DISCUSSION: Ms. Wheeler asked if there’s some way that the child that received the fund can know who the people who donated to the fund is and can be recognized. Ms. White asked if we would be withdrawing from the funds or if the account would be able to grow with interest. Mr. Pettway explained it is in an interest gaining account. Ms. Harris recommends that the resolution include the word “Jurisdiction”.

ROLL CALL:

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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 6-1.

(5.) Motion to Approve resolution assigning the student activity fund to be used for the highland Park Promise Scholarship program:

MOTION: VICE PRESIDENT ROBERTS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION ASSIGNING THE STUDENT ACTIVITY FUND TO BE USED FOR THE HIGHLAND PARK PROMISE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM SUPPORT: SECRETARY HARRISON SECONDED.

DISCUSSION:

ROLL CALL:

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

MOTION CARRIED 6-1.

(6.) Motion to Approve resolution to reduce the authorizer fee for next year:

MOTION: MEMBER WHEELER MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION TO REDUCE THE AUTHORIZER FEE FOR NEXT YEAR SUPPORT: SECRETARY HARRISON SECONDED.

DISCUSSION: The Board had multiple questions that were answered by Mr. Pettway.

ROLL CALL:

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| Ms. Cheryl Sanford, President, Board of Education | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
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| Ms. Doris Harris, Member, Board of Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No |
| Ms. Linda Wheeler, Member, Board of Education | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| Ms. Janet Spight-White, Member, Board of Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No |

MOTION CARRIED 5-2.

EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENTS (3 minutes only)

Rune Ford-Wants clarity on the statement where does the student activity fund come from, Mr. Pettway explains that all accounts were consolidated when the statement into emergency money management.

Marc price- Congratulated the 8th graders on their graduation

Vanessa Gulley- Is happy to be in this meeting and she is really proud to be a part of this journey

BOARD OF EDUCATION AFFAIRS & COMMENTS

Janet White- Brings up the Mother Club and says she wants to clarify that she didn't say we should work with the Mother's Club.

Ms. Harrison- Is excited that the board is getting out of debt and how we are helping the community.

Ms. Harris- Says that the names mentioned for the Highland Park Scholarship has nothing to do with the money we have for the student activity fund.

Ms. Sanford- Explains that all the funds were combined and there has not been any proof of misuse of funds and welcomes members to send proof.

Linda Wheeler-Confirms that the BOE has consolidated all the bank accounts that we are going to use for the high school students of highland park
Famika Roberts- Thank Mr. Price for his work as ambassador and congratulates the 8th graders graduation and lastly thanks the board for passing the promise resolution.
Ms. Walker thanks Ms. Roberts for the coffee hour.

CLOSED SESSION

(1) Discussion of legal opinion of counsel- (This did not take place)

Board Affairs and Comments:

CONFIRMATION OF THE NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

REGULAR MEETING: Tuesday, July 14, 2026 @ 6:00 p.m.

Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn at 8:56 PM

MOTION: VICE PRESIDENT ROBERTS MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 8:56 PM
SUPPORT: MEMBER HARRIS SECONDED.
MOTION CARRIED 6-0.

Respectfully submitted by:

Yolanda Harrison

Yolanda Harrison, HPBOE Secretary

06/21/2026

Date

Signature: 
[Yolanda Harrison \(Jun 21, 2026 19:32:32 EDT\)](#)

Email: harrisony@hipark.org






School District of the City of Highland Park

Final Audit Report

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