

**BOARD MEETING AGENDA
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

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

**Wednesday, September 16th, 2026
6:00 PM**

APPROVED MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER –

The meeting was called to order by President Cheryl Sanford at 6:36 PM.

ROLL CALL –

Ms. Cheryl Sanford, President, Board of Education	☒ Present	☐ Absent
Ms. Famika Roberts, Vice President, Board of Education	☒ Present	☐ Absent
Ms. Yolanda Harrison, Secretary & Sergeant-at-Arms, Board of Education	☒ Present	☐ Absent
Ms. Cassandra Walker, Treasurer, Board of Education	☒ Present	☐ Absent
Ms. Doris Harris, Member, Board of Education	☒ Present	☐ Absent
Ms. Linda Wheeler, Member, Board of Education	☒ Present	☐ Absent
Ms. Janet Spight-White, Member, Board of Education	☒ Present	☐ Absent

QUORUM

APPROVE MEETING AGENDA

MOTION: MEMBER HARRIS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE SEPTEMBER 16, 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	☒ 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 7-0

PUBLIC COMMENTS (Agenda Items Only – 3 minutes only)

- NONE

MOTION TO APPROVE SEPTEMBER 9, 2026, REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

MOTION: MEMBER HARRIS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE SEPTEMBER 9, 2026 MEETING MINUTES SUPPORT: VICE PRESIDENT ROBERTS SECONDED.

DISCUSSION:

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

MOTION CARRIED 7-0

PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS- NONE

UNFINISHED BUSINESS- NONE

NEW BUSINESS

1. Motion to Approval/Deny of the bond redemption.

Discussion: Ms. Harris requested clarification regarding the retirement of debt. Mr. Pettway explained that the item pertains to the retirement of existing debt. Ms. White asked why the term was plural and whether it referred to multiple bonds. Mr. Pettway confirmed that there are multiple bonds involved.

Ms. Walker asked Mr. Gavin about the associated risk. Mr. Gavin explained that the risk is minimal and that the action would be beneficial to taxpayers. He further explained that the bonds were not originally scheduled to be paid until 2030. Ms. Walker asked about the use of the word "estimated." Mr. Pettway explained that the millage amount is estimated and depends on the amount returned or available to pay the debt.

Ms. Roberts asked about the amount to be paid. Mr. Pettway explained that the amount represents the remaining balance. Ms. Wheeler asked whether the information would be shared with the community. Mr. Pettway stated that Lorri from Edge has a press release prepared. Ms. Sanford asked about the amount that would be placed into the Debt Service Fund, and Mr. Pettway provided an explanation regarding the amount.

MOTION: SECRETARY HARRISON MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE BOND REDEMPTION MEETING SUPPORT: TREASURER WALKER SECONDED.

DISCUSSION:

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

MOTION CARRIED 7-0

EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENTS (3 minutes only)

NONE

BOARD OF EDUCATION AFFAIRS & COMMENTS

Famika Roberts- Wanted to commend the board, community and the citizens to ensure that children come first.

Yolanda Harrison- Mentioned that it is a privilege to serve the city of Highland Park.

Janet White- Thanks the board for following the schedule *according to the emergency managers advice*.¹

Cheryl Sanford- Asked when will the tax break go into effect and Mr. Pettway explained October or November.

CONFIRMATION OF THE NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

REGULAR MEETING: Wednesday, October 14th 2026 @6:00pm

Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn at 7:00PM

MOTION: MEMBER WHEELER MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 7:00 PM

SUPPORT: MEMBER HARRIS SECONDED.

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

Respectfully submitted by:

Yolanda Harrison

Yolanda Harrison, HPBOE Secretary

10/15/2027

Date

Signature: 
 Yolanda Harrison (Oct 15, 2026 15:10:01 EDT)

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¹ Correction added in italics

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