

**NAPPROVED MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
WORKSHOP MEETING
OCTOBER 19, 2021
SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF HARPER WOODS**



The Workshop Meeting of the Harper Woods Board of Education was held on Tuesday, October 19, 2021, via ZOOM; (tel: 1-312-626-6799, access code 848 8056 3858, password 212706

1.0 Call to Order

President Alicia McKay called the Regular Meeting of the Harper Woods Board of Education to order at 7:00 p.m.

2.0 Pledge of Allegiance

3.0 Roll Call – Establishment of a Quorum

Present: Alicia McKay, Terry Hughes, Stacey White, Ramona Simmons, Kayetta Holly, Joan Mannino (7: 11p.m)

Absent: William Murphy

Also Present: Steven McGhee, Carla West, Mershira Oliver, Angela Underwood, Dannon Holley, Dr. Michael Carruthers, Dr. Alethea Wells. Dr. Keith Morris, Terri Gamelin

4.0 Acceptance of Meeting Agenda

Motion by Stacey White and supported by Kayetta Holly to accept the agenda as printed.

Motion passes 5-5

5.0 Approval of Consent Agenda

5.1 Minutes from Previous Meeting

5.1.1 Workshop Meeting – September 7, 2021

5.1.2 Regular Meeting – September 21, 2021

5.1.3 Workshop Meeting – October 5, 2021

5.2 Expenditure Reports – September 1 through September 30, 2021

5.3 Personnel Matters

5.3.1 Overnight/Extended Travel

5.3.1.1 Yolanda Crawford- MAME Conference

5.3.1.2 Dr. Carmela Langley –MCAN

5.3.1.3 Dr. Carmela Langley- MSCA

5.3.1.4 Marion Thrasher- MSCA

5.3.1.5 Michelle Maton-MSCA

5.3.2 Resignations

5.3.2.1 Shay Miller- Teacher-Beacon Elementary

5.3.2.2 Jillian Stelma-SPED Teacher-Tyrone Elementary

5.3.2.3 Patrick Dudek- Teacher-Harper Woods High School

5.3.2.4 Monica Preston- Bus Aide

5.3.2.5 Shatara Cleveland- Volleyball Coach- HWMS

5.3.2.6 Kiana Moon – Assistant Varsity Volleyball- HWHS



5.3.3 New Hires/Reassignments

- 5.3.3.1 Joann Hardwick-Spanish Teacher-Middle School
- 5.3.3.2 Tiah Golden – Substitute Teacher – High School
- 5.3.3.3 Peter Smith -Social Studies Teacher-High School
- 5.3.3.4 Joanne Brashaw – Teacher of Record – ATS
- 5.3.3.5 Michelle Wright-Blessing— Mentor – ATS
- 5.3.3.6 Debra Blocker-Mentor ATS
- 5.3.3.7 Joanne Cowart Mentor-ATS
- 5.3.3.8 Kimberly Krentcil_ATS
- 5.3.3.9 Shubhada Deshpande-ATS
- 5.3.3.10 Allison Rivers-ATS
- 5.3.3.11 Saundra Powell-ATS
- 5.3.3.12 Heidi Whittaker- ATS
- 5.3.3.13 Lisa Harris-ATS
- 5.3.3.14 Jessica Amburgey-ATS
- 5.3.3.15 Mary Burgess-ATS
- 5.3.3.16 Jennifer-Nikkel-ATS
- 5.3.3.17 Undrereon Hall- Substitute Teacher- Harper Woods High School
- 5.3.3.18 David McCants- Bus Driver-Harper Woods High School
- 5.3.3.19 Janisse Pitts-Bus Driver-Harper Woods High School
- 5.3.3.20 ShaJuan Edmond-Price-Custodian -TBD
- 5.3.3.21 Keyanna Ross- Custodian-TBD
- 5.3.3.22 Javon Meeks-Custodian-TBD
- 5.3.3.23 Stanas Bryant- Paraprofessional Meta- Lab-HWHS
- 5.3.3.24 Tateanna Hinds Paraprofessional - HWHS
- 5.3.3.25 Gina Evans-Donald- Paraprofessional-Meta-Lab-Tyrone
- 5.3.3.26 Cheryl Meadows- Substitute Teacher-HWMS
- 5.3.3.27 Rachel Tapling- Social Studies Teacher-HWHS
- 5.3.3.28 Amari Lee- GSRP Aid -Beacon Elementary
- 5.3.3.29 Natisha Edge- Custodian-Beacon
- 5.3.3.30 Josalyn Hayes-Custodian -TBD
- 5.3.3.31 Nikka Bowers-Paraprofessional -Meta Lab Tyrone
- 5.3.3.32 Eunique Bey- Paraprofessional-Meta Lab- HWHS
- 5.3.3.33 Gina Evans-Donald-Paraprofessional-Meta Lab-Tyrone
- 5.3.3.34 Deven Deleston-Substitute Teacher- HWHS
- 5.3.3.35 Johnnie Pope-Behavior Specialist- Beacon

Motion by Terry Hughes and supported by Ramona Simmons to accept the consent agenda as printed.

Consent Agenda Approved 5-5

6.0 Correspondence

Stacey White, Secretary reported that correspondence was forwarded to the appropriate party.

7.0 Public Participation Re: Action Items

None

8.0 Action Items

- 8.1 School Revolving Loan**



Motion by Kayetta Holley to accept that the Board of Education adopts the attached resolution authorizing borrowing activity for the fiscal year 2021-2022 using the School Bond Loan Fund program.

9.0 Board Items

9.1 Sub Committee Reports

9.1.1 Building & Site

Stacey White visited schools to observe day to day operations Beacon teachers were teaching and students were engaged, Beacon was clean, and protocols were in place. Harper Woods Middle School Meta Lab was wonderful school was clean and classes were not disruptive. High School did not see overcrowding in classroom and building was clean, stairwell was not blocked. Custodian and lunch staff is amazing.

9.1.2 Policy

None

9.1.3 Finance

Ramona Simmons informed Board that there was no report however a full report will be presented during November Workshop meeting.

9.1.4 Community Relations

Annual Turkey Drive November 20th at the CCI Center.

9.1.5 Superintendent Evaluation

None

10.0 Report of the Superintendents

District assessments started Tuesday, October 19, 2021, IReady and NWEA are well underway. Parent Teacher Conferences were held last week. We are currently soliciting companies and donations for Turkeys for the upcoming Thanksgiving Turkey Drive being held on Saturday, November 20, 2021. The district received an Additional Instructional Time Grant for \$27,251.00 our CTE Program received \$141,000.00 61a Funds, Perkins Grant \$108,000.00 CTE Director preparing for Advisory Board Meeting additional programming TBA. Superintendent McGhee congratulated Ms. Moore and the cheerleading team, Ms. Craig and the Majorettes and Mr. Walker and the Harper Woods High School Marching Band for an outstanding performance during inclement weather at the homecoming game. Additionally upcoming football tournaments information will be posted to the district website.

11.0 Public Participation

Christine Schenburn- Presented Concerns

Joseph Perrino- Presented concerns regarding teacher survey and stated agenda had not been posted to district website.

Lisa Smith- Executive Assistant to Superintendent of Harper Woods School District informed the School Board President Alicia McKay that the agenda is posted on the district website for all meetings and can be found on the School Board page under agendas.

12.0 Matters of Interest to Board Members



Terry Hughes- Recommended bringing back the Teacher of the Month and Student of the Month. Ms. Hughes also inquired as to when will student takes their Student Id photos.

Stacey White – Congratulated the High school Football team and commented how proud she was of the of the homecoming events. Ms. Whit encouraged parents to check MiStar and attend Parent University additionally Ms. White addressed the Tik Tok Challenge and informed public that there are consequences and that there is Zero tolerance for it. Ms. White also commented that staff and students must wear mask.

Kayetta Holly-Mr. McGhee has been keeping the School Board informed of COVID cases notifying the parents in a timely manner. Additionally, Mr. McGhee has addressed concerns that both she and parents have presented to the School Board and continues to do so Dr. Wells has done a great job addressing concerns Ms. Holley feels safe with her daughter attending the high school. Ms. Holley also acknowledged the Homecoming dance was beautiful and show of support from the leadership staff.

Ramona Simmons- Quoted Theodore Roosevelt “The best executive is the one who has sense enough to pick good men to do what he wants done and self-restraint enough to help from meddling with them while they do it.” Ms. Simmons stated “we have great people employed in the district; people want change however there is a process please let people do their jobs.

Alicia McKay- Stated that the next few weeks will be busy before holiday break. October 21, 2021, some board members will be attending the Wayne County Association of School Boards Back to School Meeting in Lincoln Park board members Stacey White, Alicia McKay, Terry Hughes and Ramona Simmons will be attending. November 6, 2021, School Board Fall Retreat and November 11, 2021, thru November 14, 2021, school board members will be attending the MASB Annual Leadership Conference. There will be school boards from all over the state of Michigan and beyond attending the MASB ALC coming form different demographics that are facing the same issues during this pandemic. Additionally, Ms. McKay wanted to address vocab that’s being used in regard to the pandemic and the school district the school outbreak means a huge sike, however the Harper Woods School District has not had a huge spike in Covid cases the district has had confirmed cases and has been in compliance and notifying parents and guardians.

MASB Delegate Assembly attendance

13.0 Adjournment

The Regular Meeting of the Harper Woods Board of Education adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stacey White, Secretary

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