

APPROVED MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING  
OCTOBER 15, 2024  
SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF HARPER WOODS

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**1.0 Call to Order**

**2.0 Pledge of Allegiance**

**3.0 Roll Call – Establishment of a Quorum**

*Present: Terry Hughes, Ramona Simmons, Johnetta Tabron, Reginald Tabron, Stacey White, Willie Smith*

*Absent: Michael Jarvis*

*Also Present: Alethea Wells, Floyd Simmons, Sharon Hampton, Radu Iacoban*

**4.0 Acceptance of Meeting Agenda**

*Motion by Reginald Tabron supported by Will Smith*

*Motion passes 6-0*

**5.0 Discussion**

**5.1 23-24 Budget Audit Closure/Audit Presentation – Yeo & Yeo, Radu Iacoban**

*Michael Rolka of Yeo & Yeo and Radu Iacoban provided an Audit presentation and gave the Board an update of the 23-24 Budget Audit Closing.*

**6.0 Approval of Consent Agenda**

**6.1 Minutes from Previous Meeting**

**6.1.1** Regular Meeting – September 17, 2024

**6.1.2** Workshop Meeting – October 1, 2024

**6.1.3** Special Meeting- October 3, 2024

**6.2 Expenditure Reports – September 1 through September 30, 2024**

**6.3 Personnel Matters**

**6.3.1 Overnight/Extended Travel**

**6.3.1.1** Terry Hughes- Michigan Association of School Boards Annual Leadership Conference, Lansing, Michigan, October

**6.3.1.2** Ramona Simmons-Michigan Association of School Boards Annual Leadership Conference, Lansing, Michigan, October 24-26, 2024

**6.3.1.3** Terry Hughes- Cube Annual Conference, Las Vegas Nevada- October 28-30, 2024

**6.3.1.4** Dr. Hannah Jaber- Cognia Impact Conference-Atlanta, Georgia November 7-8, 2024

**6.3.1.5** Steven McGhee, Volencia Simpson, Students: Damarion Davis-Bennett, Kennedy Reaves, Jordin Gaut, Donevin Gaines- META Impact 24, Chicago, Illinois, October 17<sup>th</sup> -18, 2024

**6.4 Personnel Matters**

**6.4.1 Resignations/Terminations**

**6.4.1.1** Shirley Ashford- Special Education Director- District

**6.4.1.2** Karon Mallett- Public Safety-District

**6.4.2 New Hires/Reassignments**

**6.4.2.1** Donald Adams- Custodian- Harper Woods High School



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- 6.4.2.2 Jalib Davis- Special Education Paraprofessional
- 6.4.2.3 Dawn Hurley- Powers-Special Education Paraprofessional
- 6.4.2.4 Arnaud Robinson- Public Safety-District
- 6.4.2.5 AntJuan Peterson- Public Safety Officer-District
- 6.4.2.6 Daisha Shumake- Public Safety Officer-District
- 6.4.2.7 Shakyri Jones- Public Safety Officer-District
- 6.4.2.8 Ahmed Shlaka- Day to Day Substitute-Various Schools
- 6.4.2.9 Jordan Anderson- Paraprofessional-Harper Academy
- 6.4.2.10 Cherished Kirkland- Special Education Paraprofessional-Beacon Elementary
- 6.4.2.11 Scott Jacob- ATS- Mentor-Virtual

*Motion by Stacey White and supported by Reginald Tabron to approve the Consent.*

*Motion passes 5-0  
Will Smith abstained from vote.*

**7.0 Correspondence**

*None*

**8.0 Public Participation Re: Action Items**

*None*

**9.0 Action Items**

**9.1 Cherry Monkey Potty Training Program- Angela Whitfield**

*The Board voted not to approve the Cherry Monkey Program.*

*Vote- 2-4*

*Terry Hughes- Yes*

*Ramona Simmons-No*

*Johnetta Tabron-No*

*Reginald Tabron-Yes*

*Stacey White-No*

*Willie Smith-No*

**10.0 Board Items**

**10.1 Sub Committee Reports**

**10.1.1 Building & Site**

**10.1.2 Policy**

**10.1.3 Finance**

**10.1.4 Community Relations**

**10.1.5 Superintendent Evaluation**

**11.0 Report of the Superintendent**

*Count day was very successful with three days left in the count window. The NWEA Assessment is being conducted in all buildings. Today was the first day the Construction Trades students were allowed on the site and were able to speak with Mr. Owens, the director of the Container*



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*Project. Construction Trades students were able to walk the surveyed field for the placement of the foundation for the Container Project. All of the school schools are completing their Open Houses, Title One Meetings and Parent Teacher Conferences as well as Parent University. There will be a Grand Opening of the Avatar Academy date be determined. The district has had another successful audit for 23/24 year. Thursday students will compete in the META Impact in Chicago. Chick-fil-A will be providing lunch for Harper Woods students in addition to our partnership Student will be trained on management, supervisory as well as ownership of future Chick-fil-a on Tuesday, October 29, 2024.*

## **12.0 Public Participation**

The Harper Woods Board of Education highly values the input of citizens in making important decisions that affect the children of our community. We also believe in the rights of citizens to observe Board Meetings. To ensure that all of our citizens have the opportunity to attend School Board Meetings and offer comment, and to ensure that the Board can conduct the important business of the district, we ask that speakers follow the guidelines for making public comments.

**Please respect the following procedures for Public Participation:**

1. All members of the public attending School Boards Meetings must treat each other and the Board with respect.
2. State your full name and address.
3. Submit your questions to the Board of Education with your name, address and telephone number where you can be contacted. Your questions will be answered within a reasonable time.
4. Individuals offering citizen comment are not permitted to make personal attacks on any District employee, Board Member, other testifier or member of the public.
5. Failure to adhere to the above procedures can result in immediate removal from the meeting.
6. Please keep all comments to 3 minutes or less.

## **13.0 Matters of Interest to Board Members**

## **14.0 Adjournment**

*The Regular meeting of the Harper Woods School District adjourned at 7:47 pm.*

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Johnetta Tabron, Secretary*

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