

**APPROVED MINUTES OF THE ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
DECEMBER 17, 2024
THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF HARPER WOODS**



The Regular Meeting of the Harper Woods Board of Education was held on Tuesday December 17, 2024 at Harper Woods High School located at 20225 Beaconsfield Harper Woods, MI 48225

1.0 Call to Order

President Terry Hughes called the Regular Meeting of the Harper Woods Board of Education to order at 7:02 p.m.

2.0 Pledge of Allegiance

3.0 Roll Call – Establishment of a Quorum

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

Also Present: Steven McGhee

4.0 Acceptance of Meeting Agenda

Motion by Stacey White to amend the agenda supported by Johnetta Tabron to change item 5.2 from Committee of the Whole to Policy Committee of the Whole.

Motion passes 7-0

5.0 Discussion Item

5.1 Gerri Mann Accountant Consultant - Radu Iacoban

5.2 Committee of The Whole -Terry Hughes

Agenda amended changed to Policy Committee of The Whole. Motion by Michael Jarvis supported by Reginald Tabron to have the Policy Committee of the Whole was tabled until next year.

Motion passes 7-0

6.0 Approval of Consent Agenda

6.1 Minutes of Previous Meetings

6.1.1 Regular Meeting – November 12, 2024

Will Smith wanted the minutes to reflect “74 boys did not make the basketball team and that there needs to be a program in place for our own students.”

6.1.2 Workshop Meeting – December 3, 2024

6.2 Expenditure Reports – November 1 through November 30, 2024



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6.3 Personnel Matters

6.3.1 Overnight Travel Extended Stay

- 6.3.1.1 Terry Hughes- Advocacy & Equity Institute February 2-4, 2025, Washington D.C.
- 6.3.1.2 Ramona Simmons- Advocacy & Equity Institute February 2-4, 2025, Washington D.C.
- 6.3.1.3 Steven McGhee-National Conference on Education, School Superintendent Association March 6-8, 2025, New Orleans, Louisiana.
- 6.3.1.4 Steven McGhee- National School Board Association Annual Conference, April 4-6, 2025, Atlanta, Georgia
- 6.3.1.5 Dr. Michael Carruthers- National School Board Association Annual Conference, April 4-6, 2025, Atlanta, Georgia
- 6.3.1.6 Debroah Whitelaw Robertson-40 students and four chaperones, Washington, D.C. April 14-19, 2025
- 6.3.1.7 Christopher Lindsay- Future of Education Technology (RAG Grant), Orlando, Florida January 14-17, 2025

6.3.2 Resignations/Terminations

- 6.3.2.1 Carmen Luchie-Football Coach- Middle School
- 6.3.2.2 Antjuan Peterson- Public Safety Officer-Harper Woods Middle School
- 6.3.2.3 Bianca Cristea- Accountant Consultant- District

6.3.3 New Hires

- 6.3.3.1 Jaiden Welch- Paraprofessional-GSRP- Beacon Elementary
- 6.3.3.2 William Sturges- Assistant Football Coach- HWMS
- 6.3.3.3 Andre Cranford- Paraprofessional- Meta
- 6.3.3.4 April Gray Teacher-Beacon Elementary

Motion by Michael Jarvis and supported by Stacey White to approve the consent agenda as printed.

Consent Agenda Approved 7-0

7.0 Correspondence

None

8.0 Public Participation-RE Action Items

None

9.0 Action Items



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9.1 Committee of The Whole

Committee of The Whole tabled until next year.

9.2 Gerri Mann- Accountant Consultant Contract

Committee of The Whole tabled until next year.

10.0 Board Items

10.1 Sub Committee Reports

10.1.1 Building & Site

Stacey White reported that the bathroom issue at the High School has been resolved.

10.1.2 Policy

Ramona Simmons reported that there will be a policy update next month.

10.1.3 Finance

Stacey White reported that the district is in the black.

10.1.4 Community Relations

10.1.5 Superintendent Evaluation

Ramona Simmons reported that coming in 2025 all the Board Members will participate in the Superintendent Evaluation.

10.1.6 Public Participation

Terri Gamlin addressed the Board regarding a personnel issue as well as hand delivered a document to the Board with those concerns.

Diana Nimmons introduced herself as the newly elected Board Member.

11.0 Report of the Superintendent

Superintendent Steven McGhee reported that the district hosted it's Annual Turkey Drive thanked all for their support as the district continues to support our scholars and community. We continue our efforts to upgrade our District Technology needs of our scholars teaching and learning. We received the MDE Instructional Time Grant which supports our district assessments NWEA & I-READY. District- Wide tutoring is underway and today our High School juniors took their SAT practice test. Breaking ground had begun on the community school clinic at our High School in partnership with Corewell.

12.0 Items of Interest to Board Members

13.0 Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:33 pm

Respectfully submitted,



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Johnetta Tabron, Secretary
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