

**APPROVED MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**FEBRUARY 18, 2025**  
**SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF HARPER WOODS**

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**1.0 Call to Order**

*President Ramona Simmons called the Regular Meeting to order at 7: 00 pm*

**2.0 Pledge of Allegiance**

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

*Present: Terry Hughes, Michael Jarvis, Johnetta Tabron, Reginald Tabron, Diana Nimmons, Ramona Dunn-Simmons, Stacey White*

*Also, Present Steven McGhee*

**4.0 Acceptance of Meeting Agenda**

**5.0 Approval of Consent Agenda**

**5.1 Minutes from Previous Meetings**

**5.1.1** Regular Meeting – January 28, 2025

**5.1.2** Special Meeting/Expulsion Hearing February 4, 2025

**5.1.3** Workshop Meeting – February 4, 2025

**5.2 Expenditure Reports – January 1 through January 31, 2025**

**5.3 Personal Matters**

**5.3.1.1 Overnight Travel /Extended Stay**

**5.3.1.2** Michelle Smith Science Leadership Day- March 6-8, 2025,  
Lansing, Michigan

**5.3.1.3** State Leadership Conference Business Professional of America, March  
13<sup>th</sup>-March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2025, Grand Rapids, Michigan  
Staff: Sonja Gipson, Stephan Smith, Richard Spurlock.  
Students: Donevin Gaines, Saniyah Lee, Domanick, Suell,  
Kennice-Shanice Goode, Justice Griffin, Lajuan Willis, Sashaa Taylor,  
Gino Williams, Richawn Evans, Tyler Moore, Cortez Brown, Carson  
Bailey, Amaya Gibbs, Ramere Greene, Kwinty Powers, LaTay'ah  
Ford, Taniah Jones

**5.3.1.4** Michigan DECA State Career Development Conference, March 13-15,  
2025, Detroit, Michigan. Staff: Michael Mooney  
Students: Ronald Cobb, Danyla gray, Ivianna Jones, Tralonta' Moseley,  
Sanai Simmons. Ariyan Snowden

**5.4 Resignation/Retirements/Termination**

**5.4.1** Jermain Crowell-Attendant Agent



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- 5.4.2 Michelle Smith -Science Teacher- Harper Woods Middle School
- 5.4.3 Natalie Craig- Dance Coach- Harper Woods High School
- 5.4.4 Dwayne Davis- Success Coach- Harper Woods Middle School
- 5.4.5 Demetrius Wadley – Grounds and Middle School Football Coach
- 5.4.6 Sandra Pollard- Custodian – Harper Woods School District
- 5.5 **New Hires**
  - 5.5.1 Michael Mokdad- Science Teacher-Harper Woods Middle School
  - 5.5.2 DeAnangelo Chambers-Public Safety Officer-District
  - 5.5.3 Lawrence Jhons-Public Safety Officer-District
  - 5.5.4 Zara Northover- Coach Girls Track-Harper Woods High School
  - 5.5.5 Ashawantae White- Coach Bowling- Harper Woods High School
  - 5.5.6 Nicholas McCampbell- Coach Boys Track-Harper Woods High School
  - 5.5.7 Cardario Knighten-Coach Girls Basketball-Harper Woods Middle School
  - 5.5.8 Jay Neaves- Special Education Teacher Harper Woods Middle School
  - 5.5.9 Carla West- Human Resource Director- District

**6.0 Correspondence**

*None*

**7.0 District Presentation**

- 7.1 Honor Board Award Certificate of Achievement- Steven McGhee  
*Superintendent McGhee presented the Board with an award acknowledging the completion of their certificates.*
- 7.2 Teachers and Student of The Month- Tyrone Elementary- Floyd Simmons  
*Principal Simmons gave the Board insight on the criteria requirements and selection process for Teacher and Student of the Month awardees. Mr. Simmons presented Tyrone Elementary's Teacher of the Month, Ms. Brittany Bateman, and Student of the Month, 5th grader Autumn Harris. Ms. Bateman thanked everyone for the recognition, and Autumn thanked Ms. Bateman and her mom for always helping her.*

**8.0 Public Participation re: Action Items**

**9.0 Action Item(s)**

- 9.1 Arkansas Baptist College Associates Advanced Degree Program  
*Motion: Stacey White; Support: Terry Hughes; Motion passes 7:7*
- 9.2 MASB Region 8 Board of Directors Elections – Board  
*Motion to select Roderick Means as the Regional 8 Board Director: Reginald Tabron; Support: Terry Hughes; Motion passes 6:7*
- 9.3 Summer School Fees  
*Stacey White; Support: Michael Jarvis; Motion passes 6:7*

**10.0 Board Items**



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**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**

*Superintendent McGhee announced that the Omega 100, which was originally planned for Feb. 13, was rescheduled to Wednesday, Feb 26 due to inclement weather. He gave a report about what happened during the Feb. 14 district-wide Professional Development.*

**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.

*Shantell Johnson whose child is in the second-grade at Beacon, expressed concerns about the frequent changes in leadership, noting that the school has had three principals in the past few years. She seeks clarification on how to ensure stable leadership if she decides to enroll her child at Tyrone as well. Additionally, she addressed concerns regarding late communication through ClassDojo, which has left her with insufficient time to arrange alternative pick-up accommodations, as well as concerns about erratic driving behavior by other parents during pick-up/drop-off.*

**13.0 Matters of Interest to Board Members**

- 13.1** Plan of Action for the Harper Woods School Board
- 13.2** California Association of Black School Educators Conference, NAPA California -July 13-16, 2025- Stacey White
- 13.3** Board Retreat -March 1, 2025
- 13.4** Board Training- March 15,2025

**14.0 Adjournment**

*Meeting adjourned at 8:16 p.m.*

*Respectfully submitted*



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*Michael Jarvis*

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