

APPROVED MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 28, 2025
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, January 28, 2025 at Harper Woods High School located at 20225 Beaconsfield Harper Woods, MI 48225

1.0 Call to Order

President Ramona Simmons called the Regular Meeting of the Harper Woods School District to order at 7: 01 pm

2.0 Pledge of Allegiance

3.0 Roll Call – Establishment of a Quorum

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

Also Present: Steven McGhee, Floyd Simmons. Sharon Hampton, Christopher Lindsay Allan McCraw, Dr. Alethea Wells

4.0 Acceptance of Meeting Agenda

Motion by Reginald Tabron supported by Stacey White to accept the agenda as printed.

Motion passes 7-0

5.0 Discussion Item

5.1 Board Budget- Michael Jarvis

5.2 Reports/Presentations on Conferences-Ramona Simmons

6.0 Approval of Consent Agenda

6.1 Minutes of Previous Meetings

6.1.1 Regular Meeting – December 17, 2024

6.1.2 Organizational Meeting – January 7, 2025

There was an error regarding the Merit Pay Committee members.

The Merit Pay committee is as follows:

Terry Hughes- Chair

Michael Jarvis and Reginald Tabron are members of the committee for Merit Pay.

6.1.3 Workshop Meeting – January 7, 2025

6.2 Expenditure Reports – December 1 through December 31, 2024

6.3 Personnel Matters

6.3.1 Overnight/Extended Day/Out of Town Travel

6.3.1.1 Allan McGraw, Harper Woods Middle School Students -
Cedar Point Amusement Park, Sandusky, Ohio June 9, 2025

6.3.1.2 Michelle Smith MACUL Conference, Huntington Place, Detroit,
Michigan March 20, 2024-March 21, 2025

6.3.1.3 Catherine Pierson Michigan Association of College Admission
Counseling 2025 Annual Conference March 17-18, 2025,
Ypsilanti, MI



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- 6.3.1.4 Joseph Zacharias Michigan Association of College Admission Counseling 2025 Annual Conference March 17-18, 2025, Ypsilanti, MI
- 6.3.1.5 Rodereck Oden, Michael Booker, Stephen Booker, Suruli Kelly, Powell, Christopher Harris, Christopher Taylor, Alphonso Parker
- 6.3.1.6 Boys Basketball Game Trotwood, Ohio, February 9, 2025
Tajuan Porter, John Gardner, Curtis Stephens, Jamal Franks, Lester Johnson, Christopher Taylor, Harper Woods Varsity Basketball Players.

6.3.2 Resignations/Terminations

- 6.3.2.1 Christopher Harris-Coach- Harper Woods High School
- 6.3.2.2 Mercedes Allen-Sub Teacher- Harper Woods Middle School

6.3.3 New Hire/Reassignment

- 6.3.3.1 Juanita Cobble, -Paraprofessional GSRP

*Motion by Michael Jarvis supported by Stacey White to accept the Consent Agenda as printed.
Motion passes 7-0*

7.0 Correspondence

Correspondence has been forwarded to the appropriate parties.

8.0 District Recognition

- 8.1 Announcement of Board Officers (Post Organizational Meeting)
- 8.2 Board of Education Appreciation Month
- 8.3 Math Bee Winners
- 8.4 BPA Regional Competition -Charles Hyman

9.0 Public Participation RE: Action Items

10.0 Action Items

None

11.0 Board Items

11.1 Sub Committee Reports

- 11.1.1 Building & Site
- 11.1.2 Policy
- 11.1.3 Finance
- 11.1.4 Community Relations
- 11.1.5 Superintendent Evaluation

12.0 Report of the Superintendent

Superintendent Steven McGhee reported that the attendance of the EL student population in the district has dropped with the Executive Order in place. Superintendent Steven McGhee



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reported that he has to create avenues to educate those students. The final exams were successful, and the second semester started today. The district assessment NWEA in elementary and middle school has begun. We will prepare the district for February, Black History Month. Many events will be posted on the district website, including a traveling museum, which will be bigger this year. Mr. McGhee congratulated the Board again for Board Appreciation Month.

13.0 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 comments, 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. Please keep all comments to 3 minutes or less.

Terri Gamlin- Shared with the Board concerns regarding her employment.

14.0 Matters of Interest to Board Members

15.0 Adjournment

The Regular meeting of the Harper Woods School District adjourned at 8:54 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Jarvis, Secretary

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