

APPROVED MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
RESCHEDULED REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 20, 2025
SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF HARPER WOODS



1.0 Call to Order

President Terry Hughes called the rescheduled Regular Meeting to order at 7:00 pm

2.0 Pledge of Allegiance

3.0 Roll Call – Establishment of a Quorum

Present: Terry Hughes, Johnetta Tabron, Stacey White, Ramona Dunn-Simmons, Diana Nimmons, Frankie Brooks.

Also, present Steven McGhee, Dr. Hannah Jaber, Nicklous, South, Floyd Simmons, Christopher Lindsay

Absent: Reginald Tabron.

4.0 Acceptance of Meeting Agenda

*Motion by Johnetta Tabron supported by Diana Nimmons to accept the agenda as printed.
Motion passes 5-0*

5.0 Discussion

5.1 COGNIA- Dr. Hannah Jaber

Dr. Jaber shared the details of Harper Woods Schools receiving COGNIA Accreditation,

5.2 Corewell Health Donation – Mr. Coakley

Dr. Shay of Corewell Health discussed the donation with the Board.

6.0 Approval of Consent Agenda

6.1 Minutes from Previous Meeting

6.1.1 Regular Meeting – September 16, 2025

6.1.2 Special Meeting- September 29, 2025

6.1.3 Workshop Meeting – October 7, 2025

6.2 Expenditure Reports – September 1 through September 30, 2025

6.3 Personnel Matters

6.3.1 Overnight Travel/ Extended Stay

6.3.1.1 LaToya Hall-King- Michigan College Access Network (MCAN),
November 4-5, 2025, Lansing, I

6.3.2 Resignation

6.3.2.1 Harriett Brown- Mentor -ATS

6.3.2.2 John Gardner- Boys Varsity Basketball Coach- Harper Woods High School

6.3.3 New Hires/Reassignments

6.3.3.1 Khalil Hill- Freshman Assistant Football Coach- High School

6.3.3.2 Natasha Williams SPED Paraprofessional- Beacon Elementary

6.3.3.3 Leah Edison -SPED Paraprofessional- Beacon Elementary

6.3.3.4 Ciera Ciers-SPED Paraprofessional-Beacon Elementary

6.3.3.5 Larissa Ventus- SPED Paraprofessional- Harper Woods High School



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6.3.3.6 Amy Olind- Mentor-ATS

6.3.3.7 Sarah Stratz- Mentor- ATS

6.3.3.8 Aaron Brown- Rehire-Mentor- ATS

6.3.3.9 Theodore Loosevelt- SPED Paraprofessional- Harper Woods Middle School

Motion by Stacey White supported by Johnetta Tabron to approve the consent agenda.

Motion passes 6-0

7.0 Correspondence

None

8.0 Public Participation Re: Action Items

None

9.0 Action Items

9.1 2025 Annual Audit

Motion by Stacey White supported by Johnetta Tabron to approve the 2025 Annual Audit.

Motion passes 5-1

9.2 2026 Refunding Bonds

Ms. Dunn-Simmons and Ms. Nimmons requested item to be table item 9.2 however Board President Hughes moved forward to approve item 9.2

Motion by Johnetta Tabron and supported by Stacey White to adopt the 2026 Refunding Bonds.

Motion passes 4-2

10.0 Board Items

10.1 Sub Committee Reports

10.1.1 Building & Site

None

10.1.2 Policy

Ms. Dunn-Simmons reported that there was one policy that was tabled and Ms. Hughes will be giving answers on policy 6550. There are three policies those answers would come from Mr. McGhee and touch on that the other policies from 39.1 have been approved and should be on Board Docs in the next couple of weeks. A meeting will be set up with the NEOLA Rep regarding Policies 39.2 and 40.1 sometime in November.

10.1.3 Finance

Ms. White reported that the Audit passed.

10.1.4 Community Relations

Ms. Hughes reported about the HBO Documentary shown to High School students and reported that student had really good questions the students were very direct and articulate. Homecoming was nice and more staff than before all students were comfortable and had a good time. Ms. Hughes thanked the high School for doing an awesome job.

10.1.5 Superintendent Evaluation

Ms. Ms. White reported that on 10/29/25 that the Superintendent Evaluation will be held at the CCI Center.

11.0 Report of the Superintendent

Mr. McGhee wanted to make a correction and reported that the district had accreditation prior to his arrival. The accreditation that the district received this year is good thorough 2031 they added an additional year it has gone to six years. Mr. McGhee congratulated the team and reported that they met at least 16 times working of the accreditation. Homecoming was a huge success no incidents outstanding



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attendance for the game and home coming celebration and the Homecoming parade. The Band, cheerleaders and dance team did very well note that the dance team was dressed exquisitely and complimented the dance coach. The Excellence Center is about 70 % complete and, in a few weeks, we'll be able to walk into the building and the gala will be held in February during Black History month. It is Excellence at it's best the building will serve for the next fifty to one hundred years and the services rendered in that building will be second to none.

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.

None

13.0 Matters of Interest to Board Members

14.0 Adjournment

President Terry Hughes adjourned the meeting at 9:01 pm

*Respectfully submitted by
Stacey White, Secretary*

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