



1.0 Call to Order

Board President Stacey White called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:00 pm

2.0 Pledge of Allegiance

3.0 Roll Call – Establishment of a Quorum

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

Also present: Steven McGhee

4.0 Acceptance of Meeting Agenda

Motion by Reginald Tabron and supported by Frankie Brooks to accept the agenda as printed.

Motion passes 7-0

5.0 Discussion

5.1 Special Project- Excellence Institute- Mr. McGhee

6.0 Approval of Consent Agenda

6.1 Minutes from Previous Meeting

6.1.1 Regular Meeting – March 17, 2026

6.1.2 Workshop Meeting – April 7, 2026

6.2 Expenditure Reports – March 1 through March 31, 2026

6.3 Personnel Matters

6.3.1 Retirement/Terminations/Resignations

6.3.1.1 Michael Mooney- Marketing/Business Teacher-Harper Woods High School

6.3.1.2 Phyllis Johnson-Public Safety- Tyrone Elementary

6.3.1.3 April Farris-Custodian-Harper Woods Middle School

6.3.1.4 TaJuan Porter-Basketball Coach-Harper Woods High School

6.3.2 New Hires

6.3.2.1 Prentice Smith - Varsity Cheer Coach-Harper Woods High School

6.3.2.2 Tamera Watts - Public Safety-District

6.3.2.3 Cortez Horton - Public Safety-District

6.3.2.4 Jordan McIntyre - Special Education Teacher-High Woods High School

6.3.2.5 Larry Kennedy - Rehire - Attendance Agent-Avatar

6.3.2.6 Antonio Hervey-Wrestling Coach-Harper Woods Middle and High School

6.3.2.7 Michael Carson III- Head Boys Track Coach-Harper Woods High School





6.3.2.8 Isharon Reynolds-Girls Assistant Track Coach-Harper Woods High School

6.3.2.9 Kenyan Powers Assistant Boys Baseball Coach

6.3.2.10 Kimberly Bell- Payroll Specialist-District

6.3.3 Overnight Travel/Extended Stay

6.3.3.1 Carrie Tenkel-MPAAA Spring Conference, Traverse City Michigan, May 3-May 5, 2026

6.3.3.2 Ramona Dunn-Simmons, 2026 Women’s Leadership Conference, ACME, MI 49610, April 27-April 28, 2026

6.3.3.3 Terry Hughes, 2026 Women’s Leadership Conference, ACMEMI 49610, April 27-April 28, 2026

6.3.3.4 Diana Nimmons- Spring Institute, Lansing Michigan, April 30, 2026-May 3, 2026

6.3.3.5 Sonja Gipson & Richard Spurlock BPA National Leadership Conference- Nashville, TN May 6-10, 2026

Motion by Frankie Brooks supported by Johnetta Tabron to approve the consent agenda motion passes 6-1

7.0 Correspondence

None

8.0 District Presentation

8.1 Student & Teacher of the Month – Avatar Academy – Mr. McCraw

9.0 Public Participation re: Action Items

10.0 Action Item(s)

10.1 Consideration of Layoff Notification for Teachers

Motion by Terry Hughes and supported by Johnetta Tabron not to issue Layoff Notifications for Teachers.

Motion passes 7-0

10.2 Special Project- Excellence Institute

Motion by Johnetta Tabron and supported by Terry Hughes to approve the Excellence Institute Special Project stipend for Dr. Jaber.

Motion passes 7-0

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





The Excellence Institute event was a great success, with approximately 102 attendees who toured the venue. Students participated in both the tours and demonstrations.

Next steps include:

- Legal is currently working on vouchers related to liability, which must be finalized before the process and announcement schedule can be confirmed.

- The event schedule is being aligned as closely as possible with the original plan announced two years ago:

- 6:00–8:00 AM: Sessions for the elderly

- 9:00 AM–2:30 PM: Activities with assigned instructors, facilitators, and trainers (involving instructors and students, all covered by our liability insurance)

- 3:00–6:00 PM: Team-based activities

- From a community standpoint, we are developing an application process, anticipated to launch in the third week of May.

- For students and instructors, the instructional component is scheduled to begin soon, with documentation provided.

- There will also be a community event, and teachers will have an opportunity to tour during our district professional development day in the first week of May.

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.

Dr. Hannah Jaber addressed the Board thanking them for their unwavering support and stipend.

Jacqueline Reeves. First, I want to give you a little about me, and I know I'll take 3 minutes. Sorry about that. I have my children, and I'm going through the Harper Woods school district.



**APPROVED MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 21, 2026
SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF HARPER WOODS**



As I reached my last child in the Harper Woods School District, I began attending meetings. Good evening to all the board members. I would like to begin by acknowledging the positive progress within our district. Several meaningful advancements deserve recognition. For example, the associate program is a strong step toward expanding academic opportunity and preparing students for college and future careers.

The partnership with Corwell Health further signals progress. The CCI program, with its emphasis on field trades, reflects a forward-thinking approach that values diverse talents and real-world readiness.

Additionally, the avatar or virtual program provides flexibility for students' varied needs, ensuring broader access to education. This commitment to innovation makes me proud of our district.

The investments in our facilities—including the state-of-the-art athletic field, and, most recently, the excellent center everyone has been talking about—demonstrate a clear commitment to providing students with environments that inspire pride, performance, and growth. I want to extend recognition to our superintendent, Steven McGhee, for the vision, effort, and persistence required to help bring these initiatives to life. Your leadership is evident throughout the district. Remarkable progress would not have happened without strong leadership, and it deserves recognition.

On behalf of myself and many parents I've spoken with, thank you, Mr. McGhee. However, I'd also like to share a concern after attending several meetings. I've observed interactions that, at times, reflect disagreement in ways that appear disrespectful, particularly towards the board president and superintendent.

There appear to be some personal issues carried over from previous presidents, and that differing opinions are natural and that they are a necessary part of growth and governance, even in matters in which you disagree. Do you know, they're expressing it, and people are watching? I can recall that in one of the meetings, one of our board members noted visible tension was a sign of debate, reflecting passion for students. If that is the case, I respectfully hope the board channels this passion in mutually respectful ways. The community is watching, and your actions shape public perception as much as the progress we all celebrate.

The district's advances are something to be proud of. I hope the leadership reflects excellence in collaboration and outcomes as the district grows. Thank you for your time and continued service.

Mrs. Pearson. I am a member of the Parent University with Dr. Raphael Johnson. My husband and I have five children: our oldest is 14 and in 8th grade; our 11-year-old is in 6th grade; our 4th grader is at Tyrone; and our 7-year-old twins attend Beacon Elementary School. We've had the opportunity to be involved with each school, from Head Start and Pre-K.

We've been with Parent University since it began, and I do appreciate all that the board and Parent University have done. They are very resourceful.

In addition to being active in Parent University, I serve on the Harper Woods Community Advisory too we are the only parents on that one so far. I also work with Ms. Murphy at Harper Woods Clinic. Thank you for your time and keep up the good work.



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14.0 Matters of Interest to Board Members

15.0 Adjournment

*Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm
Respectfully submitted by Terry Hughes,
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