

APPROVED MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
NOVEMBER 16, 2021
SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF HARPER WOODS



The Workshop Meeting of the Harper Woods Board of Education was held on Tuesday, November 16, 2021, via ZOOM; (tel: 1-312-626-6799, access code 848 8056 3858, password 212706

1.0 Call to Order

President Alicia McKay called the Regular Meeting of the Harper Woods board of Education to order at 7:00 pm

2.0 Pledge of Allegiance

3.0 Roll Call – Establishment of a Quorum

Present Alicia McKay, Terry Hughes, Ramona Simmons, Stacey White, Joan Mannino (7:21) Kayetta Holley (7:21pm)

Absent William Murphy

Also Present: Steven McGhee, Radu Iacoban, Carla West, Carrie Tenkel, Angela Underwood, Dannon Holley, Dr. Michael Carrauthers, Dr. Alethea Wells, Dr. Keith Morris..

4.0 Acceptance of Meeting Agenda

Motion by Stacey White supported by Terry Hughes to accept the agenda as printed eliminating action item 9.2

Motion Passes 4- 4

5.0 Approval of Consent Agenda

5.1 Minutes of Previous Meetings

5.1.1 Regular Meeting – October 19, 2021

5.1.2 Workshop Meeting – November 2, 2021

5.2 Expenditure Reports – October 1 through October 31, 2021

5.3 Personnel Matters

5.3.1 Resignations/Terminations

5.3.1.1 Cedric Goinns– Bus Driver – District

5.3.1.2 Tiana Kennedy –GSRP-Beacon

5.3.1.3 Tavon Meeks – -Custodian-Middle School

5.3.1.4 Natisha Edge- Custodian

5.3.1.5 Josalyn Haynes– Custodian

5.3.1.6 Vicki Kardynal-Teacher-Beacon

5.3.1.7 Janisse Pitts-Bus Driver

5.3.1.8 Shameka Ross-Custodian

5.3.1.9 Lamire Costner -Custodian

5.3.1.10 Keyanna Ross-Custodian

5.3.1.11 Undrereon Hall-Substitute-HWHS

5.3.2 New Hires/Promotions



- 5.3.2.1 Mercedes Gillard- Paraprofessional Meta-Lab-HWHS
- 5.3.2.2 Alysa Smith –SPED Paraprofessional Tyrone Elementary
- 5.3.2.3 Ieshia Lathan-Custodian-TBD
- 5.3.2.4 Doris Tipton-Custodian-TBD
- 5.3.2.5 Karian Cooper-Custodian-TBD

Motion by Ramona Simmons and supported by Terry Hughes to accept the consent agenda as printed.

Consent Agenda Approved 4-4

6.0 Correspondence

Correspondence received has been forwarded to the Board.

7.0 District/Student Presentation

7.1 Teacher/Student of the Month

Teacher and Student of the Month was present by Dr. Carrauthers, Allen McCraw was voted a Teacher of the Month at Harper woods Middle School and 7th Grade student was nominated as Student of the Month at Harper Woods Middle School. Both Mr. McCraw and Ethan thanked everyone nominating them.

8.0 Public Participation re: Action Items

None

9.0 Action Items

9.1 Tuition Resolution

Motion by Ramona Simmons and supported by Terry Hughes that the Board of Education approves the attached Tuition Resolution for the 2021/2022 school year.

Motion passes 5-6

Board Items

9.2 Sub Committee Reports

9.2.1 Building & Site

Stacey White-Thanks Building leaders and custodial staff for keeping the building clean.

9.2.2 Policy

Alicia McKay- On 10/28/21 there was a meeting with NEOLA representative regarding policy updates and feedback.

9.2.3 Finance

Ramona Simmons- Informed the Board there will be a full audit report in December.

9.2.4 Community Relations

Terry Hughes – 3rd Annual Turkey Drive Saturday, November 20,2021 from 11:00 – 3:00 pm.

Good Year Auto masters to donate two free oil changes for raffle.

9.2.5 Superintendent Evaluation

Terry Hughes -meeting to be scheduled for next month.

10.0 Report of the Superintendent



Superintendent Steven McGhee reported that the NWEA Fall benchmark assessment window closed on Friday, November 5th. The following percentages of students completed the testing at each building are as follows Beacon Elementary 91%, Tyrone Elementary 98%, Harper Woods Middle School 90% and Harper Woods high School 96%. Harper Woods high School 9th graders completed the PSAT on November 9th. This is the 3rd successful week launching the weekly grab and go meal distribution hosted by our students and staff at the CCI Center for our school and community stakeholders. Meals are distributed every Friday for a fee of \$10.00. This week's menu item includes chicken quesadillas, Turkey Reuben sandwiches, chicken tortilla soup, and vegetable soup.

11.0 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.

Yvette Harden-Wants to know why there isn't a plan in place for Virtual or Hybrid learning

Christie Schenburn- Tyrone student out twice because student in his class had COVID. Ms. Schenburn wants to know why teachers can't do online teaching when classes are out due to COVID. Wants bussing system for Tyrone students.

Bob Gray- PSA City of Harper Woods Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony to be held on November 17th at 6:30 pm.

12.0 Matters of Interest to Board Members

Stacey White- Ms. White stated that a lot was learned from the Michigan Association of School Boards Annual Leadership Conference additionally, Ms. White thanked the Board for selecting her to be one of the delegates to represent the School Board. Additionally, the staff and students at the CCI were thanked for the preparation and distribution of the Grab and Go lunches.

Kayetta Holly-Thanked fellow School Board members for attending the MASB Conference. Additionally, Ms. Holly congratulated the Student and Teacher of the Month. Additionally, Ms. Holly commended Superintendent McGhee and staff for following the COVID protocols. Ms. Holly requested updated Covid Policy. Board President McKay addressed Ms. Holly's concerns and informed her that there are additional details that will need to be revisited to avoid legal issues.

Terry Hughes- Thanked Ray Laethem dealership for their generous donation for the Harper Woods Annual Turkey Drive additionally Ms. Hughes thanked Ms. White for representing the district at the MASB ALC and speaking on their behalf. Ms. Hughes also congratulated Student and Teacher of the Month.



Ramona Simmons- Stated that the MASB Conference was very informative and wonderful. Ms. Simmons also congratulated the Student and Teacher of the Month.

Alicia McKay- Congratulated the Student and Teacher of the Month additionally Mrs. McKay thanked Ms. Hughes, Ms. Simmons, and Ms. White for attending the MASB ALC. Mrs. McKay stated that School Board Members are qualified to serve on the school board with some members also being Certified School Board members.

13.0 Adjournment

The Regular meeting of the Board of Education was adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stacey White, Secretary

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