

**APPROVED MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING  
MARCH 19, 2024  
SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF HARPER WOODS**



The Regular Meeting of the Harper Woods Board of Education was held at Harper Woods High School in the auditorium, located at 20225 Beaconsfield., on Tuesday, March 19, 2024.

**1.0 Call to Order**

*The Regular meeting of the Harper Woods School District was called to order by President Terry Hughes at 7:01 p.m.*

**2.0 Pledge of Allegiance**

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

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

*Absent: Joan Mannino*

*Also Present: Steven McGhee, Dr. Alethea Wells, Terri Gamlin, Tourquoise Cannon, Christopher Lindsey, Charles Hyman, Ashley Harris, Floyd Simmons*

**4.0 Acceptance of Meeting Agenda**

*Motion by Reginald Tabron supported by Johnetta Tabron to accept the agenda as printed.  
Motion passes- 6-0*

**5.0 Discussion**

**5.1 Superintendent Contract**

*Radu Iacoban discussed addendum to Superintendent Steven McGhee's employment contract.*

**5.2 Non-Notification/Notification of Administrative Non-Renewals**

*Superintendent Steven McGhee reiterated with the Board the Non-Notification/Notification of Administrative stating the rationale regarding the non-renewals for administrative staff at Central Office and Building Level Leaders Principals and Assistant Principals the purpose is to reorganize, restructure and reassign to improve operational efficiency and effectiveness and to position the district to achieve it's goal of an exceptional experience for each student.*

**6.0 Approval of Consent Agenda**

**6.1 Minutes from Previous Meetings**

- 6.1.1 Special Meeting -February 12, 2024
- 6.1.2 Regular Meeting – February 13,2024
- 6.1.3 Workshop Meeting – March 5, 2024
- 6.1.4 Closed Session- March 5, 2024

**6.2 Expenditure Reports – February 1 through February 29, 2024**

**6.3 Personal Matters Overnight Travel /Extended Stay**





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- 6.3.1 State Leadership Conference for Business Professionals of America (BPA), Grand Rapids, MI. March 7-10,2024. Teacher Sonja Gipson, Staff Richard Spurlock, Stephan Smith, Students Deon Rushin, Christopher Page, Kenneth Ross Jr., Zechariah Harris, Indiah Moten, Saniyah Lee, Donevin Gaines, Victor Smith, Shantanae Martin, Christian Alexander, JaMykal Bush, Edwin Johnson, Makayla Rhodes, Jeffrey Morton, Jabari Gillette, Jordan Moore
- 6.3.2 SkillsUSA -State Leadership and Skills Conference., Grand Rapids, MI. Staff: Daniel Smitherman, Farrah Harris. Students Camden Wilson and Danyla Gray, Nigel Robinson,LaQuan Watson-Boyd,Brandon Hughes, Maria Cardenas, Sierra Oliver, Kyra Conner, Jabari Gillette, Domanick Suell, Xachary Chappelle, Amaya Swain
- 6.3.3 Michigan Deca State Career Development Conference 2024, Huntington Place Detroit, MI. March 14-16, 2024. Teacher Michael Mooney, Staff Kiara Phillips. Students Kaniya Brown, Maria Cardenas, Shekira Dennis, Astaria Lewis, Jewel Martin, Tralonta Moseley, Sierra Oliver, Asa pointer, Ashtyn Rollins Camden Wilson
- 6.3.4 Carrie Tenkel- QUE User Experience, Novi, Michigan April 9, 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>
- 6.3.5 Carrie Tenkel- 2024 MPAAA Spring Conference- May 6-8<sup>th</sup>, Traverse City, MI

#### 6.4 Resignation/Retirements/Termination

- 6.4.1 Rachel Pesta- Teacher-Tyrone Elementary
- 6.4.2 Chad Steele-Teacher-Harper Woods High School
- 6.4.3 Nyla Calloway- Volleyball Coach-Harper Woods Middle School
- 6.4.4 Phillip Harris-Assistant Wrestling Coach-Harper Woods High School
- 6.4.5 Brittany Foreman- META Paraprofessional- Harper Woods High School
- 6.4.6 Mariah Hemingway-META Paraprofessional-Harper Woods Middle School
- 6.4.7 Madison Atlas- Assistant Coach Track-Harper Woods High School

#### 6.5 New Hires

- 6.5.1 Marena Jackson- Meta Paraprofessional-Harper Woods High School
- 6.5.2 Julie McLellan- Mentor- ATS
- 6.5.3 Nyla Calloway- JV Volleyball Coach- Harper Woods High School
- 6.5.4 Tiah Golden- Assistant Varsity Volleyball Coach-Harper Woods High School
- 6.5.5 Domond Batten-Assistant Track Coach-Harper Woods High School
- 6.5.6 Danny Preston Jr.- Assistant Coach-Boys Track-Harper Woods high School

*Motion by Johnetta Tabron supported by Stacey White to approve the Consent Agenda  
Motion passes 6-0*

#### 7.0 Correspondence

*None*

#### 8.0 District Presentation

- 8.1 Teachers and Student of The Month- Charles Hyman  
*Charles Hyman presented the two students of the month Eligha Kimbrough and Jason Cowan.*





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**9.0 Public Participation re: Action Items**

*None*

**10.0 Action Item(s)**

**10.1 Non-Notification/Notification of Administrative Non-Renewals**

*Motion by Stacey White supported by Ramona Simmons that the Board approved the Superintendent to issue letters of Consideration of non-renewal to administrator contract.*

*Motion passes 6-0*

**10.2 Superintendent Contract**

*Motion by Michael Jarvis supported by Ramona Simmons that the Board approves the addendum to the Superintendent's contract.*

*Motion passes 6-0*

**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**

*Superintendent Steven McGhee reported that Harper Woods is ready to play baseball and soccer Jr. Chef Program Tyrone Elementary (Students created healthy menus) parfait bar, celery carrot sticks, chicken salad, cucumber salad, cottage cheese  
Jr. Chef Program Beacon is next month April  
Successful Math Bee at Harper Woods Middle School: Top students awarded gift cards.  
Reading & Literacy Month is underway, Senator Hertel came and read to OUR students.  
Wellness meeting in March reviewed goals & outcomes. Further discussion includes a District Wide Field Day, Middle School Intramurals & Stronger Communities Grant.  
Dr. Wells & High School awarded the GM Summer Internship Program for 2024  
District Wide Preparation for Digital Assessment SAT WE ARE READY  
University of Florida Literacy Institute (UFLI) training will take place for ALL Beacon staff for two days. To date 15 teachers have participated in the training.  
Teachers will be piloting the Collaborative Curriculum Material on April 8, 2024 right after Spring Break. It will be a 7-week process.*



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**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 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*

**14.0 Matters of Interest to Board Members**

**15.0 Adjournment**

*Meeting adjourned at 7: 41 pm  
Respectfully submitted.*

*Johnetta Tabron  
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