



1.0 Call to Order

Board President Stacey White called the workshop meeting to order at 6: 39 pm.

2.0 Roll Call

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

Also present: Steven McGhee

3.0 Acceptance of Agenda

Motion by Terry Hughes supported by Johnetta Tabron to amend the agenda to list item 5.1.5 First Reading to be listed as Second Reading Volume 40-2 and to add action item 8.4 Policy 5136 Cell Phone Policy.

Motion passed 7-0

4.0 Future Action Items

4.1 Resignations /Terminations/Layoffs

- 4.1.1** Cordario Knighten-Public Safety
- 4.1.2** Jay Neaves- Special Education Teacher-Harper Woods Middle School
- 4.1.3** Amanda Neaves- Science Teacher-Harper Woods Middle School
- 4.1.4** Chayse Hurley- Teacher-Tyrone Elementary
- 4.1.5** Jordan Anderson-Special Education Paraprofessional
- 4.1.6** Joshua Goodwin-Custodial
- 4.1.7** Jasmine Becker-Secretary-Harper Woods Middle School
- 4.1.8** India Ross-Secretary-Harper Woods Middle School
- 4.1.9** Stephan Smith-Paraprofessional-College & Career Institute
- 4.1.10** Danielle Whitson-Assistant Teacher-GSRP
- 4.1.11** Jaiden Welch-Assistant Teacher -GSRP

4.2 New Hires/Reassignments

- 4.2.1** Catherine Pierson- Director- Next Generation Readiness (NGR)- Harper Woods High School
- 4.2.2** Medhat Ismail-Sub-Teacher- Harper Woods High School
- 4.2.3** Alden Chandler-Special Education Paraprofessional-Beacon Elementary
- 4.2.4** Brandon Hodges-Special Education Paraprofessional
- 4.2.5** Lawrence Carter-META Paraprofessional-Harper Woods Middle School
- 4.2.6** Sommer Ellis-Lunch Mom-Beacon Elementary
- 4.2.7** Angelia Jackson- Secretary-Harper Woods Middle School
- 4.2.8** LaTasha Collins-Secretary Harper Woods Middle School
- 4.2.9** LaToya Hall-King-Teacher-Avatar Academy
- 4.2.10** Andrew Wurmlinger- Teacher-Harper Woods High School
- 4.2.11** Carissa Gates- Lunch Mom-Beacon Elementary
- 4.2.12** Iesha Adams-Lunch Mom-Beacon Elementary
- 4.2.13** Nikiana Sell- Counselor- Harper Woods High School





- 4.2.14 Kiera Adams- Special Education Paraprofessional-TBD
- 4.2.15 Denise Woods-Lunch Mom-Tyrone Elementary
- 4.2.16 Adam Miller-Arnold-Teacher- Harper Woods High School
- 4.2.17 Heath Filber-Teacher Harper Woods High School
- 4.2.18 Justice Griffin- Custodian-Harper Woods High School
- 4.2.19 Marzette Lowe-Teacher-Harper Woods High School

4.3 Overnight Travel/Extended Stay

- 4.3.1 Roderick Oden, Harper Woods High School Football Team
Football Camp, Lake Michigan Family Campground, August 16, 2026- August 19, 2026
Pentwater, Michigan
- 4.3.2 Ramona Dunn-Simmons, MASB Annual Leadership Conference, October 15, 2026-
October 18, 2026, Lansing Michigan
- 4.3.3 Ramona Dunn-Simmons- NSBA Advocacy Institute, January 31, 2027- February 2,
2027, Washington, DC
- 4.3.4 Diana Nimmons, NSBA CUBE Annual Conference, October 1, 2026-October 3, 2026,
Chicago, IL
- 4.3.5 Diana Nimmons, NSBA Advocacy Institute, January 31, 2027-February 2, 2027, Chicago
IL
- 4.3.6 Terry Hughes-MASB Annual Leadership Conference, October 15, 2026-October 18,
2026, Lansing Michigan
- 4.3.7 Terry Hughes- NSBA CUBE Annual Conference, October 1, 2026-October 3, 2026,
Chicago, IL

5.0 Discussion

- 5.1.1 Summer School Presentation- Dr. Hannah Jaber
- 5.1.2 School Loan Revolving Fund- Radu Iacoban
- 5.1.3 Building Bank Lease
- 5.1.4 MASB Delegate
- 5.1.5 Policy Updates 1st Reading (Continued)

First Reading Volume 40-1

Po1422	Po1422.02	Po01623	Po1662
Po2260	Po260.01	Po3122	Po3122.02
Po3123	Po3362	Po4122	Po4122.02
Po4123	Po4362	AG1422	AG1662
AG3122	AG3362	AG4122	AG4362
PO2210	Po2266	Po2412	Po4162
Po5120	Po5460	Po5517.01	Po7540.02
Po7541	Po8300	Po8305	AG226
AG4162A	AG5120	AG7540.02	AG8300
AG8305	AG8305A	AG8305B	AG8305C

First Second Reading Volume 40-2 (corrected to second reading)



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Po0100	Po1410	Po2370.01	Po2417
Po2418	Po3120.09	Po4210	Po5336
Po6320	Po6325	Po8120.09	Po8402
Po8655			

6.0 Correspondence

None

7.0 Public Participation re: Action Items

Okeish Davis expressed concerns about district asset ownership versus leasing, as well as district expenses regarding the properties.

Tim Couto, Executive Director, MEA Teachers Union

He expressed concerns about the four new administrative positions, including Next Generation Readiness, Special Education Compliance Coordinator, and two AI Administrative roles. He also raised concerns about leasing a new property and the potential educational neglect of Beacon and Early On.

8.0 Action Items (s)

8.1 ~~School Loan Revolving Fund~~

Motion by Terry Hughes and supported by Johnetta Tabron to table the School Loan Revolving Fund.

Motion passes 7-0

8.2 Building Bank Lease

Motion by Johnetta Tabron supported by Diana Nimmons to approved the Building Bank Lease
Motion passes 6-1

8.3 MASB Delegate

Motion by Johnetta Tabron and supported by Ramona Dunn-Simmons to approve MASB's process of certifying delegates and alternates for the delegate assembly on behalf of the Harper Woods School District Ramona Dun-Simmons and Terry Hughes were selected to serve at the 2026 Delegates.

Motion passes 7-0

8.4 Policy 5136 Cell Phone

Motion by Reginald Tabron and supported by Johnetta Tabron to approve Po5136 Cell Phone Policy.

Motion passes 7-0

9.0 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:



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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.

Tim Cuoto expressed concerns about the new property, the lease, the timeline for students building by October, safety issues, and the rushed process. He also noted that there has been no discussion with the HWEA regarding teacher staffing. Additionally, Mr. Cuoto wanted to know who the real estate agent is for the property.

Okeish Davis raised concerns about safety and the lack of inspection for the new building.

Deborah Roberts, President of the HWEA, and Monique Lake, Vice-President, thanked Mr. and Mrs. Tabron for their support of the Gleaners Contribution. They also recognized Mrs. Tabron for stepping up to receive training and continue distribution when Ms. Robertson was unavailable, as well as for their involvement in events such as bike distribution and support for the district.

10.0 Matters of Interest to Board Members

11.0 Adjournment

The workshop meeting was adjourned at 8:33 pm.

*Respectfully, submitted by
Terry Hughes, Secretary*

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