

UNAPPROVED MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL MEETING
APRIL 29, 2025
SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF HARPER WOODS



1.0 Call to Order

Board President Ramona Dunn-Simmons called the Special Meeting of the Harper Woods School District to order at 6:30 PM.

2.0 Pledge of Allegiance

3.0 Roll Call – Establishment of a Quorum

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

Also Present:

Steven McGhee, Robert Brooks

4.0 Acceptance of Meeting Agenda

Motion by Michael Jarvis accepted by Reginald Tabron to accept the agenda as printed.

5.0 Discussion Items

5.1 Final Non-Renewal of Administrators

6.0 Public Participation re: Action Items

Terry Gamlin addressed the Board regarding being placed on Administrative Leave the Final Administrative Non-Renewals

Dr. Alethea Wells addressed the Board regarding advocacy for a teacher's pay and the Final Administrative Non-Renewals.

7.0 Action Item(s)

Board entered into a closed session motion by Terry Hughes supported by Stacey White the motion passes 7-0 to enter into a closed session.

Motion by Michael Jarvis supported by Johnetta Tabron motion passes to reconvene to opens session at 7:59 pm. Motion passes 7-0

7.1 Final Administrative Non-Renewals

7.1.1 Employee: ID 101000

Motion by Johnetta Tabron and supported by Terry Hughes to non-renew Administrative Employee: ID 101000

Motion passes 4-3

7.1.2 Employee: ID 101258

Motion by Michael Jarvis and supported by Diana Nimmons to no-renew Employee: ID 101258

Motion passes 4-2

8.0 Public Participation



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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. Alethea Wells notified the Board her contract is with the Board and not the Superintendent.

Miriam Klein Dr. Wells has been the light in the dark for her and Dr. Wells has vision, leadership skills and students respect Dr. Wells. Dr. Wells has innovative plans fostering of positive school culture accessibility.

Volia Dawson- Teri Gamlin started at McNair Middle School administrator mother, director fights for the children.

Tracey Cook—Expressed concerns about the personnel action and whether the correct steps have been followed regarding her sister Terri Gamlin. Ms. Cook informed the Board that her sister has given her all for this district; there has been no performance review. She expressed concerns regarding the facts, stating that the story keeps changing. Additionally, do not let superiors set up anybody; there has to be integrity.

Patricia Doty- Ms. Doty stated she did not know the process however she has witnessed Ms. Gamlin trying to find money for programs and that she has only seen Ms. Gamlin working in the capacity of helping kids. Ms. Doty stated that Dr. Wells cares about you and will pray for you.

Sana Williams- Ms. Gamlin has given her all we appreciate Terri please consider to reinstate.

In the process of the Board meeting going out of order, Board President Ramona Simmons responded to the uncontrolled comments from the audience. Board President Dunn-Simmons vehemently denied lack of concern regarding the topics of non-renewal. In an effort to control the meeting Board president stated the procedure to all in attendance. Board president then announced that if you want to change your vote now would be the opportunity to do so.

The Board proceed to revote for Employee ID101000

The results of the second vote were 2-5 there was no motion or supported offered for this vote.

At the request of Board member Michael Jarvis to keep things fair he asked for a revote for Employee ID 101258.



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*The results of the second vote 4-2 with Ms. Hughes abstaining from the vote.
There was no motion or support offered for this vote.*

9.0 Matters of Interest to Board Members

10.0 Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 9:09 pm

*Respectfully submitted,
Michael Jarvis, Secretary
Ls*

On Tuesday, May 20, 2025 motion by Reginald Tabron supported by Stacey White the Board to approve the corrected minutes due to a procedural error regarding the revote at the April 29, 2025 Special Meeting.

*3-Yes
3-No
1 abstained*

Motion did not pass to approve the April 29, 2025 Special Meeting Board minutes.

