

**APPROVED MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 20, 2022,
SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF HARPER WOODS**

Regular Meeting of the Harper Woods Board of Education was held at Harper Woods High School 20225 Beaconsfield, Harper Woods, MI 48225

1.0 Call to Order

President Stacey White 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 Terry Hughes, Joan Mannino, Stacey White, Reginald Tabron, Ramonan Simmons.

Absent Kayetta Holly, William Muphy and Steven McGhee

Also Present: Dr. Michael Carruthers, Dr. Alethea Wells, Dr. Shaun Black, Dr. Keith Morris, Terry Gamlin and Dannon Holley

4.0 Acceptance of Meeting Agenda

Motion by Joan Mannino and supported by Ramona Simmons.

Motion passes 5-5

5.0 Approval of Consent Agenda

5.1 Minutes from Previous Meeting

5.1.1 Workshop/Regular Meeting – August 16, 2022

5.1.2 Workshop Meeting – September 6, 2022

5.2 Expenditure Reports – August 1 through August 31, 2022,

5.3 Personnel Matters

5.3.1 Overnight Travel/Extended Stay

5.3.1.1 Terri Gamlin, Sabrina Archie-ACTE Tech Vision 2022, Las Vegas Nevada, November 30, 2022 -December 3, 2022

5.3.1.2 Terry Hughes CUBE Annual Conference, Miami, Florida September 31, 2022- October 1, 2022

5.3.2 Resignations/Terminations

5.3.2.1 Kaitlyn Ruehle- Kindergarten Teacher Beacon

5.3.2.2 Kayla Bracy- GSRP-Teacher

5.3.2.3 Yulonda Pack-Paraprofessional-Tyrone Elementary

5.3.2.4 Shatara Cleveland-Tyrone Elementary

5.3.2.5 Rachel Mills-Teacher-Tyrone Elementary

5.3.3 Rehires/New Hires

5.3.3.1 Wendy Benardi -Teacher-Beacon Elementary

5.3.3.2 Amy Chafin-Teacher-Beacon Elementary School

5.3.3.3 Alexandria Rugenstein-Teacher-Tyrone Elementary

5.3.3.4 LaTonya Bolden-Teacher-Tyrone Elementary

5.3.3.5 Jacob Galarza-Jimenez- Operations Manager-District Physical Plant

5.3.3.6 Courtney Bunnell-Day to Day Substitute Teacher -Beacon

5.3.3.7 Keyra Morris- Day-to-Day Substitute Teacher-Tyrone



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- 5.3.3.8 De Londa Courtland-Teacher- Harper Woods High School
- 5.3.3.9 Dr. Shuan Black- Principal- Harper Woods Middle School
- 5.3.3.10 Kenyon Atchison- GSRP Director-Beacon
- 5.3.3.11 Michael Dowdell- Radio & Broadcast Paraprofessional-CCI
- 5.3.3.12 Gwendolyn Grace- ATS Mentor
- 5.3.3.13 Kristin Austin- ATS Mentor
- 5.3.3.14 Michelle Gibson ATS Mentor
- 5.3.3.15 Chad Steele- Assistant Head Coach – High School
- 5.3.3.16 Christopher Taylor- Assistant JV Football Head Coach-High School
- 5.3.3.17 Jason Zobl-Tar- Reading Specialist- Beacon
- 5.3.3.18 Michael Booker-Assistant Football Head Coach – High School
- 5.3.3.19 Brittany Foreman-META Paraprofessional- High School
- 5.3.3.20 Aleia O’Quinn- ATS Mentor
- 5.3.3.21 John Fouberg- ATS Mentor
- 5.3.3.22 Lori Miller- Lepp- ATS Mentor

Motion by Stacey White and supported by Terry Hughes that the Board of Education approves the items on the Consent Agenda.

6.0 Correspondence

Stacey White that all correspondence has been forwarded to the Board.

7.0 District Recognition

7.1 Maria Lograsso- Receives Fulbright Award

The board recognized Maria Lagrasso for receiving the Fulbright Award. Maria Lagrasso thanked the Board for supporting staff and students.

8.0 Public Participation Re: Action Items

None

9.0 Action Items

9.1 MASB Delegate Alternate Election

The board voted for Terry Hughes to be the Michigan Association of School District Alternate Delegate to represent Harper Woods.

9.2 NEOLA Policy Book Printed Copies

Motion by Stacey White Supported by Ramona Simmons **not** to print the NEOLA Policy Book.

Motion passes- 4-1

10.0 Board Items

10.1 Sub Committee Reports

10.1.1 Building & Site

None

10.1.2 Policy

Stacey White reported that a Policy meeting will be planned soon.

10.1.3 Finance

None

10.1.4 Community Relations

None

10.1.5 Superintendent Evaluation



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11.0 Report of the Superintendent

Dr. Carruthers presented the Superintendent's Report in the absence of superintendent Steven McGhee.

12.0 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 comments 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.

Shania Dean-Motley had questions regarding the band and reported that the Band raised \$5,979.00, When will the students get lockers, Will there be a HBCU College tour?

Tricinnia Dean- Motley wanted answers regarding pre- packaged items she purchased for her daughter to campaign. Ms. Dean-Motley stated she has not received a response from Dr. Wells or Mr. McGhee poor communication Ms. Dean Motley wanted it on record that the High School Band raised \$5979.00.

Dr. Alethea Wells addressed questions asked by Ms. Tricinnia Dean-Motley Dr. Wells informed the Board that per district policy there is no outside candy or food allowed nor is outside candy or food allowed to be distributed for campaigning by students. Dr. Wells also stated that the fundraiser that was held by the High School Band was not approved.

13.0 Matters of Interest to Board Members

MASB Delegate Assembly

Terry Hughes notified the Board that that she will be attending the Wayne County School Board meeting on October 6th.

Ramona Simmons notified the Board she received an alarming email that was addressed to the Superintendent and that she did not appreciate the contents of the email and when a Board member is addressing the Superintendent it should be done in a respectful manner and that an outside person should not have been included. Ms. Simmons wanted to make sure that the email system was not hacked and that the email did not come from a Board member.



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Stacey White confirmed that the email that was addressed to the Superintendent and sent to Ms. White did come from a fellow Board Member and that a parent was included in the email and the person that responded in a very unprofessional manner. Ms. White reiterated that Board Members be respectful to one another and allow the building level leaders to do their job Additionally Ms. White informed the Board that Board email was not hacked.

Stacey White welcomed new Board Member Reginald Tabron. Ms. White also reminded parents to check ClassDojo, email and MiStar.

Reginald Tabron Stated he was impressed with Harper Woods and the vision of the Board and Superintnedent. Mr. Tabron also stated that the district had wonderful things happening

14.0 Adjournment

The Regular Meeting of the Harper Woods Board of Education was adjourned at 8:02 pm.

*Submitted by Kayetta Holly
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