

A Special Meeting of the Board of Education of the School District of the City of Hamtramck, Wayne County, Michigan, was held on Wednesday, January 10, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. at the Administration Building, 3201 Roosevelt St., Hamtramck, MI 48212

The meeting was called to order by Superintendent Ahmed at 6:00 p.m.

***Roll Call of Members***

Present: Members Aiyash, Hall, Obaid, Hadwan and Algahaim  
Absent: Members Watson and Farris

*The organization of the Hamtramck Board of Education for the year 2024 is declared by the Superintendent to be the order of business.*

*The Superintendent is appointed temporary Chairman of the Meeting for the purpose of holding election of officers to the Board of Education.*

***Election of Officers for the Year 2024***

*The Chairman announced that nominations for the office of **President** are open.*

Member Hadwan nominated Member Aiyash – Member Aiyash accepted

It was motioned by Member Hadwan and seconded by Member Hall that Jihan Aiyash is elected to the Office of President for the Board of Education for 2024.

Ayes: Members Aiyash, Hall, Obaid, Hadwan and Algahaim

Nays: None

Absent: Members Watson and Farris

**MOTION CARRIED**

*The Chairman announced that nominations for the office of **Vice-President** are open.*

Member Aiyash nominated Member Hadwan – Member Hadwan accepted

It was motioned by Member Aiyash and seconded by Member Algahaim that Salah Hadwan is elected to the Office of Vice-President for the Board of Education for 2024.

Ayes: Members Aiyash, Hall, Obaid, Hadwan and Algahaim

Nays: None

Absent: Members Watson and Farris

**MOTION CARRIED**

*The Chairman announced that nominations for the office of **Treasurer** are open.*

Member Hadwan nominated Member Algahaim – Member Algahaim accepted  
Member Aiyash nominated Member Hall – Member Hall accepted

It was motioned by Member Hadwan and seconded by Member Aiyash that Abdulmalik Algahaim is elected to the Office of Treasurer for the Board of Education for 2024.

Ayes: Members Aiyash, Hall, Obaid, Hadwan and Algahaim

Nays: None

Absent: Members Watson and Farris

**MOTION CARRIED**

*The Chairman announced that nominations for the office of **Secretary** are open.*

Member Hadwan nominated Member Hall – Member Hall accepted

It was motioned by Member Aiyash and seconded by Member Hadwan that Daz’Shavon Hall is elected to the Office of Secretary for the Board of Education for 2024.

Ayes: Members Aiyash, Hall, Obaid, Hadwan and Algahaim

Nays: None

Absent: Members Watson and Farris

**MOTION CARRIED**

THE OFFICERS ELECTED FOR THE YEAR OF 2024 ARE AS FOLLOWS:

President	-	Jihan Aiyash
Vice-President	-	Salah Hadwan
Treasurer	-	Abdulmalik Algahaim
Secretary	-	Daz’Shavon Hall

*Once the business of election of officers is complete, the President will preside over the remainder of the meeting*

***Setting of Meeting Dates for 2024***

It was moved by Member Hadwan and seconded by Member Algahaim that the Regular Meetings of the Hamtramck Board of Education for the Year of 2024 be held on the first Wednesday of each month at the Administrative Office located at 3201 Roosevelt, Hamtramck, MI 48212 at 6:00 p.m.

FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Board of Education will hold their Regular Meeting for the month of January on January 18, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

Ayes: Members Aiyash, Hall, Obaid, Hadwan and Algahaim

Nays: None

Absent: Members Watson and Farris

**MOTION CARRIED**

***Authorization of Bank Depositories & Signatures***

It was moved by Member Hadwan and seconded by Member Algahaim as follows:

RESOLVED,

(1) That PNC Bank, Hamtramck, Michigan, be and is hereby designated as a legal depository of the School District of the City of Hamtramck for funds in whatever form and in whatever manner endorsed and that funds so deposited may be withdrawn by check, draft, note or other instruments or orders for payment, transfer or withdrawal by the authorized persons representing the School District

(2) That checks, drafts, notes or other instruments or orders for payment from the following accounts shall be signed in the name of the School District of the City of Hamtramck by the duly elected Treasurer, or in his/her absence by the President or the Superintendent, whose signatures or facsimiles are hereby authorized and whose authority shall continue until PNC Bank has received authorized Notice of any change in writing:

<b>General Fund Account</b>	<b>42-5505-8851</b>
<b>General Fund Account</b>	<b>41-17406-5398</b>
<b>(new money market sweep)</b>	
<b>Cafeteria Account</b>	<b>42-5134-6418</b>

- (3) That checks, drafts, notes or other instruments or orders for payment from the following account shall be signed in the name of the School District of the City of Hamtramck by the Superintendent, or in his/her absence by the Director of Finance or the duly elected Treasurer of the Board of Education, whose signatures or facsimiles are hereby authorized and whose authority shall continue until PNC Bank has received authorized Notice of any change in writing:

**Payroll Account****42-5505-8851**

- (4) That checks, drafts, notes or other instruments or orders for payment from the following internal account shall be signed in the name of the Dickinson West School of the School District of the City of Hamtramck by the Principal, or in his/her absence by the Superintendent or Director of Finance, whose signatures are hereby authorized and whose authority shall continue until PNC Bank has received authorized notice of any change in writing. For amounts greater than \$500 a second signature is required by the Superintendent or in his/her absence by the Director of Finance:

**Dickinson West School Account****42-3842-0601**

- (5) That checks, drafts, notes or other instruments or orders for payment from the following internal account shall be signed in the name of the Dickinson East School of the School District of the City of Hamtramck by the Principal, or in his/her absence by the Superintendent or Director of Finance, whose signatures are hereby authorized and whose authority shall continue until PNC Bank has received authorized notice of any change in writing. For amounts greater than \$500 a second signature is required by the Superintendent or in his/her absence by the Director of Finance:

**Dickinson East Elementary School****42-6063-9597**

- (6) That checks, drafts, notes or other instruments or orders for payment from the following internal account shall be signed in the name of the Holbrook School of the School District of the City of Hamtramck by the Principal, or in his/her absence by the Superintendent or Director of Finance, whose signatures are hereby authorized and whose authority shall continue until PNC Bank has received authorized notice of any change in writing. For amounts greater than \$500 a second signature is required by the Superintendent or in his/her absence by the Director of Finance:

**Holbrook Elementary School Account****42-4438-1717**

- (7) That checks, drafts, notes or other instruments or orders for payment from the following internal account shall be signed in the name of the Early Childhood Elementary School of the School District of the City of Hamtramck by the Principal, or in his/her absence by the Superintendent or Director of Finance, whose signatures are hereby authorized and whose authority shall continue until PNC Bank has

received authorized notice of any change in writing. For amounts greater than \$500 a second signature is required by the Superintendent or in his/her absence by the Director of Finance:

**Early Childhood Elementary School      42-6063-9589**

- (8) That checks, drafts, notes or other instruments or orders for payment from the following internal account shall be signed in the name of the Kosciuszko Middle School of the School District of the City of Hamtramck by the Principal, or in his/her absence by the Superintendent or Director of Finance, whose signatures are hereby authorized and whose authority shall continue until PNC Bank has received authorized notice of any change in writing. For amounts greater than \$500 a second signature is required by the Superintendent or in his/her absence by the Director of Finance:

**Kosciuszko School Account      42-6063-9562**

- (9) That checks, drafts, notes or other instruments or orders for payment from the following internal accounts shall be signed in the name of the Hamtramck High School of the School District of the City of Hamtramck by the Principal, or in his/her absence by the Superintendent or Director of Finance, whose signatures are hereby authorized and whose authority shall continue until PNC Bank has received authorized notice of any change in writing. For amounts greater than \$500 a second signature is required by the Superintendent or in his/her absence by the Director of Finance:

**Hamtramck High School General Account      42-6063-9626**  
**Hamtramck High School Student Activity Account      42-6063-9618**

- (10) That checks, drafts, notes or other instruments or orders for payment from the following internal account shall be signed in the name of the Hamtramck High School Athletic Account of the School District of the City of Hamtramck by the Athletic Director or in his/her absence by the Principal and/or Superintendent or Director of Finance, whose signatures are hereby authorized and whose authority shall continue until **PNC Bank** has received authorized notice of any change in writing. For amounts greater than \$500 a second signature is required by the Superintendent or in his/her absence by the Director of Finance:

**Hamtramck High School Athletic Account      42-6753-8545**

- (11) That checks, drafts, notes or other instruments or orders for payment from the following accounts shall be signed in the name of the Recreation Fund of the School District of the City of Hamtramck by the Recreation Supervisor or in his/her absence by the Superintendent or Director of Finance, whose signatures or facsimiles are hereby authorized and whose authority shall continue until PNC Bank has received authorized

Notice of any change in writing. For amounts greater than \$500 a second signature is required by the Superintendent or in his/her absence by the Director of Finance:

**Recreation Fund Account      42-6063-9546**

(12) That checks, drafts, notes or other instruments or orders for payment from the following internal account shall be signed in the name of the Adult Community Education of the School District of the City of Hamtramck by the Adult Education Manager or in his/her absence the Superintendent or Director of Finance, whose signatures are hereby authorized and whose authority shall continue until PNC Bank has received authorized notice of any change in writing. For amounts greater than \$500 a second signature is required by the Superintendent or in his/her absence by the Director of Finance:

**Adult Education Account      42-6063-9554**

(13) That checks, drafts, notes or other instruments or orders for payment from the following internal account shall be signed in the name of the Sinking Fund Account of the School District of the City of Hamtramck by the Superintendent or Director of Finance, and/or duly elected Treasurer, whose signatures are hereby authorized and whose authority shall continue until PNC Bank has received authorized notice of any change in writing:

**Sinking Fund Account      42-5259-2266**

(14) That checks, drafts, notes or other instruments or orders for payment from the following internal account shall be signed in the name of the Tau Beta School of the School District of the City of Hamtramck by the Principal or in his/her absence the Superintendent or Director of Finance, whose signatures are hereby authorized and whose authority shall continue until PNC Bank has received authorized notice of any change in writing. For amounts greater than \$500 a second signature is required by the Superintendent or in his/her absence by the Director of Finance.

**Tau Beta School      41-3025-5122**

(15) That checks, drafts, notes or other instruments or orders for payment from the following internal account shall be signed in the name of the Horizon High School of the School District of the City of Hamtramck by the Principal or in his/her absence the Superintendent or Director of Finance, whose signatures are hereby authorized and whose authority shall continue until PNC Bank has received authorized notice of any change in writing. For amounts greater than \$500 a second signature is required by the Superintendent or in his/her absence by the Director of Finance.

**Horizon High School**

**41-3028-7845**

- (16) That UBS Financial Services be and hereby designated as a legal depository for investment funds per Board Policy 6144 of the School District of the City of Hamtramck for funds in whatever form and in whatever manner endorsed and that funds so deposited may be withdrawn by check, draft, note or other instruments or orders for payment, transfer or withdrawal by the authorized persons representing the School District
- (17) That Michigan Liquid Asset Fund (MILAF) be and hereby designated as a legal depository for investment funds per Board Policy 6144 of the School District of the City of Hamtramck for funds in whatever form and in whatever manner endorsed and that funds so deposited may be withdrawn by check, draft, note or other instruments or orders for payment, transfer or withdrawal by the authorized persons representing the School District
- (18) That the Bank’s Depository Resolution to Open and Maintain a Deposit Account and where applicable its Wire Transfer Agreement are incorporated as a part of this resolution and the appropriate Board Officers are authorized to sign same.

Ayes: Members Aiyash, Hall, Obaid, Hadwan and Algahaim

Nays: None

Absent: Members Watson and Farris

**MOTION CARRIED**

***Designation of Person Responsible to Post Public Notices of Board Meetings***

It was motioned by Member Hadwan and seconded by Member Hall that the Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent of Schools/Board of Education is responsible to assure that all Regular and Special Board Meeting notices be appropriately posted in a timely matter.

Ayes: Members Aiyash, Hall, Obaid, Hadwan and Algahaim

Nays: None

Absent: Members Watson and Farris

**MOTION CARRIED**



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Hamtramck Public Schools  
Board of Education

Special Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, January 10, 2024

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***DESIGNATION OF BOARD'S ADVOCACY LIAISON***

It was motioned by Member Hadwan and seconded by Member Hall that Salah Hadwan be named as the Advocacy Liaison and Abdulmalik Algahaim will be named as an Alternate Advocacy Liaison for the Hamtramck Board of Education.

Ayes: Members Aiyash, Hall, Obaid, Hadwan and Algahaim

Nays: None

Absent: Members Watson and Farris

**MOTION CARRIED**

Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency  
Board of Education

Local School District Board of Education  
Recognition Resolution

January 2024

**WHEREAS**, the Boards of Education of the 33 constituent school districts of Wayne County promote quality education for every child attending their schools; and

**WHEREAS**, these exceptional public servants demonstrate enthusiasm to their duty and voluntarily contribute countless hours of service on behalf of the students of Wayne County, the educators that support the students daily, and their communities; and

**WHEREAS**, Wayne County School Boards are resilient advocates for the needs of students in their communities and with policy makers in Lansing and Washington; and

**WHEREAS**, Wayne County School Boards are committed to advancing the student achievement and well-being in the schools and communities they serve; and

**WHEREAS**, Wayne County School Boards understand the importance of access, opportunity, equity, and excellence in education for its students, and recognize that a quality education is the most important factor in the success of our communities, state and country; and

**WHEREAS**, local control continues to play a vital role in the success of public education; and

**WHEREAS**, the mission of public schools is to meet the diverse educational needs of all children and to empower them to become informed and productive contributors to society and an ever-changing world; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of Michigan, and the State Board of Education have declared January 2024 as School Board Recognition Month; and

**WHEREAS**, School Board Recognition Month is an ideal time to recognize and celebrate the Wayne County residents serving on school district governing boards of education who help guide the education of pupils in Pre-Kindergarten through Grade 12, and who prepare these pupils for global competitiveness.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency Board of Education in the spirit of the School Board Recognition Month, recognizes and celebrates the contributions and leadership of the Wayne County School Boards of Education.

Presented and Adopted, December 20, 2023.

*Lynda S. Jackson*  
Lynda S. Jackson, President

*James Petrie*  
James Petrie, Vice-President

*Danielle Funderburg*  
Danielle Funderburg, Treasurer

*Mary E. Blackmon*  
Mary E. Blackmon, Secretary

*James S. Beri*  
James S. Beri, Trustee

**Consent Agenda**

It was moved by Member Hadwan and seconded by Member Hall that the Board of Education approves the following items under the Consent Agenda:

- a. Approval of Minutes from:
  1. Regular Meeting Minutes of October 11, 2023
  2. COW Meeting Minutes of October 25, 2023
- b. Approval of Employment – Employment of **Rabia Saqib**, Special Education Paraprofessional at Early Childhood Elementary, \$20.00 per hour, maximum of 27.5 hrs per week, effective October 16, 2023.
- c. Approval of Employment – Employment of **Hossam Hossein**, Business Teacher at Hamtramck High School, Step 8 for a Master’s Degree, effective October 18, 2023.
- d. Approval of Employment – Employment of **Rabeya Akter**, Science Teacher at Hamtramck High School, Step 1 for a Bachelor’s Degree, effective October 23, 2023.
- e. Approval of Employment – Employment of **Shorifatul Chowdhury**, Special Education Paraprofessional at Early Childhood Elementary, \$17.16 per hour, maximum of 27.5 hrs per week, effective October 30, 2023.
- f. Approval of Employment – Employment of **Maryam Albiraihy**, Resource Room Teacher at Early Childhood Elementary, Step 1 for a Bachelor’s Degree, effective October 30, 2023.
- g. Approval of Employment – Employment of **Doreen Larson**, Math Teacher at Hamtramck High School, Step 11 for a Master’s Degree, effective November 6, 2023.
- h. Approval of Employment – Employment of **Hane Dreshaj**, as a School and Community Facilitator, annual salary of \$60,000 effective November 6, 2023.
- i. Approval of Employment – Employment of **Carol Al-Nsour**, Counselor at Horizon High School, Step 8 for a Master’s Degree, effective November 8, 2023.
- j. Approval of Employment – Employment of **Majid Al-Topai**, Parent Engagement Facilitator for HPS, annual salary of \$50,500 effective November 13, 2023.

- k. Approval of Employment – Employment of **Corlis Brown-Lloyd** as a School and Community Facilitator, annual salary of \$60,000 effective November 13, 2023.
- l. Approval of Employment – Employment of **Yahaira Vega**, Resource Room Teacher at Dickinson West Elementary, Step 1 for a Bachelor’s Degree, effective November 13, 2023.
- m. Approval of Employment – Employment of **Taylor Little**, as a 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Teacher at Dickinson West Elementary, Step 1 for a Bachelor’s Degree, effective November 13, 2023.
- n. Approval of Employment – Employment of **Afaf Saleh** as a Parent Engagement Facilitator at Tau Beta, annual salary of \$50,500, effective November 13, 2023.
- o. Approval of Employment – Employment of **Ebony Shaw**, Resource Room Teacher at Dickinson East Elementary, Step 11 for a Master’s Degree, effective November 13, 2023.
- p. Approval of Employment – Employment of **Shavonne Moore**, as a Special Education Paraprofessional at Holbrook Elementary School, \$17.85 per hour, max of 27.5 hrs per week, effective November 20, 2023.
- q. Approval of Employment – Employment of **Kayla Kilgus**, Special Education Paraprofessional at Dickinson West Elementary, \$16.50 per hour, max of 27.5 hrs per week, effective November 20, 2023.
- r. Approval of Employment – Employment of **Khawlah Algeheim**, Special Education Paraprofessional at Holbrook Elementary School, \$16.50 per hour, max of 27.5 hrs per week, effective November 20, 2023.
- s. Approval of Employment – Employment of **Abeer Al-Shauweyh**, Special Education Paraprofessional at Holbrook Elementary School, \$20.00 per hour, max of 27.5 hrs per week, effective November 20, 2023.
- t. Approval of Employment – Employment of **Shammi Akther**, multi-Lingual Paraprofessional at Dickinson East Elementary, \$17.00 per hour, max of 27.5 hrs per week, effective November 20, 2023.
- u. Approval of Employment – Employment of **Jessica Hickam**, STEAM Teacher at Early Childhood Elementary/Tau Beta, Step 8 for a Master’s Degree, effective November 20, 2023.

- v. Approval of Employment – Employment of **Karen Birr**, Literacy Coach for the Curriculum Department, Step 6 for a Master’s Degree, effective December 4, 2023.
- w. Approval of Employment – Employment of **Karina Patmalnieks**, Student Academic and Behavior Interventionist at Dickinson East Elementary, \$61,702 per year, effective December 5, 2023.
- x. Approval of Employment – Employment of **Christine Bedenis**, Lifeguard for the Recreation Department, \$12.50 per hour, maximum of 35 hrs per week, effective January 15, 2024.
- y. Approval of Employment – Employment of **Theodore Pritchett**, Locker Room Attendant for the Recreation Department, \$11.00 per hour, maximum of 35 hrs per week, effective January 15, 2024.
- z. Approval of Employment – Employment of **Cole Guarascio**, Title I Paraprofessional at Kosciuszko Middle School, \$17.00 per hour, maximum of 27.5 hrs per week, effective January 8, 2024.
- aa. Acceptance of Resignation – Resignation of **Sophia Aldarwish**, Special Ed Paraprofessional at Dickinson East Elementary, effective October 31, 2023.
- bb. Acceptance of Resignation – Resignation of **Margaret Sharkey**, EL Math Teacher at Kosciuszko Middle School, effective October 31, 2023.
- cc. Acceptance of Resignation – Resignation of **Anna Huk-Glaeser**, ELL Teacher at Hamtramck High School, effective November 10, 2023.
- dd. Acceptance of Resignation – Resignation of **Andrea Grimsley**, 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher at Dickinson East Elementary, effective November 10, 2023.
- ee. Acceptance of Resignation – Resignation of **Fatima Alibanajah**, Paraprofessional at Holbrook Elementary School, effective November 10, 2023.
- ff. Acceptance of Resignation – Resignation of **Iman Velasquez**, Administrative Assistant to the Assistant Principal at HHS, effective November 17, 2023.
- gg. Acceptance of Resignation – Resignation of **Jennifer Maloney**, 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Teacher at Dickinson East Elementary, effective November 21, 2023.
- hh. Acceptance of Resignation – Resignation of **Andrea Karpinski**, Administrative Assistant to the Counseling Office at HHS, effective November 28, 2023.

- ii. Acceptance of Resignation – Resignation of **Michelle Scott**, 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Teacher at Dickinson East Elementary, effective December 1, 2023.
- jj. Acceptance of Resignation – Resignation of **Nicole Kitagawa**, PE Teacher at Hamtramck High School, effective December 22, 2023.
- kk. Acceptance of Retirement – Retirement of **Lillian Sieczkowski**, Administrative Assistant to the Principal at Dickinson East Elementary, effective December 31, 2023.
- ll. Acceptance of Resignation – Resignation of **Jaime Hougard**, 3rd Grade Teacher at Dickinson East Elementary, effective January 12, 2024.
- mm. Approval of Retirement – Retirement of **Laura Walston**, Teacher at Tau Beta School, effective January 12, 2024.
- nn. Acceptance of Resignation – Resignation of **Deanna Daly**, Music Teacher at Tau Beta, effective December 29, 2023.
- oo. Acceptance of Resignation – Resignation of **Ebony Shaw**, Resource Room Teacher at Dickinson East Elementary, effective January 15, 2024.
- pp. Approval of Retirement – Retirement of **Karen Robinson**, Paraprofessional at Holbrook Elementary School, effective January 1, 2024.

Ayes: Members Aiyash, Hall, Obaid, Hadwan and Algahaim

Nays: None

Absent: Members Watson and Farris

**MOTION CARRIED**

APPROVAL OF FIELD TRIP

It was moved by Member Hadwan and seconded by Member Aiyash that the Board of Education does hereby approve the request of Victoria Keller to take the Tau Beta 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Students to Cedar Point in Sandusky, Ohio, June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024. There will be approximately 30 students and 6 chaperones attending.

Ayes: Members Aiyash, Hall, Obaid, Hadwan and Algahaim

Nays: None

Absent: Members Watson and Farris

**MOTION CARRIED**

APPOINTMENT OF LEGAL COUNSEL

It was moved by Member Hadwan and seconded by Member Algahaim that the Board of Education does hereby appoint Thrun Law Firm to represent the District in the lawsuit captioned I.A. et al v. Hamtramck Public Schools and to approve the retainer-client agreement as presented.

*After discussion it was decided that the motion would be tabled until the end of the meeting for further review.*



APPROVAL OF EMPLOYMENT

It was moved by Member Hadwan and seconded by Member Algahaim that the Board of Education does hereby approve the employment of **Judy Mills** as the Special Education Compliance Manager for Hamtramck Public Schools, annual salary of \$90,000 pro-rated per start date, effective December 4, 2023.

Ayes: Members Aiyash, Hall, Obaid, Hadwan and Algahaim

Nays: None

Absent: Members Watson and Farris

**MOTION CARRIED**

APPROVAL OF TRUANCY SPECIALIST POSITION

It was moved by Member Hadwan and seconded by Member Algahaim that the Board of Education does hereby approve the position of **TRUANCY SPECIALIST**, annual salary of \$60,000 - \$70,000 based on experience.

*Several Board Members stated that there was concern for lack of parent and student education on attendance policies. The following vote was taken:*

Ayes: Members Hall and Hadwan

Nays: Members Obaid, Algahaim and Aiyash

Absent: Members Watson and Farris

**MOTION FAILED**

APPROVAL OF VLI SPECIALIST POSITION

It was moved by Member Hadwan and seconded by Member Aiyash that the Board of Education does hereby approve the position of **VLI SPECIALIST**, annual salary of \$65,000 - \$70,000 based on experience.

Ayes: Members Aiyash, Hall, Hadwan and Algahaim

Nays: Member Obaid

Absent: Members Watson and Farris

**MOTION CARRIED**

APPROVAL OF LIBRARY AIDE POSITION

It was moved by Member Hadwan and seconded by Member Algahaim that the Board of Education does hereby approve the position of **LIBRARY AIDE** at Tau Beta School, \$15.60 per hour, max of 25 hrs per week.

Ayes: Members Aiyash, Hall, Obaid, Hadwan and Algahaim

Nays: None

Absent: Members Watson and Farris

**MOTION CARRIED**

APPROVAL OF MULTI-LINGUAL COUNSELOR POSITION

It was moved by Member Hadwan and seconded by Member Algahaim that the Board of Education does hereby approve the position of **MULTI-LINGUAL COUNSELOR** at Hamtramck High School, terms of employment per the Hamtramck Federation of Teachers' contract.

Ayes: Members Aiyash, Hall, Obaid, Hadwan and Algahaim

Nays: None

Absent: Members Watson and Farris

**MOTION CARRIED**

APPROVAL OF COMPUTER PURCHASE

It was moved by Member Hadwan and seconded by Member Aiyash that the Board of Education does hereby approve the purchase of 31 Dell Computers along with 31 Dell Computer Monitors for the CTE CAD Lab, from **INACOMP**. Total purchase not to exceed \$55,800. Purchase funded through the CTE Perkins Grant.

Ayes: Members Aiyash, Hall, Obaid, Hadwan and Algahaim

Nays: None

Absent: Members Watson and Farris

**MOTION CARRIED**

***Audience Participation***

*This portion of the agenda is for citizens to address Any Questions or Comments to the Board. The Board will listen, take comments and questions under advisement, and not respond at this time. The presiding officer will refer questions to the superintendent for research and response. Persons wishing to address the Board of Education must complete an audience participation form and submit it to the Board's President before the meeting starts. Forms must be filled out completely to be accepted.*

A few members of the audience addressed the Board.

Brooke Jones, teacher in the District, addressed the issue of teacher resignations

Toni Coral, HFT President spoke about the evaluation of the Superintendent

***Additional Board Discussion***

*(Limited to 10 minutes)*

Member Aiyash spoke about Member Regan Watson's negligence to her duties as a Board Member. Member Watson does not attend meetings any more and will not answer any communication attempts.

Member Hadwan wished everyone a Happy New Year and asked about the cell phone policy for High School students. It is being said that they are allowed to make calls to be released from school. Mrs. Ahmed will investigate the matter.

Ms. Aiyash also invited everyone to the MLK Breakfast being held on Monday at the Community Center. Tickets can be purchased in each building.

Member Obaid expressed concern with the number of resignations and asked for a report on all open positions along with attempts to fill them

**Closed Session**

It was moved by Member Hadwan and seconded by Member Algahaim that the Board of Education does hereby go into Closed Session for the following purpose:

*To Receive Opinion of Counsel*

Ayes: Members Aiyash, Hall, Obaid, Hadwan and Algahaim

Nays: None

Absent: Members Watson and Farris

**MOTION CARRIED**

The meeting went into Closed Session at 7:05 p.m.

**Open Session**

It was moved by Member Hadwan and seconded by Member Hall that the Board of Education does hereby resume the meeting in Open Session

Ayes: Members Aiyash, Hall, Obaid, Hadwan and Algahaim

Nays: None

Absent: Members Watson and Farris

**MOTION CARRIED**

The meeting resumed in Open Session at 8:32 p.m.

It was moved by Member Hadwan and seconded by Member Algahaim that the Board of Education does hereby appoint Thrun Law Firm to represent the District in the lawsuit captioned I.A. et al v. Hamtramck Public Schools and to approve the retainer-client agreement as presented.

Ayes: Members Aiyash, Hall, Obaid, Hadwan and Algahaim

Nays: None

Absent: Members Watson and Farris

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Adjournment**

It was moved by Member Hadwan and seconded by Member Aiyash that the Special Meeting be adjourned. The Special Meeting adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

Ayes: Members Aiyash, Hall, Obaid, Hadwan and Algahaim

Nays: None

Absent: Members Watson and Farris

**MOTION CARRIED**

Respectfully submitted,

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Daz'Shavon Hall, Secretary

Approved:

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Jihan Aiyash, President