



**Grosse Pointe Board of Education
Minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 27, 2014
Multipurpose Room, Brownell Middle School
260 Chalfonte, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236**

MEETING MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

President Dindoffer called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

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Board members present: Trustees Dindoffer, Gafa, Jakubiec, Pangborn, Roeske, Summerfield and Valente

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Trustee Summerfield.

Also Present: Superintendent Harwood; Deputy Superintendents Dean and Fenton

II. APPROVAL OF BOARD AGENDA FOR OCTOBER 27, 2014

It was Moved by: Trustee Jakubiec

Supported by: Trustee Pangborn

THAT the Board Agenda be approved as presented.

Ayes: Trustees Dindoffer, Gafa, Jakubiec, Pangborn, Roeske, Summerfield and Valente

Nays: None

Motion carried by a 7– 0 vote.

III. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

A. Good News Items

Dr. Harwood recognized students who achieved the National Merit Semi-Finalists and Commended Student status: from North - Duncan Ragland, National Achievement Scholarship Competition Semifinalist and National Merit Achievement Semi-Finalist; National Merit Commended Students, Ann Marie Nicholson, Nicholas Koester and Robert McGovern; and National Merit Semifinalists Erica Lizza and Mark Koester.

From South – National Merit Scholarship Competition Semifinalists; Madeline Burgoyne, Matthew Kennedy, Nicholas Morris Julia Moss and Sharon Zeng; National Achievement Scholarship Competition Semifinalists, Ashley Borowicz and Elise Grever; and National Merit Commended Students, Sera Christian, Matthew Dimond, Elizabeth Flom, Elise Grever, Olivia Lang and Marisa Stieber.

Dr. Harwood then recognized AP Scholars: from North – Emily Aziz, Delaney Bennett, Thomas Burke, Madeline Denison, Sara Fresard, Vhernnitzell Gerangaya, Conor Griffith, Nicole Haggerty, Anna Hopkins, Dora Juhasz, Nathan Kane, Richard Kent, Joshua Kozakowski, Steven Licari, Erica Lizza, Karina Lucchese. Michael Marchiori, Margaret Martinez, Shayna Meyers, Duncan Ragland, Thomas Remenar, Spencer Rocho, Katherine Roy, Michael Sacchetti, Anushri Subramaniam, Gabrielle Tatum and Maria Tsakos. Advance Placement Scholars with Honor from North are Philip Aufdemberge, Alec Bessette, Katelyn Carroll, Isabella Cubillejo, Nicholas Cusmano, Katherine Derringer, Krista Harris, Brandon Hogan, Mark Koester, Nicholas Koester, Raymond Mattingly, Shannon Mcenroe and Ann Marie Nicholson. Those North students meriting Advanced Placement Scholar with Distinction: Harris Bunker, Emily Hoshaw, Jacob Kempton, Robert McGovern, Taylor Moore-Hutton, and Maxwell Yoshida.

AP Scholars from South – Nahida Akkary, Aaron Avery, Kevin Biglin, John Buhl, Thomas Davies, Jared Dempsey, Mitchell Donovan, Natalie Dusina, Charles Fordon, Devlin Francis, Jack Fry, Charles Gabrion, Maximilian Gamero, Patrick Gleason, Nathaniel Graham, Ryan Hackenberger, Laboney Khan, Benjamin Mackethan, Mathew Millenbach, Julia Moss, Christian Nemeh, Logan Nguyen, Mary Panagos, Ryan Panczak, Lauren Pankin, Matthew Schulte, Mary Spencer, Priya Telang and Emily Winter. Advanced Placement Scholars with Honor from South: Kelsey Baker, Kelly Beardslee, Adam Campau, Caleb Chadwell, Sera Christian, Cara Dietz, Matthew Dimond,

Elizabeth Flom, Sydney Hunt, Cameron Kotas, Dana Mahinbakht, Gianna Manchester, Jordan Maxwell, Grace Muawad, Nicholas Paolucci, Donald Rosati, Kayla Stanek, Robert Stewart, Madeleine Vandenbrink and James Wenzler. Those students recognized as Advanced Placement Scholar with Distinction from South: Robert Albright, Andrea Anger, Scott Brooks, Madeline Burgoyne, Henry Buzolits, Philip Dakin, Elizabeth Erickson, Morgane Flournoy, David Gilbert, Matthew Kennedy, Michael Landuyt, Olivia Lang, Elizabeth Langenburg, Nikolas Minanov, Michael Mitchell, Nicholas Morris, James Norris, Maren Proffit, Alexandra Rogers, Alexander Rothmann, Gabriella Scipione, Marisa Stieber, Charles Thompson, Ariane Troschinetz and Sharon Zeng. South also has two National Merit Advanced Placement Scholars: Philip Dakin and Nicholas Morris.

Superintendent Harwood shared information on a volunteer initiative for students in collaboration with the GPFPE and the Anne Hudson Endowment Fund. He introduced Mr. Robert Bury, Grosse Pointe Foundation for Public Education President, who shared the work of the Anne Hudson Endowment Fund and its benefits for district students. The Grosse Pointe Foundation for Public Education would establish a district-wide program called, "Caught in the Act of Giving Back" to encourage and recognize the various volunteer activities of students across the district. The intent of this effort is to reinforce the importance of giving back to others and to inspire district students to become actively engaged in doing so.

B. Legislative Update

Superintendent Harwood said that Lansing has been quiet due to the upcoming election but he anticipates concerns about a Lam Duck session which will include term limit expansion which is not popular with the public vote. Changes in taxes, particularly three Senate bills can change the rules for tax appeals and can do harm to public school funding. Senate Bills 1038, 1039 and 1040 were introduced to streamline the tax tribunal appeal process which would negatively affect the School Aid Fund, increase staffing in the Department of Treasury, reduce state and local property tax revenue and increase the number of cases heard in the Court of Claims. Dr. Harwood will keep the Board and district informed as legislative updates occur.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON REGULAR AGENDA ACTION ITEMS

There were no public comments at this time.

V. AGENDA ACTION ITEMS FOR OCTOBER 27, 2014

A. Approval of Human Resources Report for October 27, 2014

It was Moved by: Trustee Roeske

Supported by: Trustee Summerfield

THAT the Board approval the Human Resources Report for October 27, 2014 as presented.

Superintendent Harwood and Dr. Dean shared the process and announced the recommendation of Daniel Hartley as the new Parcels Middle School Principal.

Ayes: Trustees Dindoffer, Gafa, Jakubiec, Pangborn, Roeske, Summerfield and Valente

Nays: None

Motion carried by a 7 – 0 vote.

B. Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of October 20, 2014

It was Moved by: Trustee Summerfield

Supported by: Trustee Gafa

THAT the Board approve the Regular Meeting Minutes for October 20, 2014 as presented.

Ayes: Trustees Dindoffer, Gafa, Jakubiec, Pangborn, Roeske, Summerfield and Valente

Nays: None

Motion carried by a 7 – 0 vote.

C. Approval of Board Policies (second reading)

1. Policy 5517.01, Bullying

It was Moved by: Trustee Valente

Supported by: Trustee Roeske

THAT the Board approve Policy 5517.01, Bullying as presented.

Ayes: Trustees Dindoffer, Gafa, Roeske, Summerfield and Valente

Nays: Trustees Jakubiec and Pangborn

Motion carried by a 5 – 2 vote.

2. Policy 2431.01, Managing Heat and Humidity in Interscholastic Athletic Programs

It was Moved by: Trustee Roeske

Supported by: Trustee Pangborn

THAT the Board approve Policy 2431.01. Managing Heat and Humidity in Interscholastic Athletic Programs as presented.

Ayes: Trustees Dindoffer, Gafa, Jakubiec, Pangborn, Roeske, Summerfield and Valente

Nays: Trustees None

Motion carried by a 7 – 0 vote.

D. Approval of District Goals for 2014-2015

It was Moved by: Trustee Roeske

Supported by: Trustee Gafa

THAT the Board approve the District Goals for 2014-2015 as presented.

It was Moved by: Trustee Summerfield

Supported by: Trustee Valente

THAT the District Goals for 2014-15 be tabled at this time.

It was then Moved by: Trustee Dindoffer

Supported by: Trustee Gafa

THAT the motion be amended to reaffirm the 2013-2014 District Goals for 2014--2015 Goals with the provision that the 2015 Goals be established in December or January.

It was then Moved by: Trustee Roeske

Supported by: Trustee Pangborn

THAT the Board amend the motion to reaffirm the 2013-2014 District Goals as the 2014-2015 Goals and to discuss the 2015-2016 Goals in December, 2014 and/or January, 2015.

It was Moved by: Trustee Dindoffer

Supported by: Trustee Roeske

THAT the Board amend the original motion to reaffirm the 2013-2014 District Goals as the 2014-2015 Goals and to discuss the 2015-2016 Goals in January with the objective of adopting the 2015-2016 District Goals no later than the end of February, 2015.

Ayes: Trustees Dindoffer, Gafa, Pangborn, Roeske, Summerfield and Valente

Nays: Trustee Jakubiec

Motion carried by a 6- 1 vote.

E. Approval of Federal Program Funding

It was Moved by: Trustee Jakubiec

Supported by: Trustee Roeske

THAT the Board approve Federal Program Funding as presented.

Ayes: Trustees Dindoffer, Gafa, Jakubiec, Pangborn, Roeske, Summerfield and Valente

Nays: None

Motion carried by a 7- 0 vote.

VI. AGENDA ACTION ITEMS FOR NOVEMBER 24, 2014

- A. Approval of Human Resources Report for November 24, 2014**
- B. Approval of Meeting Minutes of November 17, 2014**
- C. Approval of Board Policies**
- D. Approval of Resolution to Honor Distinguished Employees**
- E. Approval of Audit Report from Plante Moran**

VII. INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

A. Monthly Financial Report/Health Care Report

Dr. Dean noted that August was a high cost month for health care. He said that after speaking with the district's Health Care provider, concerns were addressed and the district is still in a good place.

Mr. Fenton said that the monthly reports reflect activity through September. He noted that the variable report provided shows some one-time costs that will equalize budget numbers over the next nine months. He also said that the fund equity numbers will be brought to the Board in November.

B. Instructional Technology Goals and Objectives

Superintendent Harwood addressed the district's technology plans for this school year and future years. He shared the Educational Technology Standards for Students, and the Mission, Vision, Goals and Objectives for Technology.

C. Calendar of Assessment Activities

Superintendent Harwood and Mrs. Bur provided the student testing schedule for the 2014-2015 school year.

D. November 4th Professional Development Program

Mrs. Bur introduced the Board to this year's Professional Development Day activities. She shared the list of committee members that were instrumental in creating the meaningful development opportunities; strands identified as themes for this year and five topic areas from which opportunities can be created; the schedule from 7:50 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.; the numerous topics that will be covered; and the facilitators providing the learning opportunities. Ms. Bur invited Board members to attend this Professional Development Workshop as their time permits.

E. All-District Open House on November 16th from 1 – 3 p.m.

Superintendent Harwood shared the upcoming All-District Open House on November 16, 2014 from 1 – 3 p.m. Visitors may stop in and speak with staff at every Grosse Pointe Public School building which will be open for the community and all visitors and new families wanting to learn about the district.

F. November 4th Election Update

Dr. Harwood reminded the community of the importance of voting on November 4th for the two millage proposals on the ballot which are both renewals. Together they equal 25% of the district's revenue stream in the Sinking and General Fund Budget (approximately \$25 million.)

VIII. FUTURE MEETINGS

Board Policy Committee Meeting, October 28, 2014, 6:00 p.m., Board Room, 389 St. Clair
Regular Meeting of the Board, Monday, November 17, 2014, 7:00 p.m., Brownell Multipurpose Room
Regular Meeting of the Board, Monday, November 24, 2014, 7:00 p.m., Brownell Multipurpose Room

IX. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-ACTION ITEMS

Laura Mikesell, GPEA President, acknowledged and thanked Courtney McGuire from South and other library media staff who reached out to provide a workshop on Google documents to support staff classroom assistants. Ms. Mikesell acknowledged Kim VanGorder's appreciation of the support that the classroom assistants received from Mrs. McGuire and the GPEA in providing a classroom assistant workshop on November 4th. (2:56:47)

X. OTHER COMMENTS FROM BOARD AND SUPERINTENDENT

Trustee Valente said that in her workplace the information says that millennials are not ready for the work force because they haven't been prepared for the work force. She said that South High School has 160 South High School directed high millennials ready to employ in a few years. She thanked: the AP Scholars who worked so hard to achieve their success and the Ann Hudson Endowment Fund and the Grosse Pointe Foundation for Public Education for their continued and generous efforts on behalf of district staff and students.

Mrs. Valente congratulated Mr. Hartley on his appointment to Parcels and wished him well. She asked everyone to vote on November 4th and encouraged residents to go to the candidates with any questions they have and get their information from the source. She also complimented those involved in the Professional Development Day saying that it sounded like a remarkable day planned for all staff.

Trustee Jakubiec said that it was good to hear about the accomplishments of the students and staff. He thanked the Anne Hudson Endowment Fund for their generosity to the district. He encouraged everyone to vote in favor of the millages, noting they are renewals, not new millages, and 25% of the operating budget.

Mr. Jakubiec addressed the past year on the Board and his earlier intention to transition off of the School Board sharing why he decided to remain in his Board seat and finish the year. He discussed decisions that will be made by the new Board, stressing the importance of the candidates who will receive the community votes on November 4th.

Trustee Pangborn said it was good to see so many scholars this evening. She shared that the Anne Hudson Foundation is welcomed by all, thanking them for their generosity. Mrs. Pangborn addressed the importance of the millage vote noting it is 25% of the district's sinking and general fund budget. She also encouraged the community to vote for school board candidates that will be the best for the district.

Trustee Summerfield said there are so many good things happening in the school district. He said it was a pleasant surprise to read through his Board packet information and see the 'thank you' notes from the students at Maire for walking along with them as they participated in *Walk to School Day*. He also commented on the article regarding the FAST reading program. Mr. Summerfield congratulated National Merit Scholars and thanked the Anne Hudson Endowment Foundation and the Grosse Pointe Foundation for Public Education. He said that the Board had a good discussion this evening on district goals. He encouraged everyone to vote on November 4th sharing that he has met so many wonderful people during his past year on the Board.

Trustee Gafa also thanked the Maire students for the 'thank you' notes she also received. She congratulated the AP Scholars and Merit finalists. She commented how well her daughter has acclimated herself to college life and she noted that is due, in part, to the excellent teachers and staff she had at North. Mrs. Gafa said that staff in Grosse Pointe Schools do a great job. She shared what a great job Mrs. Murray did this week with all of the media attention while answering reporters' questions about a previous North High School student involved with *Doctors Without Borders* who contracted a disease.

Mrs. Gafa asked residents to vote on November 4th for the millage noting that it is a renewal. She also said she was proud to have received endorsement from the GPEA when she was running for a Board seat. She did not understand why some people were negating the aspect of it being a positive endorsement for current candidates running for the Board. Trustee Gafa encouraged residents to learn the facts about the candidates. She thanked all seven people who were running for Board of Education seats on November 4th.

Trustee Roeske congratulated the AP Scholars. He said that the millages are renewals and a “Yes” vote equals renewal. Mr. Roeske said that he also received the endorsement of the GPEA when he, too, ran for a Board seat and was very proud to have that endorsement. He commented on the wonderful upcoming Professional Development Day.

Superintendent Harwood also congratulated all of the students recognized this evening as AP Scholars, Commended Students and National Merit Scholars. He thanked the entire professional development team who put the upcoming Professional Development Day together as organizers and facilitators. He also thanked the mobile dentist that served 65 children at Poupard recently and appreciated the work that group did to provide that medical service to those families who would not have otherwise had that opportunity. He commented how much he enjoyed the time he has been spending at Poupard and Defer working with the students during their regular school day.

Superintendent commented on the Twitter account that he recently started to connect with the community.

Mr. Fenton said that on election night the district will provide a link to Grosse Pointe Woods who will be providing a summary of the millage election as well as the Board Candidate election results on its website.

Trustee Dindoffer congratulated all of the students honored this evening on their accomplishments. She thanked the Grosse Pointe Foundation for Public Education and the Anne Hudson Endowment Fund for their new program that embodies the district’s commitment to service. She encouraged everyone to attend the Open House on November 16th. Mrs. Dindoffer thanked Dr. Dean for his initiation of this effort. She thanked Mrs. Bur for her direction in the Professional Development Day and welcomed Mr. Hartley to the position at Parcels as the new principal. She thanked fellow Board members for the great dialogue this evening on District Goals. She urged everyone to vote on November 4th for the millage. It is a renewal and 25% of the district’s operating budget. She mentioned that both she and Mr. Jakubiec will be leaving the Board at the end of December and she encouraged everyone to become educated about the candidates as they prepare to vote for new Board members who will be serving on the Board for the next four years.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

President Dindoffer adjourned the meeting at 10:30 p.m.

Judy Gafa, Board Secretary