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Grosse Pointe Board of Education
Minutes of the Special Meeting of Thursday, August 11, 2011
Wicking Library, South High School
11 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236

MEETING MINUTES	President Steininger called the meeting to order at 5:43 p.m.
CALL TO ORDER	<p>Board members present: Trustees Dindoffer, Jakubiec, Pangborn, Steininger and Walsh</p> <p>Absent: Trustees Gafa and Minturn</p> <p>Also Present: Superintendent Klein; Assistant Superintendent Beels and Harwood</p>
AGENDA ACTION ITEM FOR AUGUST 22, 2011	<p>Purchase of Pearson Success Make Software</p> <p>Success Maker is a software program designed to address the needs of our students with special needs and students who are “at risk” in reading and mathematics. The program collects and tracks data so that student growth can be systematically monitored and instructional modifications made quickly based on individual student needs.</p> <p>Parcells piloted the Success Maker program with students at during the 2010-2011 school year. Sue Lucchese, a special education staff member, conducted extensive research on Success Maker and other programs that are designed to address the needs of special education students as well as for students who are at risk for school failure. This work was prompted by new federal mandates (Response to Intervention legislation) that require districts to use a research based intervention tool to track students’ progress in the general education curriculum and determine a pattern of strengths and weaknesses to qualify under the Specific Learning Disability Area.</p> <p>Based on district experience, the Success Maker program has demonstrated success in achieving the stated ends. Many other districts have reported similar success in using this tool.</p> <p>The district recommends the purchase of 50 licenses which would allow for 50 concurrent users, and, with effective scheduling, the program can be used by many more students during the school day. It will allow for inclusion opportunities for students with special needs to learn alongside their general education peers. If approved, the plan is to make this software available to students in the Resource Rooms at the high schools, middle schools and elementary schools.</p> <p>The total cost of 50 licenses, three years of support and three days of professional development for our staff is \$84,010. ARRA funds are available for this purchase and are required to be spent on a research based intervention tool such as Success Maker.</p>
PUBLIC COMMENTS ON REGULAR ACTION ITEMS	No one came forward to speak.

AGENDA ACTION ITEMS FOR AUGUST 11, 2011	<p>Approval of Human Resources Report for August 11, 2011</p> <p>The Human Resources Report contained the appointments of two administrators: Terry Flint, Assistant Principal at South High School, and Kathryn Murray, Assistant Principal at North High School; one instructional employee of the visually impaired; and the retirement or resignation of three instructional employees.</p> <p>It was Moved by: Trustee Walsh Supported by: Trustee Dindoffer</p> <p>Ayes: Trustees Dindoffer, Jakubiec, Pangborn, Steininger and Walsh Nays: None Absent: Trustees Gafa and Minturn</p> <p>Motion carried by a 5 – 0 vote.</p>
INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION	<p>Enrollment Update</p> <p>Trustee Walsh shared a resolution regarding responses to enrollment variations and proposed guidelines.</p> <p>The Board discussed the guidelines for these limits in enrollment allowable at early elementary levels: 24 student in kindergarten and 27 students in 1st, 2nd and 3rd grades. Board discussion followed with suggestions for the possibility of multiage classrooms in the future to accommodate “bulges” in certain grades as well as other methods of addressing “hot spots.”</p> <p>It was Moved by: Trustee Walsh Supported by: Trustee Dindoffer</p> <p>THAT the Board approve the attached resolution regarding the elementary learning environment and class sizes in grades kindergarten to grade 3.</p> <p>Ayes: Trustees Dindoffer, Jakubiec, Pangborn, Steininger and Walsh Nays: None Absent: Trustees Gafa and Minturn</p> <p>Motion carried by a 5 – 0 vote.</p>
ADJOURNMENT	<p>President Steininger adjourned the meeting at 6:58 p.m.</p>

Board Secretary