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PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM

Board Briefs
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Board passes consent agenda 6-0 including administrative positions
The board passed the consent agenda 6-0, including annual housekeeping items ranging from asbestos and liability indemnification to memberships in Michigan Association of School Boards and Michigan High School Athletic Association. Also on the consent agenda were the Human Sexuality Advisory Board cochairs Monique Beels and Michelle Conlan, and approval of the fidelity and treasurer's bond, designated agents, and the tuition rate of $13.50/day in the three permitted circumstances.

Human resources news includes principal, A.D. and reductions
The human resources report which named Dr. Matt Outlaw, principal of South High School, and Ben Bandfield, athletic director and assistant principal at North High School, passed 6-0. Several board members noted how they will miss Carmen Kennedy who left North to be high school principal in South Lake. The board also approved assignment reductions for 16 staff, but tabled layoffs of an additional 5 positions until August.

Business news
Also passing 6-0 was a School Breakfast program at Defer, Mason and Poupard where free and reduced lunch rates over 20% necessitate the program. The board also passed a resolution on cash flow borrowing not to exceed $12 million which is necessary because our district collects 100% of its taxes in the winter and we require cash flow until the State money comes in. Policies and administrative guidelines regarding search and seizure and remote participation by board members at meetings and for votes were also approved

Poupard preschool options discussed
Last month, the Board voted against hosting a Wayne Metro Community Action Agency Head Start program at Poupard Elementary School. This month, Trustee Minturn made a motion to approve Head Start for implementation as soon as those funds are available again. His motion was layered by Trustee Dindoffer who instead proposed the administration and policy committee research alternative preschool options and report back to the board. Her layered motion passed 6-0.

Action items for August
The Superintendent goals and evaluation process was previewed for August approval, as was a report on federal program funding. A work session on Strategic Planning will also be held in August and board revisions were solicited by the end of the week. A contract with EduStaff will also be considered as a replacement for all positions using PESG.

Information and Discussion
Mr. Fenton provided an update on the facilities audit and a project report, as well as a security and surveillance report. Both are available online. Information was also shared on the upcoming Board election. Those interested in running for school board must visit the Grosse Pointe Park Municipal Office, 15115 East Jefferson Avenue, and file there by the August 16 deadline. There are two forms to pick up: 1) a petition form (or pay an optional $100 filing fee), and 2) an affidavit form. The Grosse Pointe Park Municipal Office is open 8 a.m-4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. The phone number is 313-822-6200.