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Grosse Pointe Board of Education
Minutes of the Work Session, Monday, April 16, 2012
Library, North High School
707 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236

<p>MEETING MINUTES</p> <p>CALL TO ORDER</p>	<p>President Gafa called the meeting to order at 8:05 p.m.</p> <p>Board members present: Trustees Dindoffer, Gafa, Jakubiec, Pangborn, Roeske and Valente and Walsh</p> <p>Also Present: Superintendent Harwood; Assistant Superintendents Beels, Dean and Fenton; Executive Director Warras</p>
<p>DISCUSSION OF PROPOSED BUDGET SUGGESTIONS FOR 2012-2013</p>	<p>Dr. Harwood shared the significance of reviewing three documents that reflect the budget trends and direction for the Board and central office to follow: the Collective Bargaining Group Suggestions report; the BMU (Budget Model Utility); and the SUU, (Staff Utility Utilization) report.</p> <p>Mr. Fenton said that the first two pages of the Collective Bargaining Group Suggestions were worthy of consideration to central administration and are either already in effect or could be for next year with full administrative and Board approval. Board members shared their views on several line items in this report and recommended those that need to be removed and not under consideration. Some items required more detail for the Board to recommend their inclusion in the report as possibilities for cuts.</p> <p>President Gafa thanked the bargaining units for their input listing line items that she had concerns. She also suggested that the Board receive future information from central office administrators via electronic submission as a cost savings.</p>
<p>BUDGET DEVELOPMENT FOR 2012-2012</p>	<p>Dr. Harwood noted that 86-87% of the budget is staffing and that is a major component of the budget discussion.</p> <p>Mr. Fenton said that the three key issues to the budget needing discussion and review are the retirement rate, best practices issue, and staffing.</p> <p>Dr. Dean shared data regarding elementary staffing which was provided to the Board. He said that elementary class sizes will be slightly higher next year with the largest classroom falling just below 29 at 28.5 students. Dr. Dean noted that kindergarten numbers are lower for next year and encouraged kindergarten age parents to enroll their students as soon as possible.</p> <p>Split classes and multi-age classrooms were discussed as well as Magnet classes and low enrollment for half-day kindergarten classrooms.</p> <p>Mr. Fenton noted that there is the possibility that Trombly and Parcels could be closed tomorrow due to power outages in the surrounding areas affecting power in those buildings. He asked that parents watch the district website for information on potential closings.</p>

PUBLIC COMMENTS	No one came forward to speak at this time.
ADJOURNMENT	President Gafa adjourned the meeting at 9:03 p.m.

Board Secretary