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Grosse Pointe Board of Education
Minutes of the Work Session, Monday, May 21, 2012
Library, North High School
707 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236

MEETING MINUTES	President Gafa called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.
CALL TO ORDER	<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>
DISCUSSION OF MAY STATE REVENUE CONSENSUS MEETING	<p>Dr. Harwood said that there are a few items that impact budget planning for the next school year. The first item being the May State Revenue Consensus Meeting that was held on May 16, 2012 in Lansing. This meeting gave a forecast of the general revenue stream for school districts. He noted the proposal as it appears now carries a \$242 per pupil carry over for Grosse Pointe Public Schools for the 2012-13 school year. Dr. Harwood added that the State and House fiscal agencies look at the revenue stream for the School Fund and State Aid Fund as they move forward. As they continue to identify additional revenue, anticipated enrollment for next year and what is was this past year is the information used to make funding decisions. The retirement funding is another important factor in budget planning and how changes in retirement will affect budget planning.</p>
REVIEW OF BUDGETING DOCUMENTS	<p>Mr. Fenton said that all budget materials are on the website including the Budget Model Utility Report (BMU) for revenue and expenses including staffing, projected tax rates, variable costs, Debt Fund, Sinking Fund, Capital Projects Fund and enrollment projections, which have not changed. Administration is carefully watching enrollment numbers especially at the kindergarten level which is a little behind at this time. Kindergarten enrollment is usually at 325 students by the end of June, but the district is currently at 261 students enrolled in kindergarten. Mr. Fenton noted that he will continue to monitor the enrollment carefully for any changes. He also said that the administration is waiting to hear about changes from the State as far as fine tuning funding based on enrollment numbers for a per pupil amount as well as the retirement rate and incentives that the Governor is proposing.</p>
STAFFING AND PROGRAM PLANNING	<p>Dr. Harwood noted that, as the BMU reflects, 87% of the budget is staffing. A resolution will be brought to the Board this evening for reduction in the classroom assistant group similar to the reductions in instructional staff brought to the Board last month. Dr. Dean noted that some resignations for the purpose of retirement will allow some staff to be recalled. Some kindergarten staff has been laid off pending enrollment and will hopefully be recalled as kindergarten enrollment, hopefully, increases.</p> <p>Dr. Dean said that there are a couple of things that will impact the BMU. One change will be an additional 1.0 FTE, Grades 1,2,3 multi-age program at Trombly and another is due to dialog for a possible increase of 2.0 FTE at Maire and Mason. The middle and high schools will be having a change due to movement of classes from elementary to middle school and middle to high school causing a need for additional teacher FTE's at the secondary level due to class changes impacting enrollment growth at those levels.</p>

	<p>Dr. Dean also noted the very low student enrollment currently enrolled in the half-day kindergarten program. This low enrollment leaves administration with the recommendation of not including a half-day kindergarten program for the 2012-13 school year.</p> <p>Board discussion continued on the half-day kindergarten program. Rebecca Fannon, Community Relations Coordinator, then provided a summary of the local press, district news and updates as well as scheduled general information sessions in elementary schools provided to parents in the community regarding the half-day kindergarten program.</p>
PUBLIC COMMENTS	<p>Lee Johnson, Grosse Pointe resident, thanked the Board, Tom Harwood, Joan Dindoffer and Monique Beels for the follow up meetings on the multi-age program in the Grosse Pointe Public Schools.</p>
ADJOURNMENT	<p>President Gafa adjourned the meeting at 9:03 p.m.</p>

Board Secretary