



**Grosse Pointe Board of Education  
Minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 26, 2012  
Library, North High School  
707 Vernier Road, Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Secretary Roeske called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. following a reception to recognize student athletes and their coaches that began at 6:30 p.m.

The following teams were recognized by the Board: North Boys Swim/Dive Team, Division 2, State Champion and All State 200 Medley Relay; South Boys Swim/Dive Team, 8<sup>th</sup> in State Tournament; North Girls Varsity Ice Hockey, Division 1 Champions and runner up State Championship; South Girls Varsity Ice Hockey, State Champions and 2<sup>nd</sup> Place in the League; North Boys Varsity Ice Hockey, division 1 Champions and Runner up State Championship; South Boys Varsity Ice Hockey, Undeclared Metro High School Hockey League and MHSAA State Runner up; North and South Girls Varsity Gymnastics, Division Champions; North Girls Varsity Competitive Cheerleading, Silver Division Champions; South Girls Varsity Basketball, Girls in State Playoff games; North Wrestling, Patrick Salazar recognized as 7<sup>th</sup> in the State.

**The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Trustee Walsh.**

**Board members present:** Trustees Dindoffer, Jakubiec, Pangborn, Roeske, Valente and Walsh

**Absent:** Trustee Gafa

**Also Present:** Superintendent Harwood; Assistant Superintendents Beels, Dean and Fenton; Executive Director, Warras

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

**A. Ms. Trefney's 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Class at Monteith, "Leader in Me" Presentation**

Ms. Cheri Trefney's first grade class captured the energy and engagement of establishing a character education component at Monteith Elementary School through their songs and words. Their presentation of "Leader in Me" was very impressive for a first grade project and worth recognizing.

**B. Representative Tim Bledsoe, Legislative Update**

Mr. Tim Bledsoe was in attendance to give a brief legislative update on proposed legislation that impacts the district.

**C. Grade 7 MEAP Writing – School Rankings**

A print out of the 7<sup>th</sup> grade middle school performance on the MEAP writing test was provided to the Board. This list is part of a document of 884 middle school/junior high school buildings in districts throughout the state of Michigan. Brownell Middle School ranked 2<sup>nd</sup> on the list in regard to performance. The number one ranked school is a school designed for advanced learners in Grand Rapids. Pierce ranked 54<sup>th</sup> and Parcels was 123<sup>rd</sup> on the list. Dr. Harwood recognized the academic excellence at each of the three middle schools by identifying the standards of excellence while thanking their building principals and English department chairs.

**D. Recognitions**

Mary Fodell has been named Wayne County Woman of the Year by State Representative Killeen.

Stephanie Gryebet, student in the South Spanish Club, has established scholarships for youth in Nicaragua in the amount of \$1,200 as part of their education support.

#### **E. Plante Moran Information on Technology Assessment**

Mr. Sawyer and Mr. Sharee, representatives from Plante Moran were in attendance to cover key highlights from their survey and analysis findings regarding the Technology Assessment performed for the district. Earlier in the year, the district commissioned Plante Moran to begin an IT assessment to examine both instructional and operational technology and to evaluate current technology as it relates to instruction, administration, communication, staff development and training. Dr. Harwood acknowledged that this report is the first step in a multi-step process to develop a plan that allows the use of technology to transform teaching and learning for 21<sup>st</sup> century participants in the educational process.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS ON REGULAR ACTION ITEMS**

Kimora Porter, Harper Woods, spoke in support of a Head Start program at Poupard Elementary School.

Lisa Abdellaoni, Harper Woods, shared her thoughts and support for a Head Start Program at Poupard.

Micki Jenney, Harper Woods, also shared her support of the proposal for a Head Start Program at Poupard.

George McMullen, Grosse Pointe Woods, also supported the Head Start proposal.

Rodd Monts, Harper Woods, commented in support of the proposal for a Head Start program at Poupard.

#### **AGENDA ACTION ITEMS FOR MARCH 26, 2012**

##### **A. Approval of Human Resources Report for March, 2012**

The Human Resources Report contained the retirement, resignation or leave of four instructional employees and one plant employee. All appointments are replacements or otherwise within the 2011-12 budget allocations unless noted.

**It was Moved by:** Trustee Walsh

**Supported by:** Trustee Jakubiec

**THAT the Board approves the Human Resources Report for March 26, 2012 as presented.**

**Ayes:** Trustees Dindoffer, Jakubiec, Pangborn, Roeske, Valente and Walsh

**Nays:** None

**Absent:** Trustee Gafa

**Motion carried by a 6 – 0 vote.**

Dr. Harwood recognized Jon Dean's successful completion of his dissertation and new title of Dr. Jon Dean.

##### **B. Approval of the Minutes of the February, 2012**

The Board was asked to approve the minutes of the February 13, 2012 Special Meeting and Work Session and the Closed Session and Regular Meeting Minutes of February 27, 2012.

**It was Moved by:** Trustee Pangborn

**Supported by:** Trustee Roeske

**THAT the Board approve the minutes of the February, 2012 Meetings as presented.**

**Ayes:** Trustees Dindoffer, Jakubiec, Pangborn, Roeske, Valente and Walsh

**Nays:** None

**Absent:** Trustee Gafa

**Motion carried by a 6– 0 vote.**

### **C. Approval of District Goals**

Dr. Harwood spoke briefly on changes made to the District Goals. This evening the Board was asked to provide further feedback and input into the proposed strategic plan that includes district long-term and short-term goals. The Board would continue to discuss these items at future work sessions as part of the process in further developing all necessary components the Continuous Improvement Plan for the district. Regularly scheduled reviews will ensure that these goals are met and the district continues to respond to the additional opportunities and challenges.

**It was Moved by:** Trustee Pangborn

**Supported by:** Trustee Jakubiec

**THAT the Board approve the District Goals as presented.**

**Ayes:** Trustees Dindoffer, Jakubiec, Pangborn, Roeske, Valente and Walsh

**Nays:** None

**Absent:** Trustee Gafa

**Motion carried by a 6 – 0 vote.**

### **D. Approval of Resolution Recognizing Distinguished Volunteers**

The Board was provided a Distinguished Volunteer Recognition Resolution for approval with the names of those volunteers nominated by the Board to receive an award. The following community volunteers were selected by the Distinguished Volunteer Award Committee to be honored next month: Michele Bauer; Margaret Biglin; Paula Burguron; Steven Burguron; Elizabeth Cooper; Dona Johnson-Beach; Catherine Kinnaird; Anne Nyboer; John Pomaville; Gretchen Schock; and Karen Zoia.

**It was Moved by:** Trustee Roeske

**Supported by:** Trustee Pangborn

**THAT the Board approve the Distinguished Volunteer Recognition Resolution and those volunteers listed as recipients of the award.**

**Ayes:** Trustees Dindoffer, Jakubiec, Pangborn, Roeske, Valente and Walsh

**Nays:** None

**Absent:** Trustee Gafa

**Motion carried by a 6 – 0 vote.**

### **D. Approval to Establish a Collaborative Partnership with the Head Start Program**

The Board was asked to approve allowing Dr. Harwood the authority to establish a Memo of Understanding that affords Wayne Metro Community Action Agency to use Poupard Elementary School for a Head Start Pre-School Program. All legal documents would be approved by the Grosse Pointe Public School System legal counsel.

**It was Moved by:** Trustee Roeske

**Supported by:** Trustee Pangborn

**THAT the Board approve the establishment of a Collaborative Partnership with the Head Start Program as outlined.**

Trustee Dindoffer, yes  
Trustee Jakubiec, yes  
Trustee Pangborn, yes  
Trustee Roeske, yes  
Trustee Valente, yes  
Trustee Walsh, yes

**Absent:** Trustee Gafa

**Motion carried by a 6 – 0 vote.**

## **E. Approval of Policy Revisions**

### **1. Policy 7540, Computer Technology and Networks**

**It was Moved by:** Trustee Walsh that all four policy revisions be approved in one vote.

**Supported by:** Trustee Pangborn

**THAT the Board approve: Policy 7540, Computer Technology and Networks; Policy 7540.03, Student Network and Internet Acceptable Use and Safety; Policy 7540.04, Staff Network and Internet Acceptable Use and Safety; and Policy 5136, Cell Phones and Electronic Communication Devices as presented.**

**Ayes:** Trustees Dindoffer, Jakubiec, Pangborn, Roeske, Valente and Walsh

**Nays:** None

**Absent:** Trustee Gafa

**Motion carried by a 6 – 0 vote.**

## **G. Approval of Bids**

### **1. Web Hosting**

The Board is asked to approve a one-year extension of the contract with School Wires at a cost of \$25,335.

**As there was no motion, the Bid for Approval for Web Hosting with School Wires for service failed.**

### **2. 200 MPS Dedicated Services, (E-Rate Funds)**

The district currently has a 200 megabits per second (MPS) dedicated ATT (OPT-E-MAN) circuit to Wayne RESA, which is required for internet access and shared network resources. The district's current monthly cost is \$1,750 plus taxes and surcharges. AT & T was the only bidder for these services at \$1,750 per month and remains the only bidder during this bid process.

The district has access to Wayne County RESA consortium pricing for these same services. Grosse Pointe's cost for 200 MPS service under the terms of the RESA consortium bid will be \$927.25 per month for a 60 month term. This is a monthly savings of \$822.75 from the current contracted rate.

**It was Moved by:** Trustee Walsh

**Supported by:** Trustee Jakubiec

**THAT the Board approve the Bid for 200 MPS Dedicated Services, (E-Rate Funds) as presented.**

**Ayes:** Trustees Dindoffer, Jakubiec, Pangborn, Roeske, Valente and Walsh

**Nays:** None

**Absent:** Trustee Gafa  
**Motion carried by a 6 – 0 vote.**

### **3. Cell Phone Bids**

The district currently has a cellular phone contract with Sprint. Administrators, engineers, key secretaries and others whose positions require immediate telephone and e-mail access are provided district phones. The Board will be asked to approve the contract with Sprint for cell telephone service at an estimated cost of \$62,930.54 per year for a contract term of three years.

**It was Moved by:** Trustee Walsh  
**Supported by:** Trustee Roeske

**THAT the Board table the Bid for Cell Phones until the April, 2012 meeting.**

**Ayes:** Trustees Dindoffer, Jakubiec, Pangborn, Roeske, Valente and Walsh  
**Nays:** None  
**Absent:** Trustee Gafa  
**Motion carried by a 6 – 0 vote.**

### **ACTION ITEMS FOR APRIL 23, 2012**

#### **A. Approval of Human Resources Report for April, 2012**

The Human Resources Report for March will be provided before the April 23, 2012 regular meeting.

#### **B. Approval of Minutes for March, 2012**

Minutes of the March, 2012 Meetings will be available prior to the next regular meeting.

#### **C. Approval of Teacher Layoffs**

Notice of teacher layoffs must be given to teaching staff by an April 30, 2012 deadline as required by the GPEA (Grosse Pointe Educational Association) contract.

#### **D. Approval of Bid, South Ceramics Room Dust Collection System**

Mr. Fenton will provide the information on the Bid for the South Ceramics Room dust collection system prior to the Board's next regular meeting. He did note that the cost of this system should be between \$58,000 and \$60,000. The purpose of the dust collection system is to collect and remove dust from the ceramics classroom.

#### **E. Approval of Policy Committee Minutes for March 19, 2012**

The minutes of the March 19, 2012 Policy Committee Meeting were provided for Board approval at the April 23<sup>rd</sup> regular meeting of the Board.

#### **F. Approval of Policy Revisions**

##### **1. Policy 0166, Agenda**

This policy addresses changes recommended in this bylaw to facilitate the placement of items on the agenda by individual Board members giving them seven days to submit a request. Another recommendation is to begin each meeting with a motion to adopt the agenda for that meeting.

**It was Moved by:** Trustee Dindoffer  
**Supported by:** Trustee Roeske

**THAT the recommendation for Policy 0166 be adjusted from 7 days to 5 days notice (to present an agenda item to the Board President for inclusion on the next Board agenda).**

**Ayes:** Trustees Dindoffer, Pangborn, Roeske, Valente and Walsh

**Nays:** Trustee Jakubiec

**Absent:** Trustee Gafa

**Motion carried by a 5 – 1 vote.**

## **2. Policy 8470, Students – Sex Offender Registry: Criminal Convictions**

This is a new Board policy to comply with state statute that give direction to administration when dealing with students who are convicted of criminal conduct which requires their listing on the state's Sexual Offender Registry.

## **3. Policy 5517.01, Bullying and Other Aggressive Behavior Toward Students**

Public Act 241, signed into law by Governor Snyder on December 6, 2011, and effective immediately, requires the Board to adopt a policy prohibiting bullying at school. There are eight specific requirements in the statute that a bullying policy must address. This new bullying policy replaces the Board policy already in existence. The legislation calls for an adoption and implementation of a policy prohibiting bullying no later than June 6, 2012.

## **INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION**

### **A. Monthly Financial Report/Health Care Report**

Mr. Fenton noted that there is nothing new to add to the monthly financial report. The Board is on target for the \$8 million fund equity.

Dr. Dean said that health care reports were received, provided to the Board, and on target with budgets for health care.

### **B. Budget Development Update**

D. Harwood said that the Budget Development status will be discussed at the next work session in April. Trustee Walsh provided a brief update noting that the administration is waiting to hear back from various bargaining groups after which the Board will review the recommendations and discuss also at the April Board work session.

## **FUTURE MEETINGS**

Vice-President Valente announced there will be a Work Session at 7:00 p.m. on April 16, 2012 and a Regular Meeting of the Board at 8 p.m. on Monday, April 23, 2012 in the North High School Library.

Vice-President Valente also announced a Policy Committee Meeting on Thursday, April 19, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Room of the Administration Building on St. Clair.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-ACTION ITEMS**

Kimora Porter, Harper Woods, commended the Board on their productive meeting this evening.

George McMullen, Grosse Pointe Woods, announced the upcoming Maire 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration.

## **OTHER COMMENTS FROM BOARD AND SUPERINTENDENT**

Trustee Dindoffer had no comment.

Trustee Roeske thanked the Board for the good technology discussion this evening. He congratulated Mrs. Trefney's class on their singing presentation as well as Dr. Jon Dean and the student athletes honored before the meeting.

Trustee Jakubiec congratulated all who were recognized this evening especially Mrs. Trefney's 1<sup>st</sup> grade class singers. He also shared his perspective on the Instructional Technology initiatives. Trustee Jakubiec also thanked Mr. and Mrs. Charles Collinson for their support of him becoming involved in the district and on the Board of Education.

Trustee Pangborn asked the listening audience to contact her if they have any questions about the half day kindergarten program offered in the district.

Trustee Walsh wished President Gafa a speedy recovery and thanked Mrs. Valente for sitting in for her.

Dr. Harwood noted that prior to this evening's meeting, the district honored over 150 student athletes.

### **Dr. Harwood also shared upcoming district events:**

Brownell Middle School, "Beauty and the Beast", March 28 and 29, 2012

South Art Festival, May 28 – 31, 2012 in the South Multipurpose Room

North Art Festival, May 21-25, 2012 in the North Performing Arts Center

North PreFestival Band Concert, April 1, 2012 in Orchestra Hall

Family Center Lego Challenge, April 21, 2012

South, "Phantom of the Opera", April 26-29, 2012 and May 1-5, 2012 in the North PAC

The Grosse Pointe Foundation for Public Education, Gala Event , April 21, 2012

Spring Break, April 6-13, 2012 (Classes resume April 16, 2012)

Trustee Valente said she was excited to see and hear Representative Bledsoe at the Board's meeting this evening and hopes to have him visit again. She was also glad that the Head Start Program at Poupard passed. Mrs. Valente thanked Ms Beels for the Reading Workshop information provided. She congratulated "Dr." Jon Dean.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Vice-President Valente adjourned the meeting at 10:01 p.m.

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Board Secretary