

Grosse Pointe Board of Education Minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 23, 2011 Wicking Library, South High School 11 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236

MEETING	MINUTES
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President Steininger called the meeting to order at 8:08 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Trustee Dindoffer.

Board members present: Trustees Dindoffer, Gafa, Jakubiec, Minturn, Pangborn, Steininger and Walsh

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

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. Recognitions

Dr. Klein and Board President Steininger recognized the following students for their outstanding accomplishments:

1. South Freshman Destination Imagination Team, 1st Place State Champions

First Place Winners at the State Destination Imagination Team from South High School were Kelly Beardslee, Alexander Hoffmann, Arianna Bresnan, John McCoy, Rachel Griffin, Grace Henning and Coach, Bonita McCoy. Destination Imagination is a problem solving program for students giving them wonderful opportunities to learn and practice how to problem solve and then be judged on their solutions in a competitive way.

2. High School Journalism Awards

The North Valhalla Newspaper yearbook staff members attended the Journalism Education Association/National Scholastic Press Association annual spring convention this year. Out of over 4,000 students from around the country that attended the event, two North students received commendations: Lauren Keppel, Honorable Mention and Suzanne Vyletel, Excellent Award. Congratulations are also extended to North Journalism teacher, Shari Adwers for her leadership on the North Vahalla Yearbook as it received a Gold Medal Certificate from the Michigan Interscholastic Press Association; a First Class Rating from the National Scholastic Press Association; a First Place Rating from the American Scholastic Press Association; and a Silver Medal from the Columbia Scholastic Press Association.

The South Tower Newspaper staff received the following awards: All State Student Journalist Staff and First Place in Information Graphic, Paula Friedrich; Gold Circle Winners, Dan Dou, Paula Friedrich, Christopher Flanagan, Maxym Tkacz and Michael Esse; First Place Feature Page/Spread winner, Emma Maniere, Anna Gough and Nannette Motschall; First Place Feature Column Winner, Dan Dou; First Place Entertainment Page/Spread Winner, Maxym Tkacz; First Place News Story Winner, David Harris; and First Place On-Site Feature Writing, Emily Cervone.

The Journalism Education Association/National Scholastic Press Association Write-Off winners from South are Taylor Wizner and Leah Noecker. Quill and Scroll winners for a Sports Story are Christopher Flanagan; Photography News/Feature, DeMarco Havard; Features, Katharine Riddle; and Editorial Cartoon, Anna Gough. Congratulations are also extended to Jeffrey Nardone for his leadership on the South Tower Yearbook that received:

Best in Show at the National Journalism Convention; Silver Crown from the Columbia Scholastic Press Association; and Spartan Award from the Michigan Interscholastic Press Association.

3. Pierce – Quiz Bowl, State Champions

The Pierce Middle School Quiz Bowl received a Gold Medal as State Champion this year. Members of that team are students Devlin Francis, James Norris, Michael Rose and Matthew Kennedy and teacher, Jeannie Brousseau. These students were recognized during the Board's work session prior to the regular meeting.

4. Pierce – Michigan Social Studies Olympiad, Gold Medal Winners

This year marked the 25th Olympiad and the Pierce team returned as State Champions with eighteen Gold Medals, six Silver Medals, one Bronze Medal and two Honorable Mentions. Gold Medal winners are Hannah Connors, Emily Fleming, Daniel Kuhnlein, Grace Muawad, Lauren Pankin, Anna Piccione and Nina White. The Pierce Team Advisor is Jeannie Brousseau. These students were also recognized during the Board's work session this evening.

5. Trombly – Susan Howey, Mickelson ExxonMobil Teachers Academy

Trombly 4th grade teacher, Susan Howey, has been selected to participate in the Mickelson ExxonMobil Teacher Academy. Teachers from around the country submit an application and each one is then reviewed by a panel from the National Science Teachers Association and the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics. Susan is one of 100 applicants accepted to participate in the week-long academy.

B. Summer Programs

North Assistant Principal, Dr. Matt Outlaw, spoke about this year's summer programs, specifically courses geared toward the middle school level and the high school level. Dr. Outlaw highlighted the new 21st Century Learning hybrid courses available for students this year as well as the stepping- up courses, mini-courses, and subject area core courses. The program is going from a 6-week format to a four-week format, but will be five days a week instead of four, as in the past. The information is on the district website with the registration requirements.

Dr. Klein shared the elementary level offerings for the summer: Camp Invention, Preschool Program, Camp O'Fun and many other programs for consideration.

North and South English students recently participated in a "Poetry Slam" this past weekend and the student winners were: Carolina Bloehm from South, placed in finals and finished seventh; Devin McGee, second; and Will Reeves, fifth.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ACTION ITEMS

Fran Wilson-Bedan, Grosse Pointe, shared her thoughts on the timing of the resignations and vacancies in the South High School principal and assistant principal positions.

Jeff Stevenson, Grosse Pointe Woods, spoke regarding a request to receive Club Sport status for the JV Hockey Team at North High School.

ACTION ITEMS FOR APRIL 26, 2011

A. Approval of Human Resources for May, 2011

Mr. Harwood shared the information on the Human Resources Report distributed to the Board which contained the resignation of: Kathy Satut, Maire Principal, Barbara Larabell, fringe benefits coordinator, Janet Rhodes, Human Resources Coordinator and classroom assistant, Susan

Lauppe, all for reasons of retirement. Mr. Harwood noted the teacher layoffs and those being recalled as well as the replacement for Janet Rhodes in the Human Resources Department with Dean Nioforos.

Dr. Klein noted the retirement of science teacher, Ardis Herrold, after 24 years of services with the district. Mrs. Herrold's work on the North High School Planetarium has earned it nationwide recognition.

All appointments are replacements or otherwise within the 2010-11 budget allocation.

It was Moved by: Trustee Walsh Supported by: Trustee Minturn

THAT the Board approve the Human Resources Report as presented.

Trustee Walsh commented on the Human Resources Report presented this evening noting the resignation of Brandon Slone listed on the report as district procedure requires. He said that he considers the two South administrators that just resigned as friends. Mr. Walsh said, "These are good people who have made mistakes. It's just that mistakes such as they have made, while forgivable, are untenable in the context of public education at this point in time." Mr. Walsh also said that it is in the best interest of the schools that the district move forward in the manner in which he expects the Board will do (by their vote). He asked that the community have patience and understanding as the situation resolves itself and works to move forward in a productive way.

President Steininger echoed Trustee Walsh's comments adding that the actions made were strictly administrative decisions and not Board driven.

With a roll call vote,

Trustee Dindoffer, Yes Trustee Gafa, Yes Trustee Jakubiec, Yes Trustee Minturn, Yes Trustee Pangborn, Yes Trustee Steininger, Yes Trustee Walsh, Yes

Nays: None

Motion carried by a 7 - 0 vote.

B. Approval of Work Session Minutes of April 4 and 26, 2011, Special Meeting Minutes of April 26 and 27, 2011, and Regular Meeting Minutes of April 26, 2011

It was Moved by: Trustee Walsh Supported by: Trustee Dindoffer

THAT the Board approve the Work Session Minutes of April 4 and 26, 2011, Special Meeting Minutes of April 26 and 27, 2011 and Regular Meeting Minutes of April 26, 2011 as amended.

Ayes: Trustees Dindoffer, Gafa, Jakubiec, Minturn, Pangborn, Steininger and Walsh

Navs: None

Motion carried by a 7 - 0 vote.

C. Approval of Wayne County RESA Board of Education Election

There are two seats on the Wayne County RESA Board which are expiring this year. A Grosse

Pointe Board of Education member must be selected to represent the Grosse Pointe Schools in the selection of candidates to fill these two seats on the RESA Board. The terms are currently filled by Mary Blackmon and Ken Berlin. The requirement is that the Board take action on or after May 16, 2011 to identify their choice of candidate and which member of the district's Board (and their alternate) are selected to cast their vote. The Wayne County RESA Board member election will be held June 6, 2011.

It was Moved by: Trustee Dindoffer

THAT the Board nominate Trustee Judy Gafa as the Board Member to vote in the Wayne County RESA Board of Education Election on Monday, June 6, 2011.

Supported by: Trustee Walsh

Ayes: Trustees Dindoffer, Gafa, Jakubiec, Minturn, Pangborn, Steininger and Walsh

Nays: None

Motion carried by a 7 - 0 vote.

It was Moved by: Trustee Steininger

THAT the Board nominate Deborah Stellini as a candidate for the Wayne County Board of Education.

Supported by: Trustee Walsh

Ayes: Trustees Dindoffer, Gafa, Jakubiec, Minturn, Pangborn, Steininger and Walsh

Nays: None

Motion carried by a 7 - 0 vote.

It was Moved by: Trustee Jakubiec

THAT the Board nominate Darlene Pomponio as a candidate for the Wayne County Board of Education

Supported by: Trustee Pangborn

Ayes: Trustees Dindoffer, Gafa, Jakubiec, Minturn, Pangborn, Steininger and Walsh

Nays: None

Motion carried by a 7 - 0 vote.

D. Approval of Resolution Honoring District Retirees

Each year the Board of Education adopts a resolution to honor the service of staff members who are retiring. The following employees will be retiring this year: Patricia Ament, 4 years of service; Ardis Herrold, 24 years; Barbara Larabell, 27 years; Susan Lauppe, 23 years; Jacqueline Rentenbach, 25 years; Janet Rhodes, 23 years; and Kathleen Satut, 11 years of service.

It was Moved by: Trustee Gafa Supported by: Trustee Walsh

THAT the Board approve the resolution honoring District Retirees.

Ayes: Trustees Dindoffer, Gafa, Jakubiec, Minturn, Pangborn, Steininger and Walsh

Nays: None

Motion carried by a 7 - 0 vote.

E. Approval of Wayne County RESA Budget for 2011-2012

During 2004, the Michigan Legislature passed a number of new laws affecting Intermediate School Districts. Most of these laws do not affect local districts; however, two new areas of law were created that require ISD constituent school boards to take formal action in areas that were not previously required.

Wayne County RESA must submit its proposed general fund operating budget to the board of each constituent district no later than May 1 each year. Not later than June 1 of each year, each local school board must review the proposed budget, adopt a board resolution expressing its support for or disapproval of the proposed budget, and submit to the RESA board any specific objections and proposed changes the constituent district board has with the budget.

If the RESA board receives any specific objections or proposed changes, it must consider the proposed changes.

In the past several years the Grosse Pointe Board of Education has chosen to acknowledge receipt of the RESA Budget with the opportunity to provide any feedback individual Board Members wish to share.

The Board is asked to acknowledge receipt of the WCRESA Operating Budget for 2011-2012 neither approving nor disapproving the contents of the document.

It was Moved by: Trustee Walsh Supported by: Trustee Dindoffer

THAT the Board *acknowledge receipt* of the Wayne County RESA Budget for 2011-2012 as presented.

Ayes: Trustees Dindoffer, Gafa, Jakubiec, Minturn, Pangborn, Steininger and Walsh

Nays: None

Motion carried by a 7 - 0 vote.

F. Approval of Layoff of Non-Teaching Personnel

1. Approval of Resolution for Layoff of Grosse Pointe Educational Support Personnel

As a result of the budget reductions in various departments, it is necessary to terminate the employment of affected bargaining unit employees.

A list of Classroom Assistant personnel whose services are to be terminated by Board action this evening was provided to the Board. Termination for those employees is effective June 17, 2011.

It was Moved by: Trustee Walsh Supported by: Trustee Minturn

THAT the Board approve the Resolution for Layoff of Grosse Pointe Educational Support Personnel.

Ayes: Trustees Dindoffer, Gafa, Jakubiec, Minturn, Pangborn, Steininger and Walsh

Nays: None

Motion carried by a 7 - 0 vote.

ACTION ITEMS FOR JUNE 27, 2011

A. Approval of Human Resources Report for June, 2011

This information will be available to the Board prior to the June, 2011 meeting.

B. Approval of Minutes for May, 2011

Minutes of May, 2011 Board meetings will be available prior to the next regular meeting.

C. Approval of Contract with EduStaff

Mr. Harwood stated that the district currently uses a Third Party Administrator, PESG, for its individuals (substitutes, coaches, lunchroom assistants) that are paid on an hourly rate and are not district employees but perform services for the district. EduStaff is a new organization that is competitive with PESG and the district is considering a contract with them as they research the differences between the two companies. EduStaff will be coming in at a reduced fee rate and will not require some of the up-front costs that PESG requires for its employees. They also have a staff development package that gives employees a deeper breadth of learning than PESG. A portion of the profits that EduStaff earns come back into the school district into its education foundation. The information with the comparisons between the two companies will be available to the Board prior to their next meeting for the Board's review and consideration.

D. Approval of Contract with Food Services

For the 2010-11 school year the district went out for a bid for the Contract with Food Services item and awarded that bid to Sodexo as a five-year bid with renewal each year if the Board desires. The administration will bring that contract to the Board at their June meeting for review. The guaranteed rate for next year's services is being looked at as well as ways to reduce costs and improve the revenue source.

E. Approval of Technology Plan

There are two technology items that Board members will be asked to consider in the coming weeks. Under separate cover a draft of a technology budget for 2011-12 will be presented which lists proposed maintenance and capital outlay expenditures for the coming year. The other technology matter that requires Board action is the 2011-14 Technology Plan, a draft of which was included in the information given to the Board and also available on the district website at www.gpschools.org. The link is under *Our District* on the district's website home page.

Every three years the State of Michigan requires school districts to prepare an extensive report that addresses many different facets of the technology program in the district. This requirement is a prerequisite for eligibility in the federal e-rate program. Through the e-rate program the district receives a 42% reimbursement of certain telecommunication costs, totaling approximately \$144,000 for the current year.

A review of the Technology Plan provides detail about current technology capabilities and practices in the district. In addition to demographic information about the district, the State requires us to address:

- Curriculum Integration with Technology: district goals and strategies, aligned with state
 and national standards, for using telecommunications and technology to improve teaching
 and learning.
- Student Achievement: strategies that are based on research and that integrate technology into curriculum and instruction.
- Technology Delivery: strategies for the delivery of specialized or rigorous courses through

- the use of technology.
- Parental Communications and Community Relations: strategies to promote parental involvement and to increase communication with parents and community.
- Professional Development: strategies for providing ongoing, sustained professional development for certified staff.
- Supporting Resources: resources such as services, software, other electronically delivered learning materials and print resources that are acquired to ensure successful and effective uses of technology.
- Infrastructure: telecommunication services, hardware, software and other services available to improve teaching and learning.
- Access to Technology: addresses the availability of technology for all students and teachers.
- Budget: a tentative timeline and budget related to the use of technology to improve student academic achievement.
- Coordination of Resources: how the district coordinates state and local resources to implement activities prescribed in the technology plan.
- Acceptable Use Policy: practices the district employs to monitor the Acceptable Use Policy for students and staff use of the technologies.

The Technology Plan 2011-14 was reviewed by the district's e-rate consultant, Robert Rice, and found to be in compliance with state guidelines. It should be noted that approving the plan is not an approval of individual elements of the plan. Any future action on specific parts contained in the Technology Plan 2011-14, such as budget items, will require separate Board action.

While the Technology Plan is an important document, it is more a description of the current status of technology use in the district than a vision of future use and needs. Creating a plan that clearly lays out a plan for the future is important need. Addressing that need is a committee comprised of teachers, parents and administrators presently at work.

A report will be given to the Board in the coming months, referred to as Tech Plan Plus, which contains technology to improve teaching, learning and business operations, the infrastructure, hardware and software required, training, and ways in which both the community and businesses can support the plan.

F. Approval of Reading Materials for Elementary Schools

The recommendation for adoption of Making Meaning Materials (with vocabulary) for grades K-5 has been made by a teacher committee and has the support of the building and district for funding. Those teachers presenting information to the Board were Pam Liagre, Kathy Sexton, Kelly Sexton-Bolen and the English/Language Arts Implementation Committee.

To accomplish future goals for the district with English/Language Arts for grades K-5, the Grosse Pointe Schools need a K-5 program that: aligns with the Common Core State Standards; creates consistency; uses research based approaches; utilizes literacy libraries and leveled readers; create growth and build achievement on NWEA and MEAP; builds a foundation for all students to meet the rigor of middle school and high school language arts programs.

Research shows these materials have been shown to improve academic achievement, support students' social and ethical development and strengthen social skills.

G. Approval of Bids

1. North Life Skills Room Renovations

The work for the North Life Skills room renovations consists of:

- Removal and replacement of existing cabinets, countertops
- Removal and replacement of existing plumbing sinks, faucets, including new connections to facilitate the new work.
- Removal and replacement of existing electrical conduit, wiring, outlets,
- New wall construction and other architectural components as identified on the plans.

A mandatory pre-bid meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 8, 2011 at 9:00 a.m.

The project is being funded from the sinking fund. Bid specifications are available for review.

2. South Life Skills Room Renovations

The work for the South Life Skills room renovations consists of:

- Removal and replacement of existing cabinets, countertops
- Removal and replacement of existing plumbing sinks, faucets, including new connections to facilitate the new work.
- Removal and replacement of existing electrical conduit, wiring, outlets
- New wall construction and other architectural components as identified on the plans.

A mandatory pre-bid meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 8, 2011 at 10:30 a.m.

The project is being funded from the sinking fund. Bid specifications are available for review.

3. South Hot Water Repairs at South

The work for the hot water repairs at South High School consists of:

- Removal and replacement of the existing 1000 gallon domestic hot water tank.
- Remove existing domestic water heater and all associated accessories and components.
- Furnish and install two (2) new domestic hot water tanks, piping
- Furnish and install three (3) new high efficiency domestic hot water heaters complete with related piping, accessories, and components.

A mandatory pre-bid meeting will be held on Thursday, June 9, 2011 at 9:90 a.m.

The project is being funded from the sinking fund. Bid specifications are available for review.

4. Administration Building Roof Repairs/Replacement

The scope of work for the administration building roof repair/replacement includes removing and replacing asphalt shingles and related flashing, or if needed, installing new roofing and flashing.

The project is being funded from the sinking fund. The Board of Education is asked to award the bid to Envision Builders, Inc. for \$24,532.

H. Approval of Wayne County Center Program Agreement

The Wayne County Center Program Agreement provides the parameters for operation of special education center programs and the distribution of Act 18 Funds and has been in place since 1995. Wayne County RESA, in conjunction with local district superintendents, has recently revised the

agreement. All local districts or public school academies that participate in the services and funding described in the agreement will need to be a party to the agreement in order for their district's students to receive any services. The revisions included in the new agreement result from the following:

- Update language and terminology to currently accepted standards and removed obsolete provisions
- The existence of Public School Academies which were not anticipated in the original agreement
- The establishment of a universal indirect cost rate
- The formalization of current and past practices including the criteria deviation process and the funding of "Follow That Kid Aids"
- Reference of established program entry and exit criteria
- Inclusion of the concept of a "Shared Educational Entity" for AYP purposes
- Simplified language concerning allowable costs

The revised Wayne County Center Program Agreement which will be effective as of July 1, 2011 was provided to the Board as well as a side-by-side version of the current Center Program Agreement and the proposed agreement which notes the changes being made and a sample resolution authorizing participation in the agreement.

Only districts that approve and adopt the agreement will be able to have their students access these services after July 1, 2011.

The administration recommends that the Board of Education approve the resolution authorizing participation in the Wayne County Center Program Agreement effective July 1, 2011.

I. Approval of Proposal from Wayne Metro Community Action Agency for a Head Start Program

Head Start facilitating a program at Poupard Elementary would be comparable to the other agencies and private groups permitted to offer educational programs in Grosse Pointe Public School district. These agencies and private groups include, but are not limited to, Wayne County Community College, Sunshine Pre-School, Grosse Pointe Pre-School, Cub Scouts and Girl Scouts.

In 1964, the Federal Government asked a panel of child development experts to design a program that would help communities address some of the issues faced by disadvantaged preschool children. In 1965, Project Head Start launched an eight-week summer program with the Office of Economic Opportunity. This program provided preschool children of low-income families with a comprehensive program to meet their emotional, social, health, nutritional, and psychological needs.

Provisions of this agreement include the following:

- Wayne Metro Community Action Agency will operate a Head Start Program in collaboration with Poupard, at no cost to the district, for income eligible Grosse Pointe residents and Harper Woods residents who reside in Poupard's service area. Upon completion of the Head Start Program, children will transition to their home school for Kindergarten.
- Teachers are employed by Wayne Metro Head Start.
- Head Start is a federally funded program. With all of the recent budget cuts to

programming, Head Start was not cut. Head Start does NOT receive any state funding.

- Currently, 10% of children enrolled at Harper Woods Head Start are Grosse Pointe residents.
- Wayne Metro Head Start services Highland Park, Harper Woods, Hamtramck, and Grosse Pointe families. They do not service children from Detroit.
- Head Start will operate at Poupard from 8am-4:30pm, M-F. This will not interfere with the entrance/exit of Poupard students.
- As of 4/28/11, 16 applications have been submitted for the 2011-2012 school year at the Poupard Head Start site. There are currently 6 students already enrolled in the Harper Woods Head Start program who are GP residents and may want to change to the Poupard site.
- Head Start is a federally funded program. As a federally funded program, it must follow federal mandates.
- Everything that will be provided to the program will be at no cost to the district.

J. Approval of Lease for Full Circle Resale Shop

The Board of Education has previously approved that the operation of the Full Circle Upscale Resale shop be transferred from ARC to the School System.

With that transfer the administration drafted a new lease with the owner of the building where the Full Circle Resale shop is located.

The monthly lease from owner of the building, Mr. Odell, was provided to the Board. The monthly rental is \$1,600. The administration had the building inspected for any environmental/fire safety issues and there were none.

K. Approval of Budget for 2011-2012

Mr. Fenton said that the proposals continue to be reviewed as the administration waits for the final budget numbers from the state. He noted that there is a chance that the district may not have the final numbers at the time needed for the Board to vote on the district's final budget, and recommendations will need to be made based on the latest information received from the state. A public hearing will be held next month prior to the Board's vote on the budget. The budget can be amended after its adoption in June if the calculations from the state are significantly different from what was used in the final district budget.

L. Approval of Proposed Board Policy on Fund Equity

Mr. Fenton noted that in accordance with Government Accounting Standards Board (GASB) #54, school districts are required to establish a fund equity policy by June 30, 2011.

Plante Moran (the district's new auditors) provided some language which has been used to design the required policy.

The policy describes the various categories of fund equity and is also tailored to take into account the School Systems' various labor contracts that speak to the minimum fund equity policy issue.

The draft provided to the Board was prepared by Christian Fenton in accordance with the guidelines from Plante Moran.

M. Approval of Technology Purchases

1. Microsoft Software Renewal

The district maintains the usage of Microsoft software products on a School License Agreement (SLA). The SLA allows the technology department to install Microsoft software and obtain new versions and critical upgrades from Microsoft.

The agreement is based on the number of computers installed within the district and must be renewed annually. The current agreement must be renewed by July 31, 2011. Pricing for the Microsoft SLA renewal was received from two vendors, CDW/G and Dell. CDW/G is the REMC vendor for Microsoft this year. The district has received better pricing through our Dell Premier agreement for the past two years. The funds for this purchase are included in FY 2011-2012 technology budget. The quotes are as follows:

	MICROSOFT SLA			
Qty	Software Description	Part No.	CDW/G	Dell
4000	Desktop School all languages license SA MVL	292513	\$146,360.00	\$145,720.00
3	Exchange SVR ENT Edition	A01425455	\$1,017.42	\$ 984.81
6	MVL MLANG FRFRNT TMG	A3351231	\$2,790.00	\$2,801.46
1	MVL ML Office Comm Server Std	A1269067	\$58.00	\$56.03
3	SQL SVR STD by server	A0575638	\$762.81	\$72.75
6	SQL SVR STD by Processor	A0575636	\$2,881.62	\$2,789.22
1	MVL ML CONFIG MGR	A1323403	\$47.33	\$45.81
1	MVL SA ML OPS MGR SVR	A1132097	\$164.80	\$45.81
6	MVL SA OPS MGR ENT	A1132099	\$734.10	\$189.00
54	OPS MGR STD MGMT LIC	A1155785	\$2,412.18	\$616.68
9	Windows SVR ENT Edition	A0118738	\$1,065.51	\$1,031.31
40	Windows SVR STD Edition	A0118739	\$1,456.00	\$1,409.20
1	Window SVR EXT CONN	A0173773	\$2,250.00	\$163.65
	Totals		\$161,999.77	\$156,071.23

The contract price though Dell has not increased for FY 2011-2012.

The Board is asked to approve renewing the Microsoft School License agreement with Dell at a cost of \$156,071.23

2. Secondary School Servers

The file servers installed in the two high school buildings and three middle school buildings require replacement this summer. The servers that are now in place are at capacity and have been operating continuously for the past six years. The district would not benefit by spending additional monies to add capacity to old equipment. The Dell government/education list price for these servers is \$68,711.17. A comparable quote from Hewlett-Packard for servers with similar specification is \$60,187.87 through CDWG. The district maintains a Premier account with Dell Computer which provides special education pricing. The quote from Dell for five R710 servers with a five year

warranty is \$52,674.80.

Monies have been earmarked in the FY 2011-2012 technology budget for these servers.

The recommendation is that five R710 Servers with five year warranties be purchased from Dell Computer at a total cost of \$52,674.80.

N. Approval of Club Sport Status for Hockey Team at Grosse Pointe North

Provided to the Board was a proposal from the parents of the Grosse Pointe North JV Hockey team to become a recognized club sport at Grosse Pointe North. This proposal included:

- Petition from parents/supporters requesting JV Ice Hockey at North
- Memo to Dr. Klein regarding their proposal
- Memo to Carmen Kennedy regarding request

It also has the backing the Grosse Pointe North administration.

Per the proposal, the parents are agreeing to pay all costs associated with the team including ice time and coaches salaries. In the past and in accordance with Board Policy 7510, approved club sports pay for all costs except the coaches' salaries. With this proposal the Board would need to waive the policy so that the parents could pay for all costs. It would be agreed that the school system, via the Grosse Pointe North Athletic Director, will approve all hiring and also supervise and discipline, if necessary, the JV hockey coaching staff.

The Board is asked to approve the Club Sport of JV Hockey at Grosse Pointe North and waive Board Policy 7510.

It was Moved by: Trustee Steininger

Supported by: Trustee Walsh

THAT the Board approve the Club Sport Status for the JV hockey team at Grosse Pointe North High School.

Ayes: Trustees Dindoffer, Gafa, Jakubiec, Minturn, Pangborn, Steininger and Walsh

Nays: None

Motion carried by a 7 - 0 vote.

Dr. Klein inquired about the Elementary Study Committee's proposal listing on next month's agenda and if the Board preferred a separate item or as an item included with the budget proposals. President Steininger recommended that it be listed as a free standing item.

President Steininger created a Consent Agenda for the June 27, 2011 Regular Meeting to include: D) Food Services Contract; E) Technology Plan; F) Reading Materials for Elementary Schools; G 4.) Administration Building Roof Repairs/Replacement; L) Proposed Board Policy on Fund Equity; M 1.) Microsoft Software Renewal; and M 2.) Technology Purchase of Secondary School Servers.

INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

A. Budget Development Update for 2011-2012

Mr. Fenton said that the Board and administration discussed the central budgets and other budgets earlier this evening in a work session. At this time, between the reduction and possible cut from the state and the possible reduction in the retirement funds, the district is still looking at a major

reduction. Taking all of the factors into consideration, the administration will develop a budget document for the Board's approval in June.

Mr. Fenton asked the Board to provide any specific budget items that need to be added to or deleted as soon as possible so that the final budget document can be finalized.

B. Monthly Financial Report

Mr. Fenton said that the monthly budget report is on target and matches the BMU. There is a potential for some savings in health care and substitute costs that the administration will continue to monitor.

C. Health Care Reports

Mr. Harwood noted that the district has stable health care costs and is on target with health care expenses as stated in the district's current Budget Model Utility report. The district continues to trend at a lower rate than what was projected for this school year.

D. Teacher Mentoring Program

Ms. Beels spoke about the new Teacher Academy Mentoring program. Last summer and fall, the district hired 60 new teachers at all levels and over the past four years, 77 teachers total. With the help of GPEA, the district has established a teacher academy for the new teachers. In November of this year, all new teachers met with Ms. Beels and Mrs. Beyerlein, Grosse Pointe MEA President, for the first part of the program, learning about classroom management. In March, they moved to the next phase of the program on maximizing learning in the classroom. In the fall and spring of next year, a similar program will be available for new teachers. Both new teachers and their mentors reported a change in how they manage and teach in their classrooms.

E. Staff Development Plans for 2011-2012

Mr. Beels said that the goal in the curriculum department is, "What is the best way to enhance student learning in the classroom." Consistent, quality, high level professional development is what really promotes a change in teaching in the classroom and is what Grosse Pointe Schools includes in its mentoring program. The goal of professional development in Grosse Pointe is to bring a consistency and a common vocabulary among all teachers about what high quality instruction and practice is all about. Next year, one of the topics will be KALPA training, a staff development program to keep track of all of the staff development for the teachers including their CEU needs; RTI training; reading assessment; and other methods of staff development including Smart Board training.

High school administrators have also expressed a need for literacy training for all teachers at both high schools since all teachers are teachers of reading and writing in their subject matters.

FUTURE MEETINGS

President Steininger then announced that there will be a 6:00 p.m. Budget Work Session and an 8:00 p.m. Regular Meeting of the Board on Monday, June 27, 2011 in the South Wicking Library. There will also be a Public Hearing on the 2011-2012 Budget and the Breakfast Program on Monday, June 27, 2011 at 8 p.m. in Wicking Library.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-ACTION ITEMS

George McMullen, Grosse Pointe Woods, shared his thoughts and congratulated those who served on the Elementary Study Committee for their work on the Spanish curriculum and other elementary programs.

Lee Johnson, Grosse Pointe Park, spoke in support of the multi-age program at Trombly.

	Brian Sommerfield, Grosse Pointe Park, shared his views and support of the multi-age program at Trombly and the suggestion that it become a district-wide program.
OTHER COMMENTS	Trustee Jakubiec shared his views on the multi-age program at Trombly.
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SUPERINTENDENT	Trustee Walsh said he fully supports the multi-age program at Trombly. He also made note of the Superintendent Search process and the final preparations to complete the district budget.
	Trustee Pangborn is in full support of the multi-age program.
	Trustee Minturn had no comment.
	Trustee Gafa supported Mr. Walsh's comments about the two South administrators that recently resigned. She commented on the multi-age program noting her support.
	Trustee Dindoffer agreed with Mrs. Gafa's comments regarding the two South administrators that resigned. She, too, is in support of the multi-age program and shared the many end-of-the-year events coming up in schools across the district.
	Dr, Klein shared the end-of-the-year events that will take place across the district and supported Board member comments on concluding the year on a positive note. Dr. Klein also reminded parents that kindergarten registration is ongoing and now is a good time to register.
	President Steininger congratulated the scholars and students that won the Quiz Bowl. He also said that he, too, is in support of the multi-age program.
	Mr. Steininger also addressed the issue of the two South administrators that resigned. He further dispelled any conjecture that there was any undue influence exerted on the administration or on anyone to seek the resignation of the two administrators. He added that it should be apparent to all members of the community that the district has high expectations of conduct for all employees regardless of position. The administration when informed by an outside source of a breach in policy, decided to move forward without delay and he commended them for doing so swiftly and decisively.
ADIOUDNIMENT	There being no further business, President Steininger adjourned the meeting at 11:14 p.m.
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