

Grosse Pointe Board of Education

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 18, 2009

Library, Grosse Pointe North High School 707 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236

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President Kosinski called the meeting to order at 8:22 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Trustee Walsh.

CALL TO ORDER

Board members present: Trustees Dindoffer, Gafa, Ismail, Kosinski, Minturn, Steininger and Walsh

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

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT AND RECOGNITIONS

President Kosinski began by stating in a work session prior to the regular meeting, that the Board moved to put the \$120,000 for ice time into the athletic budget and decided not to raise any athletic fees for the 2009-10 school year.

Dr. Klein announced the district was recently notified that all elementary and middle schools made Adequately Yearly Progress and received an "A" on the MEAP tests.

President Kosinski commented that the Michigan Department of Education reported that the report for special education also was very positive.

A. Michigan Green School Awards

The State of Michigan encourages all public and private schools to participate in energy saving and environmental activities. Any school that meets 10 out of 25 criteria receives an official Green School Designation.

Dr. Klein said that part of the Strategic Plan includes acting as wise stewards of the district's school buildings and its energy use. Last year Poupard and Trombly were designated as Green Schools. This year, 10 schools have been designated as Green Schools. The elementary buildings are Defer, Ferry, Kerby, Maire, Mason, Monteith, Poupard, Richard and Trombly. In the middle schools Parcells and Pierce were recognized. North has also been awarded with the Green School designation.

Each school assembles a team of parents, students and staff to meet the challenges set by the State of Michigan to become "Green".

President Kosinski and Dr. Klein continued with the recognition of students.

B. Student Recognitions

1. North Quiz Bowl Team

This team has captured the MAC Division Championship in seasonal competition. They placed second in the State in the Class A division held at Michigan State University and have been invited to compete at Nationals on

May 30th in Chicago. Dr. Klein congratulated the following on a successful season: William Colding; Jamie Ding; Jessie Ding; Roxanne Ilagan; Mark Linington; Michael Matula; Stephen Morrison; Andrew Remenar; David Ulmer; Matthew Vengalil; and Nathan Vengalil.

2. Lydia Fuller, Perfect ACT Score

Dr. Klein congratulated Lydia Fuller for receiving a perfect "36" score on the ACT Exam as well as being one of two winners in Michigan for an all expense paid trip to Germany. She was selected based on a national exam and oral proficiency in several interviews.

3. Pierce Destination Imagination Team

Pierce Middle School has two Destination Imagination Teams that not only won at the State Tournament, but have qualified for Global Finals. One team, The Sensational Six, is made up of 6th and 7th grade students who have been working together for the past five years, completing each year with a goal to make it to the Global Finals. The team is managed by Allison Baker and includes Annabel Ames, Kelsey Baker, Courtney Geist, Erin Ivers, Nina Smith and Olivia Angott (a Parcells student).

The second team, The Howling 5, have also been together for five years and are happy to qualify for the Global Finals for the first time. Their team is managed by Annette Siwak and includes Jackie Francis, Carly Hampton, Sally Ottenhoff, Kayla Schulte and Annie Siwak.

4. National Scholastic Writing Awards

Annalise Bissa, a Pierce Middle School student, has been awarded a silver medal from the National Scholastic Writing Awards of 2009 for her humorous essay about her week long family vacation in a rented RV, titled "Insanity is Catching".

5. Music Program Festival Awards

The South Jazz Band earned a First Division (Excellent) rating at the MSBOA Jazz Festival. This is the Jazz Band's fifth First Division rating in seven appearances.

6. Latin Teacher of the Year, David Smith

David Smith has been selected to receive the 2009 Glenn M. Knudsvig Outstanding Latin Teacher Award. This award is given annually by the Department of Classical Studies at the University of Michigan to a Latin teacher in the State of Michigan who has demonstrated outstanding teaching skills.

7. Michigan Social Studies Olympiad Winners

The Social Studies Olympiad is a state-wide competition sponsored by the State of Michigan and the Michigan Council for Social Studies. Just as in the real Olympics, there are many different events, which involve extra work and research outside of the school day. Pierce has three students who have won a

Gold Medal: Malvina Hedenberg, in the Poster-Artistic Intermediate Division; Tenley Shield, in the Political Cartoons Intermediate Division; and Mary Weipert, in the Essay Intermediate Division.

8. **Military Appointments**

The Board would like to recognize graduating seniors who have enlisted in the armed services: Eugene Henry from North who will enter the United States Marines and Joseph Youngblood from North who has joined the United States Air Force.

C. Middle School Study Report

Mark Mulholland, Parcells Principal, presented a summary of the Middle School Study and a survey recently completed to gather feedback from the community regarding the district's middle schools.

The goal of the study was driven by the questions: "Is there a middle level program design that better meets the needs of middle school age students other than the 6-period day structure now offered in Grosse Pointe?", and, "If the middle level 6-period day design currently in place won't be changed, are there changes that should be made within the confines of the 6-period day program structure that would better service middle level students in Grosse Pointe?"

In order to complete its work, the Study Committee divided into three subcommittees: program philosophy, program structure, and elective program. The committee engaged in a series of activities including meeting with Dr. Michael Rettig, nationally recognized expert in school scheduling, conducting a Metro Bureau survey of tri-county middle schools, and completing staff and parent surveys.

The complete report is posted on the district website.

PUBLIC COMMENTS
ON CONSENT
AGENDA ACTION
ITEMS

No one came forward to comment.

ON ACTION ITEMS CONSENT

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No once came forward to comment.

AGENDA ITEMS FROM **APRIL 27, 2009**

The following items were contained in the Consent Agenda:

- A. Textbook: Pictorial Literature
- B. Technology Purchased from Section 99 Monies for Elementary Schools including Barnes Early Childhood Center

Moved by: Trustee Walsh

Supported by: Trustee Minturn

THAT the Board approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Ayes: Trustees Dindoffer, Gafa, Ismail, Kosinski, Minturn, Steininger and Walsh

	Nays: None
	Motion carried by a 7 - 0 vote.
ACTION ITEMS	A. Approval of Gift from South High School Golf Supporters
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APRIL 27, 2009

This item was tabled at the meeting on April 27th. It was,

Moved by: Trustee Walsh

Supported by: Trustee Minturn

THAT the Approval of the Gift from the South High School Golf Supporters be removed from the table so the Board could take action this evening.

Ayes: Trustees Dindoffer, Gafa, Ismail, Kosinski, Minturn, Steininger and

Walsh Navs: None

Motion carried by a 7 – 0 vote.

The administration was approached by a group of parents, (Friends of Grosse Pointe South Golf) to donate funds for an indoor practice golf facility in a section of the basement of the pool/activity center at South High School. The total donation would be approximately \$15,500, depending on the final cost of the equipment. The supporters of this project have \$7,000 available at this time. This facility would be used by the girls and boys golf teams for off season practice.

The administration contribution to this is minimal and includes lights, some new doors and a small caged area to store clubs and other equipment. The layout for the facility was provided to the Board as well as a list of equipment. The goal would be to have this facility ready for use in the fall of 2009.

It was Moved by: Trustee Gafa **Supported by:** Trustee Minturn

THAT the Board accept the gift from the South High School golf supporters.

Board members had an opportunity to ask questions and offer suggestions.

Mrs. Mickey Shield came forward to offer more information on behalf of the group of parents interested in raising and providing the funds needed for this project.

Additional Board comments discussed the need for more information before beginning this project.

President Kosinski reminded Board members that there was a motion on the floor to accept the gift as presented.

In a layered motion, It was Moved by: Trustee Walsh

THAT the gift from the South High School Golf Supporters be tabled until the June Board Meeting when more information can be provided.

Ayes: Trustees Dindoffer, Gafa, Ismail, Minturn, Steininger and Walsh

Nays: Trustee Kosinski

Motion carried by a 6 - 1 vote.

B. Approval of Human Resources Report for April, 2009

The Human Resources Report contained the termination of one employee.

Moved by: Trustee Walsh

Supported by: Trustee Minturn

THAT the Human Resources Report for April, 2009 be approved as presented.

Ayes: Trustees Dindoffer, Gafa, Ismail, Kosinski, Minturn, Steininger and

Walsh **Nays:** None

Motion carried by a 7 - 0 vote.

C. Approval of Minutes of Closed Session and Revised Regular Meeting Minutes of April 27, 2009

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

THAT the Board approve the closed session and revised regular meeting minutes of April 27, 2009.

Ayes: Trustees Dindoffer, Gafa, Ismail, Kosinski, Minturn, Steininger and

Walsh **Navs:** None

Motion carried by a 7 - 0 vote.

D. Approval of Bids

1. Grosse Pointe South Storm Repair

The district is currently on a combination storm and sewer system. This project for the South storm repair will bring the schools into compliance with Grosse Pointe Farms separation policies regarding storm and sanitary systems. The scope of work includes removing and replacing part of an existing storm sewer including associated site and landscaping and paving work.

The project will be funded from the sinking fund.

It was moved by: Trustee Ismail Supported by: Trustee Steininger

THAT the Board award the bid to Macomb Pipeline & Utilities for \$69,100.

Ayes: Trustees Dindoffer, Gafa, Ismail, Kosinski, Minturn, Steininger and

Walsh **Nays:** None

Motion carried by a 7 - 0 vote.

2. Grosse Pointe South Parking Lot Repaying

The scope of work for the South parking lot repaying includes removing and replacing asphalt paying for the staff parking lot at Grosse Pointe South High School. The last paying project for this section was completed 30 years ago.

The project is being funded from the sinking fund.

It was moved by: Trustee Steininger

Supported by: Trustee Ismail

THAT the Board award the bid for the South parking lot repaying to Proline Asphalt for \$135,725.

Ayes: Trustees Dindoffer, Gafa, Ismail, Kosinski, Minturn, Steininger and

Walsh **Navs:** None

Motion carried by a 7 - 0 vote.

3. Defer Waterproofing

This project was proposed to prevent the possibility of environmental leakage into the classroom. The scope of work includes waterproofing below grade and masonry restoration work related to the waterproofing and is being funded from the sinking fund.

It was moved by: Trustee Steininger

Supported by: Trustee Ismail

THAT the Board award the bid for waterproofing at Defer Elementary to Chezcore for \$30,182.

Ayes: Trustees Dindoffer, Gafa, Ismail, Kosinski, Minturn, Steininger and

Walsh **Nays:** None

Motion carried by a 7 - 0 vote.

4. Brownell Multi-Purpose Room

On April 14, 2009 bids were opened for various sub-trades for the construction of the multi-purpose room at Brownell Middle School. The bids were publicly advertised, opened, and read.

Subsequent to the bid opening, Barton Malow, (and, as needed, Grosse Pointe Public School staff members and architect) interviewed the low bidders of the trade categories.

A summary of the fifteen trade groups that need approval by the Board were provided noting that each trade group needs to be approved individually. Letters of recommendation prepared by Barton Malow listing the bids that need approval, a list showing all the bids as they were opened and a preliminary cost estimate of each project were also provided to the Board.

Ahmed Beasley, representative from Barton Malow, Brownell Principal Dr. Michael Dib, and Architect Dale Ehresman were available to discuss individual project recommendations.

This approximately 18,000 square foot facility contains 450 fixed seats, a stage area and open spaces that can be used for a variety of educational and meeting purposes. Resurfacing of the parking lot is included within this project.

This project is being funded from the bond fund. Bid specifications and drawings are available for review.

Trustees had various questions for Mr. Beasley and Mr. Fenton regarding the Brownell project.

1. Site Work

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

THAT the Board award the bid for site work to Matzak, Inc. for \$119,000.

Ayes: Trustees Dindoffer, Gafa, Kosinski, Minturn, Steininger and Walsh Nays: Trustee Ismail Motion carried by a 6 – 1 vote.

2. Concrete

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

THAT the Board award the bid for concrete work to McCarthy Construction for \$141,947.

Ayes: Trustees Dindoffer, Gafa, Kosinski, Minturn, Steininger and Walsh Nays: Trustee Ismail Motion carried by a 6 – 1 vote.

3. Masonry

It was moved by: Trustee Minturn Supported by: Trustee Dindoffer

THAT the Board award the bid for masonry work to North American Construction for \$509,000.

Ayes: Trustees Dindoffer, Gafa, Kosinski, Minturn, Steininger and Walsh Nays: Trustee Ismail Motion carried by a 6 – 1 vote.

4. Structural Steel

It was moved by: Trustee Minturn Supported by: Trustee Gafa

THAT the Board award the bid for structural steel work to Casadei Structural Steel for \$144,900.

Ayes: Trustees Dindoffer, Gafa, Kosinski, Minturn, Steininger and Walsh Nays: Trustee Ismail Motion carried by a 6 – 1 vote.

5. General Carpentry

It was moved by: Trustee Minturn Supported by: Trustee Dindoffer

THAT the Board award the bid for general carpentry work to U.S. Construction & Design for \$145,000.

Ayes: Trustees Dindoffer, Gafa, Kosinski, Minturn, Steininger and Walsh Nays: Trustee Ismail Motion carried by a 6 – 1 vote.

6. Roofing

It was moved by: Trustee Minturn Supported by: Trustee Dindoffer

THAT the Board award the bid for roofing work to Royal Roofing for \$176,500.

Ayes: Trustees Dindoffer, Gafa, Kosinski, Minturn, Steininger and Walsh Nays: Trustee Ismail Motion carried by a 6 – 1 vote.

7. Aluminum Windows

It was moved by: Trustee Minturn Supported by: Trustee Dindoffer

THAT the Board award the bid for aluminum windows to Designers Mirror & Glass for \$43,450.

Ayes: Trustees Dindoffer, Gafa, Kosinski, Minturn, Steininger and Walsh Nays: Trustee Ismail Motion carried by a 6 – 1 vote.

8. Wood Flooring

It was moved by: Trustee Minturn Supported by: Trustee Dindoffer

THAT the Board award the bid for wood flooring to Star School Flooring for \$30,710.

Ayes: Trustees Dindoffer, Gafa, Kosinski, Minturn, Steininger and Walsh Nays: Trustee Ismail Motion carried by a 6 – 1 vote.

9. Carpet/Resilient Flooring

It was moved by: Trustee Minturn Supported by: Trustee Dindoffer

THAT the Board award the bid for carpet and resilient flooring to Conventional Carpet for \$32,300.

Ayes: Trustees Dindoffer, Gafa, Kosinski, Minturn, Steininger and Walsh **Nays:** Trustee Ismail **Motion carried by a 6 – 1 vote.**

10. Painting

It was moved by: Trustee Minturn Supported by: Trustee Dindoffer

THAT the Board award the bid for painting work to Seven Brothers Painting for \$29,900.

Ayes: Trustees Dindoffer, Gafa, Kosinski, Minturn, Steininger and Walsh Nays: Trustee Ismail Motion carried by a 6 – 1 vote.

11. Auditorium Seating

It was moved by: Trustee Minturn Supported by: Trustee Dindoffer

THAT the Board award the bid for auditorium seating to Irwin Seating for \$68,477.

Ayes: Trustees Dindoffer, Gafa, Kosinski, Minturn, Steininger and Walsh Nays: Trustee Ismail Motion carried by a 6 – 1 vote.

12. Telescoping Seating

It was moved by: Trustee Minturn Supported by: Trustee Dindoffer

THAT the Board award the bid for telescoping seating to Irwin Seating for \$236,944.

Ayes: Trustees Dindoffer, Gafa, Kosinski, Minturn, Steininger and Walsh Nays: Trustee Ismail Motion carried by a 6 – 1 vote.

13. Plumbing

It was moved by: Trustee Minturn Supported by: Trustee Dindoffer

THAT the Board award the bid for plumbing work to Contrast Mechanical for \$117,000.

Ayes: Trustees Dindoffer, Gafa, Kosinski, Minturn, Steininger and Walsh Nays: Trustee Ismail Motion carried by a 6 – 1 vote.

14. Fire Protection

It was moved by: Trustee Minturn Supported by: Trustee Dindoffer

THAT the Board award the bid for fire protection equipment to Absolute Fire Protection for \$57,645.

Ayes: Trustees Dindoffer, Gafa, Kosinski, Minturn, Steininger and Walsh Nays: Trustee Ismail Motion carried by a 6 – 1 vote.

15. HVAC

It was moved by: Trustee Minturn Supported by: Trustee Dindoffer

THAT the Board award the bid for heating, ventilation and air conditioning work to Great Lakes Mechanical for \$291,000.

Ayes: Trustees Dindoffer, Gafa, Kosinski, Minturn, Steininger and Walsh Nays: Trustee Ismail Motion carried by a 6 – 1 vote.

16. Electrical

It was moved by: Trustee Minturn Supported by: Trustee Dindoffer

THAT the Board award the bid for electrical work to Shoreview Electric for \$184,000.

Ayes: Trustees Dindoffer, Gafa, Kosinski, Minturn, Steininger and Walsh Nays: Trustee Ismail Motion carried by a 6 – 1 vote.

5. Parcells Performing Arts Center

Bids for the performing arts addition and improvements project at Parcells Middle School were opened in early April, 2009. Twenty-two companies attended a mandatory pre-bid meeting and eighteen submitted bids. This project will be funded from the bond fund.

The administration is recommending that the Board table this agenda item until the regular meeting in June, 2009. Mr. Fenton suggested tabling because some of the bids quoted higher costs than expected and he would like to investigate those costs and return the item to the table with more information for the Board.

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

THAT the Board table this item until the regular meeting in June, 2009.

Ayes: Trustees Dindoffer, Gafa, Ismail, Kosinski, Minturn, Steininger and

Walsh **Navs:** None

Motion carried by a 7 - 0 vote.

President Kosinski read a resolution of support to the Board from the Brownell Student Council for the Brownell project.

E. Approval of Resolution to Honor District Retirees

Dr. Klein noted that this resolution listed the names of the four retirees (as of this date) that will retire at the end of the school year: Joanne Case, Brownell; Timothy O'Herron, Kerby; Jack Travis, Richard; and Elizabeth VandePutte, Defer. A retirement reception has been scheduled to honor these employees and others who make that decision between now and then.

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

THAT the Board approve the Resolution presented to honor the service of staff members who are retiring.

Ayes: Trustees Dindoffer, Gafa, Ismail, Kosinski, Minturn, Steininger and

Walsh Nays: None

Motion carried with a 7 - 0 vote.

F. Approval of Resolution on Wayne County RESA Budget

Section 380.624 of the Revised School Code includes language which requires each constituent school board of Wayne RESA to participate in RESA's budget development process.

Dr. Klein noted that the Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency (WCRESA) preliminary budget had been distributed to Board members at the April, 2009 regular meeting. As an operating district in Wayne County, the Board is required to vote whether to accept or reject the preliminary budget as presented no later than June 1, 2009.

Board members have in the past acknowledged receipt of the WCRESA operating budget without either accepting or rejecting its contents.

Trustee Walsh noted that the Wayne County RESA budget is not a budgeting process in which the Board participates.

It was moved by: Trustee Gafa Supported by: Trustee Minturn

THAT the Board acknowledge receipt of the Wayne County RESA budget presented.

Ayes: Trustees Dindoffer, Gafa, Ismail, Kosinski, Minturn, Steininger and

Walsh **Navs:** None

Motion carried by a 7 - 0 vote.

G. Approval of Recommendation to Establish Proof of Residency/Enrollment Eligibility

Dr. Klein noted that the discussion of a recommendation to establish proof of residency began in February, 2009 when Trustee Gafa introduced a resolution to establish annual re-registration procedures. Mr. Arnette Jordan and Mr. Fenton provided background information at that time offering current statistics as well as results of the re-registration that was completed in 2005. This discussion was tabled at the last Board meeting to allow for all Trustees to be present and to discuss the matter.

President Kosinski asked the Board if there was a motion to remove this request from the table.

It was Moved by: Trustee Minturn

Supported by: Trustee Gafa

THAT the request for parents to re-establish proof of residency be removed from the table.

President Kosinski then asked if there were a motion to approve the resolution as it was presented.

It was Moved by: Trustee Minturn

Supported by: Trustee Gafa

THAT the district put in place a process to verify the enrollment of every student at every building every year as part of the regular registration process.

Mr. Minturn proposed to do this at each local school and have every school responsible for following the procedures designated by the Residency and Enrollment Office.

President Kosinski repeated that the motion is to have regular, annual registration at every building.

Trustee Dindoffer asked the cost for that proposal. Mr. Fenton responded that the cost would be \$99,000 for a centralized re-registration for all students at one location over the summer months. She asked what the cost would be to have the registration every year at every building as Mr. Minturn suggested. Mr. Fenton replied that there would not be the staffing costs because building employees would already be there. However, he said that it would require some additional, part time help and would cost \$20,000 to \$25,000. This part of registration includes verification of existing data including lease information and is not as fast as registering for school. The district would have to hire additional people to assist. Trustee Dindoffer asked if the district would have to train people so that the policies were consistently implemented and what would that cost the district. Mr. Fenton said he does not see a significant cost unless substitutes were needed. Trustee Dindoffer said that asking people to register every year is not a problem other than it is more expensive than randomly selecting 25% of the families. She asked if the district can effectively train people in every building so that we can have the same quality result. Mr. Fenton said that we have one and one half people in the residency office that are trained, plus additional trained staff including himself, who can take registrations. This proposal will require about 30 more people involved in the process.

Trustee Ismail asked Trustee Minturn if it is his goal that students re-register every year at the building where they attend. Mr. Minturn replied that it was

his goal.

Mr. Fenton replied that it would be the parent that would need to come in to re-register with the proper verification. Mr. Fenton added that new students would still need to prove residency at the central office location and would be mostly kindergarteners and other new students, resulting in approximately 700 people that would come to central office to register. Trustee Ismail asked why registration at the local school buildings was perceived to be ineffective. Mr. Fenton replied that 30 staff checking residency requirements could result in inconsistency and possible errors. Mr. Minturn said that those difficult cases could be referred to the central office staff accustomed to handling difficult cases.

President Kosinski said she is not in support of Mr. Minturn's proposal, or the original proposal. She reiterated that she thinks there is a perception problem and that Mr. Jordan is doing a fine job.

Trustee Steininger asked Mr. Fenton if he feels that this re-registration is necessary. Mr. Fenton stated the sampling is one method or the district could re-register by grades, first grade, fifth grade and eighth grade, and do a sampling that way.

Trustee Walsh agrees that the district needs to make sure it is carefully identifying student that legally have the right to attend Grosse Pointe Public Schools. He does not minimize the concern or dismiss the logic of why this is an important issue. What he has yet to hear, though, is a logical argument as to why a group of people feel that it is a problem that is not under control. He asked a couple of meetings ago, "what is it that people are reacting to that leads them to this conclusion that we need to take measures like this?" Share that information and perhaps that guides us to some form of solution. He stated that he will not support either proposal, although he said that the Board needs to do everything they can to follow up on this concern. He said enrollment eligibility is 90% of the concern.

Mr. Fenton reiterated again that, if there are people certain that families are illegal residents, please forward that information to his office and he will follow up. He has not heard from anyone at this point. City officials often ask Mr. Fenton's office to check on enrollment eligibility and that request is promptly honored.

Trustee Minturn maintains that it is a process problem that needs to be fixed.

Trustee Gafa said that the administration is trying hard to fix this problem in the district. She said the investigations, in and of themselves, are inefficient. This proposal is just another "tool in the toolbox" to try to make sure that the eligible students are attending our schools. She thinks it is more equitable for every student to register every year.

Trustee Ismail thinks Mrs. Gafa is right and that re-registration has to happen.

Trustee Dindoffer said she doesn't know if there would be more effective control to have more students present information at each building with people who have less training than to do a random check with 25% of the students by staff who are trained to do the checks. She asked if there is a reason that this decision has to be voted on tonight or can it wait until the next meeting when more information can be received from Mr. Fenton on costs of training of staff in buildings.

Trustee Minturn said that it was already tabled once and there is not a lot more information to receive.

Trustee Steininger agreed that there should be time for Mrs. Dindoffer to get the additional information she requested.

Mr. Minturn asked for a roll call vote.

President Kosinski said that the motion on the floor is for an annual registration of all students at each school building.

Ayes: Trustees Ismail, Gafa and Minturn

Nays: Trustees Dindoffer, Kosinski, Steininger and Walsh

Motion failed by a 3 to 4 vote.

ACTION ITEMS FOR JUNE 22, 2009

A. Approval of Human Resources Report for May, 2009

The Human Resources Report will be distributed before the next regular Board meeting in May.

B. Approval of Closed Session Meeting Minutes of May 4, 2009 and Work Session and Regular Meeting Minutes of May 18, 2009

The minutes of the closed session of May 4, 2009 and the work session and regular meeting minutes of May 18, 2009 will be available before the next regular meeting in May.

C. Approval of 2009-2010 School Year Budget

Dr. Klein noted that information from the work session prior to this regular meeting included discussion and recommendations to: forego implementing the 4/5 split at some of the elementary buildings; reconsider the multi-age program at Trombly; restore the 2.0 FTE accompanists at the high schools; and direct cost reductions at the athletics budget, but not allow any increase in fees or decrease in sports. Mr. Minturn noted that within that tally of recommendations, the district is within a few tens of thousands of dollars of a balanced budget.

Trustee Walsh said that administrators were given solutions to consider in finalizing the budget and added that reductions were being asked of every

single department in the district.

President Kosinski commented that administration was also asked to look at every possible cost savings at this time before concluding the budget process work.

The Board said that there would be a work session on June 8 at 6 p.m. at South High School to finalize budget work before the final board vote on June 22.

D. Approval of Cash Flow Borrowing

Dr. Klein said that based on the budget, the Board will also receive a request to approve cash flow borrowing for next year which will allow the district to cover funding needed between the time when the school system's budget year begins and the state aid payments begin.

Mr. Fenton noted that he was not sure at this time if that would entail a line of credit or state aid borrowing.

E. Approval of Contract for Food Services

This information will be provided before the June Board meeting.

Trustee Ismail asked Mr. Fenton to include in his report to the Board a brief explanation of how another school district was able to receive revenue from their food service provider in greater amounts than is received in the Grosse Pointe Schools food services contract. Mr. Fenton responded that more revenue would be received in the school district mentioned because they have a greater number of students, approximately 4,000 more. Mr. Fenton also explained that another reason for the increased revenue is that the volume of cafeteria revenue is three times the amount of Grosse Pointe Schools.

F. Approval of G.A.A.A. #3

A General Amendment Appropriations Act is an amendment to the budget, which is typically part of the last meeting of the year which ties up any needed transfers of funds as the district's fiscal year comes to a close.

G. Approval of Layoffs for Classroom Assistants and Secretaries

Dr. Klein said that Mr. Harwood had distributed a report to the Board with layoffs of classroom assistants and secretaries to be approved at the June meeting.

Mr. Harwood explained the numbers of staff that would be affected by this layoff, further explaining seniority bumping and the effect of declining enrollment on classroom assistants in general education and special education programs.

INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

A. Policy Update

Mr. Warras noted that there was new membership on the Board Policy Sub-Committee. Mrs. Gafa and Mr. Walsh are now on the committee chaired by

Mrs. Dindoffer. Dr. Klein and Mr. Warras also attend. Last July, 2008, the Board approved a new policy manual. Part of the ongoing work is the development of Administrative Guidelines to accompany the policies. The administrators have been working throughout this year to revise each guideline which is now in the hands of NEOLA for formatting and revision. Mr. Warras added that the goal of the committee was to have the guidelines on line along with district policies.

Mr. Warras added that when one of the board policies, Policy 2624 – providing Meaning Feedback was adopted, the Board directed administration to gain feedback from parents and students on its implementation. The survey data is now available to be shared with the Board and the community. Recommendations from the committee will be presented at the June 22, 2009 regular meeting.

In addition, he stated NEOLA also provides an update for policies that need to change because of new legislation. Those NEOLA updates are also being reviewed and the administration will work with the policy committee to bring any needed policies to the Board.

Trustee Dindoffer suggested reserving work session time for the Board to review some of the policies and the guidelines mentioned by Mr. Warras.

B. Financial Reports

Mr. Fenton said that the monthly financial reports have been provided to the Board for review. He said that the district is on target for the end of the year with some small adjustments to be made in June.

C. Information from Delegate on Wayne RESA Board Election

Trustee Ismail, Board Delegate to the Wayne RESA Board, said that there will be an election for candidates to the Wayne RESA Board of Education. He noted that the two candidates up for election are James Petri and Margaret Betz. His recommendation is that the Grosse Pointe Board of Education vote in favor of James Petri for this open position.

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

THAT the Grosse Pointe Board of Education accept Trustee Ismail's recommendation and vote in favor of James Petri for the Wayne RESA Board of Education.

Ayes: Trustees Dindoffer, Gafa, Ismail, Kosinski, Minturn, Steininger and

Walsh

Nays: None Motion carried by a 7 – 0 vote.

FUTURE MEETINGS

President Kosinski announced that the Board will hold a Budget Work Session at South High School on June 8, 2009 at 6 p.m. and a Closed Session on Monday, June 22, 2009 at 6 p.m. in Room 198 at South High School Library. A Public Hearing on the 2009-2010 Budget will be held on June 22, 2009 at 8 p.m. followed by a Public Hearing on the School Breakfast Program both at South High School in the Library. The regular Board Meeting will follow at 8 p.m. in the South High School Library.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-ACTION ITEMS

Stephanie Morris, Grosse Pointe Park, spoke in support of the multi-age program, academic excellence and a stable foundation for the financial future of the school district

Lisa Ayrault, Grosse Pointe Park, spoke in support of the multi-age program.

Torey Stackpoole, shared her thoughts in support of the multi-age program in the district.

Marshall Irby, spoke in support of the elementary multi-age program.

Brian Summerfeld, thanked the Board for finding a solution to the multi-age problem and voiced his support of the program.

OTHER COMMENTS FROM BOARD AND SUPERINTENDENT

Trustee Ismail thanked everyone for input during the budget process. "Diversity of opinion", he said, "is what makes the budget the best it can be." Trustee Ismail would like to see a follow-up of Mrs. Dindoffer's comments about expanding the multi-age program at Trombly and would like to know what would be involved in making Trombly a multi-age building.

Trustee Dindoffer thanked everyone who came to the meeting and expressed opinions. She also thanked the administration and fellow Board members for their budget work. She has visited the multi-age classroom and has observed the teacher, Mrs. O'Meara, and her class, and agrees that it is a wonderful program.

Trustee Minturn had no comment.

Trustee Gafa thanked everyone for staying late saying that the Board is trying to find a way to save the multi-age class and she feels that the Board will find a way to do it. She congratulated those who received awards this evening as well as those who performed in "Hello Dolly" at North.

Trustee Walsh had no comment.

Trustee Steininger commended the scholars this evening that received awards as well as the two young men entering branches of military service. Mr. Steininger commented that the Board needs innovative solutions to solve some of the budget problems that they are faced with. He suggested that the multi-age program be enhanced through the district marketing. He encouraged the administration to expand the multi-age program to another school if it is that viable. He asked those involved to encourage others to enroll in the multi-age program.

	Dr. Klein echoed Mrs. Gafa's congratulations to the cast and crew of "Hello Dolly". She noted that North High School is hosting an art fair this week in the Performing Arts Center which will be open afternoons and evenings with times and days listed on the North website. Dr. Klein also mentioned that on Thursday, May 21, North's and South's Band and Orchestra will present their Band and Orchestra Combined Concert outside in front of the Performing Arts Center at North. High school graduations will be held on June 10 for South and June 11 for North High School.
	Summer school registration has begun and the district welcomes students to participate.
	Dr. Klein thanked the parents of students in the multiage classroom who have continued to support the program at Trombly.
	President Kosinski acknowledged that she had over 50 emails in the last 24 hours. She acknowledged receipt of the emails and the involvement in the community and in school issues.
	Mrs. Kosinski also thanked the community for entrusting the Board, administrators and teachers with their children which is a responsibility not taken lightly. She said every Board member is invested in this district and will continue to work on each parent's behalf as they carry out the district mission to cultivate knowledgeable, responsible, caring citizens.
ADJOURNMENT	There being no further business, President Kosinski adjourned the meeting at 11:02 p.m.

Board Secretary