



Grosse Pointe Board of Education
Minutes of the Work Session of February 23, 2009
Library, Grosse Pointe North High School
707 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236

MEETING MINUTES	<p>President Kosinski called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.</p>
CALL TO ORDER	<p>Board members present: Trustees Dindoffer, Gafa, Ismail, Kosinski, Minturn, Steininger and Walsh</p> <p>Also Present: Superintendent Klein; Assistant Superintendents Allan, Harwood and Fenton; Legal Counsel, Mark McInerney</p>
DISCUSSION OF BOND AND SINKING FUND PROJECTS	<p>Mr. Fenton reviewed highlights of the reports on bond and sinking fund projects planned for 2008-09, along with information on the multi-purpose room project revisions approved for Brownell Middle School by the Board of Education.</p> <p>Trustee Steininger inquired about the cost of and timeline for asbestos removal at Monteith and North High School and asked how these projects will be funded. Mr. Fenton indicated these projects have been spread over multiple years and have one additional phase to complete.</p> <p>Trustee Ismail asked whether funding was needed for the North cafeteria project and if safety needs across the district had been funded. Mr. Fenton replied that card entry systems are being installed at both high schools, additional public address system capability will be added to the gym areas in each high school, the south receiving room may be relocated and a traffic gate may be placed at the Fisher Road entrance to South. Modification of the elevator in the pool area at South and fire alarm upgrades are also planned. The door replacement project for each school is nearly complete.</p> <p>Mr. Fenton explained that there is a notebook for each school of building projects and ongoing replacement needs that extend 20 years into the future. General fund, sinking fund and bond funds have covered costs for these items in the past few years.</p> <p>Trustee Ismail asked if the North High School locker replacement was included and what else might be needed. Mr. Fenton said that there is additional parking lot work and piping replacement as well as asbestos removal still to be done there. Mr. Fenton noted the district had applied for federal stimulus funding to cover a number of the proposed projects.</p>
PROPOSED KROGER PROJECT	<p>Mr. Fenton explained that the district had been approached by the City of Grosse Pointe about the renovation and expansion planned for the Kroger store at Kercheval and Notre Dame. The project construction is to be completed by June, 2010.</p> <p>In research done about the proposed project, it was determined that the district still owns an eleven foot strip of property along Notre Dame, north</p>

of Kercheval, immediately behind the store. Kroger and/or the City of Grosse Pointe has asked the district to enter into an agreement to discuss the various issues including the sale of the property and a temporary easement during construction, an easement agreement for Kroger to build a parking lot on the current site, and an agreement to transfer the eleven feet of property to Kroger. The district, after consultation with legal counsel, Mr. McInerney, signed an agreement to discuss these issues with the parties.

Trustee Dindoffer asked if the discussion of the sale of this property could be held in closed session. Mr. McInerney indicated the purchase of property could be discussed in closed session, not the possible sale of property.

Trustee Ismail asked about the location of the eleven foot parcel, what compensation the district would receive for legal fees and clean up costs for the project, as well as what the penalty clause would contain should the project go beyond the timeline planned. Mr. Fenton indicated that there would be no cost to the district for clean up or legal fees. A penalty clause would be inserted in the agreement.

Trustee Dindoffer discussed the importance of receiving a fair market price and asked at what price the property had been appraised. Mr. Fenton indicated that a fair market price would be set. He had not yet received an appraisal.

Trustee Ismail asked if the eleven foot parcel was needed for this project to continue. Mr. McInerney stated they may be able to do the project without our parcel, but would investigate further.

Trustee Steininger added that the purchase price should exceed the square foot value and reflect the value to them, not to the district.

Trustee Minturn inquired whether there were comparable transactions which could be used for comparison purposes.

Trustee Walsh then asked about any feedback received from the Maire community so that the project can achieve goals they have for school and playground safety.

Trustee Walsh asked about the construction and its impact on the Maire community. He also asked if the administration has evaluated the differences between what Kroger wants and what the district needs.

Trustee Dindoffer said that she went to the public meeting at Maire on the project and the Maire community was concerned about the statue of Karl the Bear. She added that she does not sense alarm from the Maire community and that the district should look for a “win-win” solution.

Trustee Kosinski agreed that the district and Kroger should be able to arrive at an agreement that is beneficial to both sides.

**MID-YEAR UPDATE
ON DISTRICT AND
SUPERINTENDENT
GOALS**

Trustee Steininger said that Kroger should pay the district's legal fees.

Trustee Ismail said that incidental costs need to be factored in such as cleaning costs, construction costs, and construction control. He added that strong verbiage should be in the contract to include incidental costs and a penalty clause.

Mr. Fenton said that future meetings with Kroger will include strengthening the language of the contract, an easement agreement, and an appraisal of the 11 feet of land.

Dr. Klein began the mid-year update on district goals noting that the over arching goal is a high standard of student achievement. State MEAP results will be available soon at which time the district can update the District Learning Report.

Dr. Allan explained the learning report in detail noting that it would be placed on the district website as soon as scores were available for posting.

Trustee Gafa said that she found the drop down tab on the district website for locating different schools in the district not as user friendly as she would like.

Trustee Ismail commented that some back-up documents for agenda items are not always included.

President Kosinski replied that the technology piece of the puzzle for Board materials is still being fine-tuned.

Trustee Walsh asked that the list-serve utilization be expanded with more "push" communication made easier and available.

Trustee Steininger commented on the FAQ's on the Children of Non-Resident Employees attending district schools.

Trustee Ismail asked what the district was doing to reach the community members who do not have children in the district.

Trustee Minturn suggested that the district include an informational flyer in the monthly section of the *Grosse Pointe News*.

Dr. Klein noted that a flyer with information could be offered for inclusion in municipal mailings.

Trustee Steininger suggested a place on the district website for the best money saving suggestions submitted by the community.

Trustee Ismail asked that all documents forwarded to the Board be duplexed.

Dr. Klein then briefly highlighted the Superintendent Objectives

	<p>established by Board Policy 1230:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Keep Board informed of school operation by preparing Board agendas, providing oral and written communication. 2. Ensure that all aspects of District operations comply with state laws and regulations comply with state laws and regulations as well as Board contracts and policies. 3. Establish and maintain any written educational plan that may be required by law and is consistent with the educational goals adopted by the Board. 4. Ensure proper implementation of the current district-wide instructional plan as it applies to each building. 5. Strive to increase the efficient use of district resources in the daily operations of the schools. 6. Assign staff to achieve the maximum benefit toward the attainment of educational goals. 7. Evaluate the progress of the professional and support staff toward the attainment of goals. 8. Analyze the results of instructional program development as it applies to the Board's educational goals. 9. Recommend changes in instructional or staffing patterns based on an analysis of staff and program progress. 10. Work cooperatively with parents and community groups concerned with programs in the schools. 11. Develop personal capabilities in personnel strategies and facilities management. 12. Work cooperatively with the Board and administrative staff. 13. Strive toward the highest standards of personal conduct. 14. Perform other such duties as the Board may direct. 15. Complete the development of administrative guidelines to accompany the revised policies of the Board of Education approved July 28, 2008. 16. Develop a protocol for assessment of the academic program and student learning results that contains multiple measures as well as internal and external benchmarks. 17. Prepare a plan for leadership development and preparation for central office and building administrative positions. 18. The district's communication initiatives keep residents well informed, enhance community partnerships and attract new families to the district.
PUBLIC COMMENTS	No one came forward to comment at this time.
ADJOURNMENT	President Kosinski adjourned the meeting at 7:55 p.m.

Board Secretary