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### Grosse Pointe Board of Education

#### Minutes of the Special Meeting of August 3, 2009

Board Room, Administration Building  
389 St. Clair, Grosse Pointe, MI 48230

<b>MEETING MINUTES</b>  <b>CALL TO ORDER</b>	<p>President Kosinski called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>Board members present:</b> Trustees Dindoffer, Gafa, Kosinski, Minturn, Steininger and Walsh</p> <p><b>Also Present:</b> Assistant Superintendents Allan, Harwood and Fenton</p>
<b>MOTION TO MOVE INTO CLOSED SESSION AT 5:01 P.M.</b>	<p><b>It was Moved by:</b> Trustee Steininger <b>Supported by:</b> Trustee Dindoffer</p> <p><b>THAT the Board move into closed session to discuss negotiations at 5:01 p.m.</b></p> <p><b>Ayes:</b> Trustees Dindoffer, Gafa, Kosinski and Steininger <b>Nays:</b> Trustees Minturn and Walsh <b>Motion carried by a 4 – 2 vote.</b></p>
<b>MOTION TO RETURN TO OPEN SESSION AT 5:12 P.M.</b>	<p><b>It was Moved by:</b> Trustee Walsh <b>Supported by:</b> Trustee Minturn</p> <p><b>That the Board return to open session at 5:12 p.m.</b></p> <p><b>Ayes:</b> Trustees Dindoffer, Gafa, Kosinski, Minturn, Steininger and Walsh <b>Nays:</b> None <b>Motion carried by a 6 – 0 vote.</b></p>
<b>SELECTION OF TRUSTEE TO FILL VACANCY</b>	<p>President Kosinski stated that the vacancy to fill Mr. Ismail's seat is a five month position. At the November election there will be three Board positions vacant: one three-year term and two four-year terms.</p> <p>Trustee Kosinski indicated she had narrowed her selection by focusing on the Board's most immediate tasks at hand over the next five months and the qualifications and goals of the candidates seeking the vacant seat on the Board.</p> <p>Each Board member then had an opportunity to express their thoughts and clarify their criteria for making the decision, as well as share their top choices if they chose to do so.</p> <p>After discussion,</p> <p><b>It was Moved by:</b> Trustee Dindoffer <b>Supported by:</b> Trustee Kosinski <b>THAT Anthony Ambrogio be nominated to fill the Board vacancy.</b></p>

	<p><b>Ayes:</b> Trustees Dindoffer and Kosinski  <b>Nays:</b> Trustees Gafa, Minturn, Steininger and Walsh  <b>Motion failed by a 4 – 2 vote.</b></p> <p><b>It was then Moved by:</b> Trustee Steininger  <b>Supported by:</b> Trustee Walsh</p> <p><b>THAT Tom Jakubiec be nominated to fill the Board vacancy.</b></p> <p><b>Ayes:</b> Trustee Steininger  <b>Nays:</b> Trustees Dindoffer, Gafa, Kosinski, Minturn and Walsh  <b>Motion failed by a 5 – 1 vote.</b></p> <p><b>It was then Moved by:</b> Trustee Minturn  <b>Supported by:</b> Trustee Gafa</p> <p><b>THAT Karl Kratz be nominated to fill the Board vacancy.</b></p> <p><b>Ayes:</b> Trustees Dindoffer, Gafa, Kosinski, Minturn and Walsh  <b>Nays:</b> Trustee Steininger  <b>Motion carried by a 5 – 1 vote.</b></p> <p>Mr. Karl Kratz was selected to serve the remaining five months of 2009 on the Grosse Pointe Public School Board of Education.</p> <p>Mr. Kratz will sign his oath of office prior to midnight on August 5<sup>th</sup> and be sworn in at the August 24, 2009 school board meeting.</p>
<p><b>DISCUSSION OF MILLAGE ELECTION OPTIONS</b></p>	<p>Trustee Walsh explained that there are four millages expiring that need to be brought to the public for a vote in November: the first is the Sinking Fund, used for repair of facilities and construction throughout the district; second is the Non-Homestead millage on most industrial real property, commercial real property, utility personal property, residential rental real property, and second homes; third, the Hold Harmless which allows districts to bridge the gap between what they actually spend per student and what they receive; and fourth, the Non-Homestead Headlee override or “cushion”. In allocating State Aid to each district for its foundation allowance the State assumes the district is levying all 18 Non Homestead mills and, does not make up for funds lost through a Headlee rollback. Millage election proposals do not authorize millage; rather, the voters give authority for an increase in the constitutional limitation on millage which may be levied by a school district. The school board then approves and certifies the levy within the limit. School district operating millage authorization may be voted for up to 20 years.</p> <p>Mr. Fenton explained limitations on the millage. For a sinking fund, the maximum millage can be reduced by Headlee limitation but cannot go above voted authorization. For Non Homestead, the maximum millage can be reduced by Headlee limitation but cannot go above voted authorization. For Hold Harmless, the maximum millage can be reduced by Headlee limitation but cannot</p>

	<p>go above voted authorization and is based on the amount of \$1,893 per pupil.</p> <p>Mr. Fenton also explained advantages and disadvantages for the various millage election dates including possible costs if held anytime other than in November. He then set forth sample timelines for submission of a millage proposal.</p> <p>Possible operating millage proposal options include: combined Non-Homestead/Homestead Proposal with principal residence sublimit effective 2010; separate general and principal residence proposals; simple 18 mill proposal; combined Non-Homestead/Homestead Proposal which increase limit to 18.5 or 19.0 mills; or separate Headlee cushion proposal.</p> <p>Final administration recommendations include November 3, 2009 as the millage election date for a five (5) year term for all proposals. The ballot would contain an Operating Millage Proposal of a combined 18.0 and 8.0784 mills and a Sinking Fund renewal plus Headlee Restoration (1 mill).</p> <p>Mr. Fenton also discussed the summary of local taxes from 2005 through the current year.</p> <p>After much discussion, the majority of the Board agreed to combining the Non-Homestead/Homestead proposal with the school district authorized to continue to levy 18.00 mills for operating purposes, of which not more than 8.0784 mills would be authorized to be levied upon principal residences for a period of five years, Headlee restoration of 1 mill on a November, 2009 ballot and a sinking fund renewal. A minority of the Board, although not in disagreement, indicated they were still reviewing the information before making a definitive decision on the direction to follow.</p> <p>The Board will vote on ballot language and the explanatory preamble as well as the final resolution for a millage election on August 24, 2009 at the Regular Meeting of the Board.</p>
<b>PUBLIC COMMENTS</b>	<p>Tom Jakubiec, Grosse Pointe Woods, shared his thoughts on three issues that were of concern to him: comments on the Board continuing “business as usual”, the present sinking fund plan as presented, and how the sinking fund money will be spent.</p> <p>Charles Collinson, Grosse Pointe Park, also asked for a report listing how the sinking fund money will be spent prior to the November election. He asked that all documents be placed on the district website.</p>
<b>ADJOURNMENT</b>	President Kosinski adjourned the meeting at 6:41 p.m.

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**Board Secretary**