

Grosse Pointe Board of Education

Minutes of the Work Session of October 24, 2011 Cleminson Hall, South High School 11 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236

MEETING MINUTES	President Steininger called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.		
CALL TO ORDER	Board members present: Trustees Dindoffer, Gafa, Jakubiec, Minturn, Pangborn, Steininger and Walsh		
	Also Present: Superintendent Klein; Assistant Superintendent Beels, Fenton and Harwood, Executive Director Warras; William Banach of Banach, Banach and Cassidy		
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DISCUSSION OF	Discussion of Strategic Plan with Banach and Banach		

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President Steininger opened the discussion noting that the Board of Education called the meeting to further discuss revision of the district's Strategic Plan.

Mr. William Banach revisited the mission statement which included input from Trustee Gafa. Board members agreed with Mrs. Gafa regarding the changes she proposed to the mission statement.

Mr. Banach then asked the Board what they wished to do about the reference to diversity and the struggling learner in the statements.

Trustee Walsh noted that the goals are generic and that the Board should be approaching the mission and goals from a data-driven side instead of from the focus panel viewpoint. Then, at that point, Mr. Walsh said that the goals will become selfevident.

Mr. Banach proposed that the administration use the information presented to develop data-driven goals in what is referred to as gap and activity goals in the document.

Board members then discussed:

- The data collection and data analysis processes
- The focus group data and other data collected
- Assessment data from student learning results

Mr. Banach inquired if the Board was now comfortable with the beliefs, values and mission of the Strategic Plan as drafted. He then suggested the Board take the focus panel information and evaluate how that data supports the proposed goals.

Trustee Dindoffer suggested that a blend of data and focus group information be used to shape the plan.

Mr. Banach then asked that the Board develop strategies for the two Board goals provided and how to accomplish those goals. Mr. Banach also asked the Board to evaluate how they function as a team.

President Steininger noted that the strategies change constantly depending on what is needed. He noted that the Board does not need strategies to accomplish goals as

	progress would be evident as the board works together. Dr. Klein noted again that since the district goals from the Strategic Plan were still under discussion the item on the Board agenda for this evening would need to be tabled until the plan was completed. She said district initiatives for 2011-12 are already underway as is the school and district level improvement work. The meeting concluded with the next steps outlined by Mr. Banach. The Board will receive a d4raft of goals and strategies from the administration for discussion at the next Board work session in November.
PUBLIC COMMENTS	No one came forward at this time.
ADJOURNMENT	President Steininger adjourned the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

Board Secretary	