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**Grosse Pointe Board of Education
Minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 20, 2014
Brownell Middle School MultiPurpose Room
260 Chalfonte, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236**

MEETING MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

President Dindoffer called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

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Board members present: Trustees Dindoffer, Gafa, Jakubiec, Pangborn, Roeske, Summerfield and Valente

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Trustee Pangborn.

Also Present: Superintendent Harwood; Deputy Superintendents Dean and Fenton

II. APPROVAL OF BOARD AGENDA FOR OCTOBER 20, 2014

It was Moved by: Trustee Jakubiec

Supported by: Trustee Pangborn

THAT the Board Agenda for Monday, October 20, 2014 be approved as presented.

Ayes: Trustees Dindoffer, Gafa, Jakubiec, Pangborn, Roeske, Summerfield and Valente

Nays: None

Motion carried by a 7 – 0 vote.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ACTION ITEMS

There were no public comments at this time.

IV. AGENDA ACTION ITEMS FOR OCTOBER 20, 2014

A. Approval of Human Resources Report for October 20, 2014

It was Moved by: Trustee Roeske

Supported by: Trustee Pangborn

THAT the Board approve the Human Resources Report for October 20, 2014 as presented.

Ayes: Trustees Dindoffer, Gafa, Jakubiec, Pangborn, Roeske, Summerfield and Valente

Nays: None

Motion carried by a 7 – 0 vote.

B. Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of September 22, 2014

It was Moved by: Trustee Pangborn

Supported by: Trustee Roeske

THAT the Board approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 22, 2014 as presented.

Ayes: Trustees Dindoffer, Gafa, Jakubiec, Pangborn, Roeske, Summerfield and Valente

Nays: None

Motion carried by a 7 – 0 vote.

V. INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

A. Board Policies (first reading) (9:58)

Trustee Roeske shared information on the two policies listed. The GPPSS Board of Education Policy Committee conducted a meeting on April 2, 2014 to review recommended new and revised Board policies. These policies were reviewed with associated edits. The two policies below were provided to the Board for a first reading:

1. Board Policy 5517.01 – Bullying
2. Board Policy 2431.01 – Managing Heat and Humidity in Interscholastic Athletic Programs

Trustee Roeske, Board Policy Chair, was requested by Trustee Jakubiec to explore providing the Board more frequent reports on bullying than annually per current proposed language.

B. Special Education Action Plan Update (19:55)

Student Services Director, Stefanie Hayes, addressed status updates to the Special Education program and action plan. She highlighted key areas of focus: Communication; Special Education Core Mandates; Professional Development; ACT 18 Programs; Quality Assurance; Transportation; and Finance.

C. Grosse Pointe Public School System Demographic Review and Summary Presentation (01:13:17)

Superintendent Harwood presented information that addressed data reflecting the demographics and student performances of specific student populations disaggregated by building, subgroup populations (gender, ethnicity), socioeconomic status (free and price-reduced lunch), and mobility factors.

The same template has been used for the past three (3) years and provides a trend line of any changes in the student populations regarding enrollment and student performance on select measures.

D. Grosse Pointe Public School System Proposed District Goals for 2014-2015 (01:38:15)

Superintendent Harwood shared information on the Proposed District Goals for 2014-2015. He noted that on a yearly basis, District Goals are reviewed and established with approval from the GPPSS Board of Education per Board Policy 1110.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-ACTION ITEMS

Michelle Lynch, Grosse Pointe Farms, thanked Ms. Hayes for the information she provided on Special Education updates. She also addressed the positive involvement of parents of special needs students in the district. She asked for a district-wide policy that would provide parents with an IEP draft days before the actual IEP meeting. (02:25:11)

Julie Moe, Grosse Pointe Woods, said she appreciated and thanked Ms. Hayes for her presentation and investment in the concerns of special needs parents. She thanked Trustee Summerfield for his efforts in helping to change past practices and programs for students with special needs. (02:26:26)

Jennifer Munson, Grosse Pointe Park, thanked the Board of Education, Ms. Hayes, Mrs. Lucchese and Mrs. Loder for their presentation and changes made to special education regarding professional development activities at the elementary level. (02:29:15)

Jeffrey Hall, Grosse Pointe Park resident and candidate for the Michigan Senate Seat, District 2, shared his viewpoint of an employee of the district sharing personal information about him. (02:32:32)

Laura Mikesell, Grosse Pointe City and GPEA President, thanked both high school staffs for the hard work and long hours they put in for the recent Homecoming events. (02:37:16)

VII. OTHER COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD AND SUPERINTENDENT

Trustee Pangborn had no comment.

Trustee Jakubiec thanked those that spoke this evening. He also noted two newspaper articles he recently read and shared the message contained in both encouraging other parents to talk with their children about important life lessons. Mr. Jakubiec encouraged everyone to vote on November 4th.

Trustee Valente said that she heard that Mr. Glen Williams' Haunted Garage broke a record this past weekend. She thanked Ms. Hayes, Mrs. Loder, Mrs. Lucchese, and fellow Board members, especially Trustee Summerfield who was critical in the writing and passing of the Special Needs Resolution last school year which resulted in the changes presented this evening. She also encouraged everyone to vote on November 4th.

Trustee Summerfield thanked Mrs. Valente for her kind comments. He also thanked Mrs. Hayes for her presentation and the parents who spoke this evening.

Trustee Gafa also thanked Mrs. Hayes for her presentation. She said that it is the partnership between the parents and the staff that bring about change that makes things work. Mrs. Gafa said that everyone did a great job on the Homecoming weekends. The Cross Country teams ran to raise money for cancer and ALS. The Interact Club partnered with the Rotary to buy lunches for homeless citizens. These are the types of activities the district likes to see all students involved in throughout the year. She also encouraged everyone to vote to renew the Hold Harmless and Sinking Funds on November 4th.

Trustee Roeske also asked everyone to vote on November 4th, noting that both millages are renewals. He wished Dr. Armstrong the best on her new promotion.

Superintendent Harwood thanked Ms. Hayes, Mrs. Lucchese and Mrs. Loder who have worked hard this past year for students with special needs. He appreciated the information highlighted in the presentation given by Ms. Hayes. Dr. Harwood thanked the Board for their questions and recommendations on the District Goals that were presented. He also noted a Google Hang-Out that he would be doing this Wednesday at 7 p.m. to provide additional information on the millage for anyone who wanted to participate in that conversation.

Superintendent Harwood added that both high schools had wonderful Homecoming events with great participation by the community.

President Dindoffer echoed the comments of fellow Board members and thanked Ms. Hayes, Mrs. Lucchese and Mrs. Loder for their work with the special education parents and on the positive changes made in areas of past concern. She thanked Dr. Harwood for the demographic data he provided as well as the District Goals. In conclusion, Trustee Dindoffer encouraged everyone to "Get out and vote on November 4th."

VIII. FUTURE MEETINGS

Regular Meeting of the Board, Monday, October 27, 2014, 7:00 p.m., Brownell Multipurpose Room
Board Policy Committee Meeting, Tuesday, October 28, 2014, 6:00 p.m., Board Office, 389 St. Clair

IX. ADJOURNMENT

President Dindoffer adjourned the meeting at 9:53 p.m.

Judy Gafa, Board Secretary