



**Grosse Pointe Board of Education  
Minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 27, 2015  
Multipurpose Room, Brownell Middle School  
260 Chalfonte, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

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

**Board members present:** Trustees Gafa, Roeske, Summerfield, Valente and Weertz

**Absent:** Trustees Ismail and Pangborn

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Trustee Summerfield.

**Also Present:** Acting Superintendents Dean and Fenton

**II. APPROVAL OF BOARD AGENDA FOR APRIL 27, 2015**

**It was Moved by:** Trustee Roeske

**Supported by:** Trustee Weertz

**THAT the revised Board Agenda for April 27, 2015 be approved as presented.**

**Ayes:** Trustees Gafa, Roeske, Summerfield, Valente and Weertz

**Absent:** Trustees Ismail and Pangborn

**Nays:** None

**Motion carried by a 5 – 0 vote.**

**III. BOARD OF EDUCATION SCHOOL RECOGNITION AND NEWS**

**A. Distinguished Volunteer Recognition and Reception**

Trustees Weertz and Roeske presented the Golden Apples to the nominees selected by the Distinguished Volunteer Committee, Trustees Pangborn and Weertz: Wendy Bruetsch, Trombly; Michelle Carlson, Brownell; Janice Fox, Poupard; Katja Joint, Maire; Leah Madro, Mason; Mary Beth Nicholson, North; Stephen Robinson, Monteith; Lindsey Rusch, Trombly; Madelyn Torakis, Parcels; and Valerie Wouters-Seagram, Maire. A brief reception followed in honor of the Distinguished Volunteers.

**B. Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) Awareness**

Dr. Dean shared that April is Autism Awareness Month. Megan O'Brien-Post presented activities that took place throughout the district this month, noting that this was the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual ASD presentation. Students and staff representatives shared efforts that were underway to connect all students in the district including: Peer-to-Peer programs; "Wear Blue on 4/2" event; and student artwork.

**IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ACTION ITEMS**

Ken Gutow, Grosse Pointe Woods, spoke regarding the tennis court project being presented this evening hoping that the Board will vote to build eight tennis courts at North High School and include pickleball as part of the efforts.

John VanAlst, Grosse Pointe Woods, thanked the tennis coach for bring back the tennis court issue and also that the Board would award the bid for eight courts.

**V. AGENDA ACTION ITEMS FOR MARCH 23, 2015**

**A. Approval of Human Resources Report for April 27, 2015**

Dr. Dean highlighted the retirements listed on the Human Resources Report as well as the appointment of Keith Howell to Elementary Curriculum Director.

**It was Moved by:** Trustee Summerfield      **Supported by:** Trustee Valente

**THAT the Board approve the Human Resources Report for April 27, 2015 as presented.**

**Ayes:** Trustees Gafa, Roeske, Summerfield, Valente and Weertz

**Absent:** Trustees Ismail and Pangborn

**Nays:** None

**Motion carried by a 5 – 0 vote.**

**B. Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of March 23, 2015 and Closed Session and Regular Meeting Minutes of April 13, 2015**

**It was Moved by:** Trustee Weertz      **Supported by:** Trustee Roeske

**THAT the Board approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of March 23, 2015 and the Closed Session and Regular Meeting Minutes of April 13, 2015 as presented.**

**Ayes:** Trustees Gafa, Roeske, Summerfield, Valente and Weertz

**Absent:** Trustees Ismail and Pangborn

**Nays:** None

**Motion carried by a 5 – 0 vote.**

President Gafa moved the bids for the tennis courts up to accommodate audience members who were in attendance for that agenda item.

**C. Approval of Bids**

**1. Approval of North High School Tennis Courts**

**It was Moved by:** Trustee Roeske      **Supported by:** Trustee Weertz

**THAT the Board award the North Tennis Court Project to Best Asphalt for \$542,290 as presented.**

**Ayes:** Trustees Gafa, Roeske, Summerfield, Valente and Weertz

**Absent:** Trustees Ismail and Pangborn

**Nays:** None

**Motion carried by a 5 – 0 vote.**

**2. Approval of North High School Pool Liner**

**It was Moved by:** Trustee Valente      **Supported by:** Trustee Roeske

**THAT the Board award the North High School Pool Liner Project to B & B Pool for \$210,400 as presented.**

**Ayes:** Trustees Gafa, Roeske, Summerfield, Valente and Weertz

**Absent:** Trustees Ismail and Pangborn

Nays: None

**Motion carried by a 5 – 0 vote.**

**3. Approval of Pierce Auditorium Seating**

**It was Moved by:** Trustee Roeske

**Supported by:** Trustee Valente

**THAT the Board award the Pierce Middle School Auditorium Seating Project to Sorensen Gross Construction for \$492,000 to be implemented over two years as outlined.**

**Ayes:** Trustees Gafa, Roeske, Summerfield, Valente and Weertz

**Absent:** Trustees Ismail and Pangborn

Nays: None

**Motion carried by a 5 – 0 vote.**

**D. Approval of Board Policies (second reading)**

**1. Policy 9800, High School Diplomas to World War II, Korean Conflict and Vietnam Era Veterans**

**It was Moved by:** Trustee Roeske

**Supported by:** Trustee Valente

**THAT the Board approve Policy 9800, High School Diplomas to World War II, Korean Conflict and Vietnam Era Veterans as presented.**

**Ayes:** Trustees Gafa, Roeske, Summerfield, Valente and Weertz

**Absent:** Trustees Ismail and Pangborn

Nays: None

**Motion carried by a 5 – 0 vote.**

**2. Policy 5830, Student Fundraising**

**It was Moved by:** Trustee Valente

**Supported by:** Trustee Roeske

**THAT the Board approve Policy 5830, Student Fundraising as presented.**

**Ayes:** Trustees Gafa, Roeske, Summerfield, Valente and Weertz

**Absent:** Trustees Ismail and Pangborn

Nays: None

**Motion carried by a 5 – 0 vote.**

**3. Policy 8540, Vending Machines**

**It was Moved by:** Trustee Roeske

**Supported by:** Trustee Valente

**THAT the Board approve Policy 8540, Vending Machines as presented.**

**Ayes:** Trustees Gafa, Roeske, Summerfield, Valente and Weertz

**Absent:** Trustees Ismail and Pangborn

Nays: None

**Motion carried by a 5 – 0 vote.**

**E. Approval to Require Electronic Posting of Board Electronic Communication Retroactive to January 1, 2015**

**It was Moved by:** Trustee Weertz

**Supported by:** Trustee Valente

**THAT the Board approve the directive to the Administration to post all Board Electronic Communication Retroactive to January 1, 2015 for the purpose of disclosure effective as of March 16, 2015.**

**Ayes:** Trustees Gafa, Roeske, Summerfield, Valente and Weertz

**Absent:** Trustees Ismail and Pangborn

**Nays:** Trustee Summerfield

**Motion carried by a 4 – 1 vote.**

**F. Approval of Resolution Authorizing the School District to Obtain a 2015-2016 Line of Credit**

**It was Moved by:** Trustee Summerfield

**Supported by:** Trustee Valente

**THAT the Board approve the Resolution Authorizing the School District to Obtain a 2015-2016 Line of Credit as presented.**

**Ayes:** Trustees Gafa, Roeske, Summerfield, Valente and Weertz

**Absent:** Trustees Ismail and Pangborn

**Nays:** None

**Motion carried by a 5 – 0 vote.**

**VI. AGENDA ACTION ITEMS FOR MAY 18, 2015**

The following items will be presented to the Board for a vote on May 18, 2015:

- A. Approval of Human Resources Report for May 18, 2015
- B. Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of May 11, 2015
- C. Approval of Board Policies (second reading)
  - 1. Policy 5517.01, Bullying and Cyberbullying
  - 2. Policy 8300, Freedom of Information Act
- D. Approval of Bids
- E. Acceptance of Wayne County RESA 2015-2016 Budget
- F. Approval of Family Center Lease
- G. Approval of Full Circle Lease
- H. Approval of Grosse Pointe Education Association (GPEA) Lease
- I. Approval of Grosse Pointe Foundation for Public Education (GPFPE) Lease
- J. Approval of G.A.A.A. #3
- K. Approval of South Choir Trip to Ireland, February 12-20, 2016

**VII. INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**A. Monthly Financial Report/Health Care Report**

Dr. Dean shared a health care report update with the Board following by a report by Mr. Fenton on the monthly financial reports provided.

**B. Budget Development Update**

Mr. Fenton noted that he and Dr. Dean would be meeting with Trustee Summerfield later in the week to discuss budget development. He said that most of the budget documents are available on the district website except for staffing levels and an anticipated enrollment count which will be posted soon.

### **C. Board Policies (first reading)**

Trustee Roeske shared the details of the following policies recently reviewed by the Board:

1. Policy 5517.01, Bullying and Cyberbullying
2. Policy 8300, Freedom of Information Act
3. Policy and Administrative Guideline 8315, Board Emails

### **VI. FUTURE MEETINGS**

- A. Open Meeting of the Board, May 4, 2015, 6:00 p.m., Brownell Multipurpose Room
- B. Regular Meeting of the Board, Monday, May 11, 2015, 7:00 p.m., North High School
- C. Regular Meeting of the Board, Monday, May 18, 2015, 7:00 p.m., Brownell Multipurpose Room

### **VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-ACTION ITEMS**

Jennifer Munson, Grosse Pointe Park, spoke on behalf of the Grosse Pointe Down's Syndrome Guild. She thanked the Board for the time and energy that they put into the Superintendents search. She added that she is interested in how the candidates will include students with cognitive impairments in general education classes.

Sheri Kam, Grosse Pointe Woods, thanked the Board for their vote for eight tennis courts and share recent information on the Gearheads.

George McMullen, Grosse Pointe Woods, spoke about the Mayor's Prayer Breakfast on May 7 from 7:30 to 9:30 a.m. at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club.

Laura Mikesell, GPEA President, said she enjoyed hearing about all the positive things that occur in the district. She congratulated the Distinguished Volunteers and commended those who presented the information on Autism Spectrum Disorder. She also made note of other staff awards as well as congratulating Mr. Keith Howell on his new position as Elementary Curriculum Director.

Tina Allor, Grosse Pointe Woods, spoke about the bid for the tennis courts at North High School.

John VanAlst, Grosse Pointe Woods, also spoke about the North High School tennis courts.

### **VIII. OTHER COMMENTS FROM BOARD AND SUPERINTENDENT**

Trustee Valente thanked the Distinguished Volunteers for their service to the district. She congratulated Keith Howell on his movement to Curriculum Director noting it was a good choice.

Trustee Summerfield had no comment.

Trustee Weertz said that May will be an exciting month and encouraged the community to attend the many plays, concerts and sporting events throughout the district.

Trustee Roeske echoed other Board members' comments on the Distinguished Volunteers. He thanked the students who participated in the Autism Spectrum Awareness events and the teachers who guide them. Mr. Roeske also congratulated Keith Howell adding that he was a great addition to the team at the Administration Building.

President Gafa thanked the Distinguished Volunteers and the community members who spoke this evening. She also congratulated Mr. Howell and welcomed him to the team. She thanked the retirees noted this evening in the Human Resources Report reminded the community that they will be honored at a reception on June 4, 2015 in Cleminson Hall.

Trustee Gafa also made note of the North/South game at Comerica in process while the Board meeting was going on. She reminded the community to attend the South Choir performance of Mary Poppins this Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday. She thanked Trustees Weertz and Pangborn for chairing the Distinguished Volunteer Committee and making their selections.

## **IX. ADJOURNMENT**

President Gafa adjourned the meeting at 9:13 p.m.

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Margaret Weertz, Board Secretary