



**Grosse Pointe Board of Education
Minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 11, 2015
North High School Library
717 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods, 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, Ismail, Roeske, Summerfield, Valente and Weertz

Absent: Trustee Pangborn

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Trustee Weertz.

Also Present: Acting Superintendents Dean and Fenton

II. APPROVAL OF BOARD AGENDA FOR MAY 11, 2015

It was Moved by: Trustee Weertz

Supported by: Trustee Roeske

THAT the Board Agenda for May 11, 2015 be approved as presented.

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

Absent: Trustee Pangborn

Nays: None

Motion carried by a 6 – 0 vote.

III. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

A. Grosse Pointe Foundation for Public Education “Caught in the Act”

Laura Huebner, Special Events Liaison for the Grosse Pointe Foundation for Public Education presented the awards to students for their efforts with the “Caught in the Act” program. “Caught in the Act” was founded by the Grosse Pointe Foundation for Public Education to recognize student volunteer projects within the district. Entries were submitted by building administrators with a winner selected at the elementary, middle and high school levels. Organizations that are the primary beneficiary of the winning student(s) efforts will receive a financial award of approximately \$500 to further advance their work. Funding was made possible by the Anne R. Hudson Endowment Fund of the Grosse Pointe Foundation for Public Education.

This year’s winners were: “The Hunger Games Food Drive” by Defer’s student council and students in honor of Defer’s 90th birthday. The goal was to involve students in a service project and to help Defer families with food for the weekends. Within the first week, over 1,000 donations were collected. At the middle school level, “Brownell’s STAND Club” supported Sweet Dreamzzz Detroit, SOC, Gilda’s Club, The Guidance Center Kids-TALK Children’s Advocacy Center, the Piquette Square Veterans Shelter, and the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. Funds for all STAND activities came from a student run haunted house at Brownell. The high school winner was North High School Student Association for their Adopt a Family Program which provided a happy holiday for families in need. Each family received a holiday dinner, gifts for the children, and coats and other winter gear.

It was Moved by: Trustee Roeske

Supported by: Trustee Weertz

THAT the Board accept with gratitude the awards to the district students for their volunteer projects who were “Caught in the Act”.

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

Absent: Trustee Pangborn
Nays: None
Motion carried by a 6 – 0 vote.

B. Presentation of Gifts from the Grosse Pointe Foundation for Public Education

The Grosse Pointe Foundation for Public Education provides locally controlled financial support to the Grosse Pointe Public School System by direct contributions and through proceeds generated by an endowment. The Foundation's Grant Committee made recommendations to the Foundation Board at their meeting on April 16, 2015 to approve grants in the amount of \$62,503 for continued support in various programs across the district. They included:

1. iPads for Digital Video Editing (9th-12th), South High School (\$1,640)
2. iPads for TV Production Classroom (9th-12th), North High School (\$1,640)
3. Grosse Pointe South Makerspace (9th-12th), South High School (\$5,000)
4. 3D Printer (9th-12th), South High School (\$1,758)
5. Chromebooks for Social Studies (6th-8th), Pierce (\$7,768)
6. Dream Cart: Google Chromebooks (6th-8th), Parcels (\$7,768)
7. Graphing Calculators (8th), Pierce (\$4,000)
8. Think Through Math (3rd-5th) Trombly (\$2,685)
9. Implementation of Lexia Reading, Core 5 (K-5th), Trombly (\$2,000)
10. Handwriting Without Tears Program Training (K-5th), Monteith (\$370)
11. iPads for Kindergarten Intervention/Differentiation (K), Monteith (\$5,929)
12. FISH Philosophy Materials (K-5th), Kerby, (\$946)
13. Application for Additional iPad Minis (5th), Kerby (\$3,000)
14. iPads for Classroom Teachers (K-5th), Poupard (\$8,199)
15. Expanding Learning Opportunities with Technology (4th), Mason (\$2,000)
16. Elementary Art Display Boards for Student Art Shows (K-5th), all nine district elementary schools, (\$5,800)
17. Music and Movement Resource Kits (Birth-5), Barnes and Trombly (\$1,126)
18. Snacker Grabber, (Special Ed) Community School, (\$874)

It was Moved by: Trustee Roeske

Supported by: Trustee Ismail

THAT the Board accept with gratitude the gifts from the Grosse Pointe Foundation for Public Education for the programs and materials listed for a total of \$62,503.

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

Absent: Trustee Pangborn

Nays: None

Motion carried by a 6 – 0 vote.

Dr. Dean also noted that Grosse Pointe Public Schools has three nominations for the "Bammy Awards". The Bammy Awards is a cross-discipline honor that identifies and acknowledges the extraordinary work being done across the entire education field every day -- from teachers, principals and superintendents, to school nurses, support staff, advocates, researchers, school custodians, early childhood specialists, education journalists, parents and students. The Bammy Awards were created to help reverse the negative national narrative that dominates the education field. This year's Grosse Pointe Public School nominees are Nick Provenzano, Gary Abud and Kate Murray. To vote for a winner, log in at www.Bammyawards.org.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ACTION ITEMS FOR MAY 11, 2015

There were no public comments at this time.

V. AGENDA ACTION ITEMS FOR MAY 11, 2015

A. Approval of Human Resources Report for May 11, 2015

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

THAT the Board approve the Human Resources Report for May 11, 2015 as presented.

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

Absent: Trustee Pangborn

Nays: None

Motion carried by a 6 - 0 vote.

B. Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of April 27, 2015, Special Meeting Minutes of April 20, 21, 28 and 29, 2015

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

THAT the Board approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of April 27, 2015 and Special Meeting Minutes of April 20, 21, 28 and 29, 2015 as presented.

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

Absent: Trustee Pangborn

Nays: None

Motion carried by a 6 – 0 vote.

C. Approval of Resolution Recognizing Retirees

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

THAT the Board approve the Resolution Recognizing Retirees as presented.

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

Absent: Trustee Pangborn

Nays: None

Motion carried by a 6 – 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
 - 3. Policy and Administrative Guideline 8315, Board Emails
- D. Approval of Wayne County RESA 2015-2016 Budget
- E. Approval of Family Center Lease
- F. Approval of Full Circle Lease
- G. Approval of Grosse Pointe Education Association (GPEA) Lease
- H. Approval of Grosse Pointe Foundation for Public Education (GPFPE) Lease
- I. Approval of Curriculum Update
 - 1. Business Education
 - 2. Library Media Curriculum
- J. Approval of Textbook for A.P. U. S. History

- K. Approval of South Choir Trip to Ireland, February 12-20, 2016
- L. Approval of Contract for Superintendent of Schools
- M. Approval of Resolutions for Layoffs
 - 1. Non-Teaching Personnel
 - 2. Teaching Personnel

Curriculum updates were provided on Business Education by Michelle Davis and Brian Levinson and the Library Media by Sherry Martin and Amanda Pata.

Terri Steimer and Christine Norris shared information about the Advanced Placement U.S. History textbook and the urgent need to update this book.

It was Moved by: Trustee Ismail

Supported by: Trustee Roeske

THAT the A.P. U. S. History textbook, The American Pageant AP Edition and The American Spirit: U.S. History as Seen by Contemporaries, be approved this evening from the district textbook account for a total amount of \$40,350.

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

Absent: Trustee Pangborn

Nays: None

Motion carried by a 6 – 0 vote.

South High School Choir Director, Christopher Pratt, presented information relating to the South Choir students' upcoming travel arrangements to Ireland from February 12 – 20, 2016.

It was Moved by: Trustee Ismail

Supported by: Trustee Summerfield

THAT the South Choir trip to Ireland from February 12-20, 2016 be approved as presented.

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

Absent: Trustee Pangborn

Nays: None

Motion carried by a 6 – 0 vote.

It was then Moved by: Trustee Ismail

Supported by: Trustee Roeske

THAT a Consent Agenda be created for May 18, 2015 to include agenda items A, B, C, E, F, G, H, I, L and M.

After Board discussion,

In an amended Motion it was Moved by: Trustee Gafa

Supported by: Trustee Roeske

THAT the Consent Agenda *exclude* agenda items D, K, L and M. The new consent agenda for May 18, 2015 should *include* agenda items A, Human Resources Report; B, Meeting Minutes; C, Board Policies; E, Family Center Lease; F, Full Circle Lease; G, GPEA Lease; H, GPFPE Lease; and I, Business and Library Media Curriculum Updates.

Trustee Summerfield asked that the agenda item D., Approval of Wayne County RESA 2015-2016 Budget should be amended to read, *Approval of Resolution to Support Wayne County RESA 2015-2016 Budget*.

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

Absent: Trustee Pangborn

Nays: None

Motion carried to create a Consent Agenda listing items above and amending item D. Approval of Resolution to Support Wayne County RESA 2015-2016 Budget by a 6 – 0 vote.

VII. INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Budget Development Update

Mr. Fenton highlighted information on the Budget Development PowerPoint including enrollment and the next five years of sinking fund projects.

VI. FUTURE MEETINGS

A. Regular Meeting of the Board, Monday, May 18, 2015, 7:00 p.m., Brownell Multipurpose Room

VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-ACTION ITEMS

Laura Mikesell, GPEA President, thanked the Grosse Pointe Foundation for Public Education for their generous gifts to classroom teacher. She noted Ben Henry at the Mayors' prayer breakfast and then his work with Sean Kifer and "Nights on Broadway" with North alumni, Sandra Joseph.

VIII. OTHER COMMENTS FROM BOARD AND SUPERINTENDENT

Trustee Ismail thanked the teachers who submitted grants to the Grosse Pointe Foundation for Public Education and the Foundation for its generosity to supplying funding for those projects. He thanked the Mrs. Bur and the teachers for the curriculum presentations.

Trustee Valente thanked Mrs. Bur for bringing the curriculum department teachers to present to the Board this evening. She thanked the Grosse Pointe Foundation for Public Education for providing needed classroom tools in an area where the Board has struggled financially – technology.

Trustee Weertz also thanked the Foundation for their generous gifts to the teachers and students in the district. She especially commended the three groups of students at each level for their volunteer efforts in "Caught in the Act."

Trustee Summerfield thanked Mrs. Bur for showing the curriculum work and how they each link to district goals. He noted it was a lot of work for those who presented. He also thanked the Foundation for Public Education and their continued support with teachers and students. Mr. Summerfield shared that he would be checking on the "Bammy" award rules so that he could vote.

Trustee Roeske thanked the Foundation for Public Education. He said this was the best night of the year and supported the "Caught in the Act" awards for the student volunteers, thanking them for their work with others. He addressed the "Bammy" award nominations in Grosse Pointe: Kate Murray, Gary Abud and Nick Provenzano. Mr. Roeske also addressed recent information he received from the high school principals and Mrs. Bur regarding the National Honor Society criteria. He thanked them for the clarification they provided. He thanked the PTO Council and the work they do for the district.

Mr. Fenton mentioned the recent notice of retirement for Mr. Bruce Pelto who was a great example to his son and an all-around "quality guy."

President Gafa thanked the Grosse Pointe Foundation for Public Education for their hard work in reviewing all of the teacher grant requests. She thanked all of the staff that presented this evening. Mrs. Gafa also thanked Trustees Ismail and Roeske for creating and making the motion for a consent agenda for the next meeting. She thanked the students who were "Caught in the Act" of generously volunteering their time and efforts for others in and around the community.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

President Gafa adjourned the meeting at 9:12 p.m.

Margaret Weertz, Board Secretary