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**Grosse Pointe Board of Education
Minutes of the Regular Session of December 12, 2016
Brownell Multipurpose Room
260 Chalfonte, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236**

MEETING MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

President Gafa called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Board members present: Trustees Abke, Gafa, Ismail, Pangborn, Roeske, Summerfield and Weertz

Absent: None

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Trustee Roeske

Also Present: Superintendent Niehaus, Deputy Superintendents Lisa Abbey and Jon Dean

II. APPROVAL OF BOARD AGENDA FOR DECEMBER 12, 2016

It was Moved by: Trustee Weertz

Supported by: Trustee Abke

THAT the Board Approve the Agenda for December 12, 2016 as presented

Ayes: Trustees Abke, Gafa, Ismail, Pangborn, Roeske, Summerfield and Weertz

Absent:

Motion carried by a 7 – 0 vote.

III. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. Defer Girls Robotics Team

Principal Sullivan introduced seven fifth graders and one coach from Defer Elementary first girls Robotics Team. Each team member introduced themselves and gave information on their season. The team came about by Mrs. Sullivan and Mrs. Ozar who taught a lunchroom class on Girls in Engineering.

B. University of Michigan-Dearborn Young Authors – Defer Elementary

Five students from the 4/5 Magnet Program at Defer Elementary were recipients of the University of Michigan-Dearborn Young Authors award and each student gave a one paragraph presentation of their writing. Barb Kriegel and Danielle DeFauw, Co-Creators from the Festival were in attendance.

C. Good News Items – Mike Rennell

Mr. Rennell gave his good news items of District happenings to the Board of Education and congratulated all of the Defer students at the meeting this evening. He also thanked Mr. Roeske for his service.

Dr. Niehaus recognized Trustee Dan Roeske with a certificate and District gift for his service and contributions to the students, staff and community.

Trustee Pangborn mentioned that she has served with Trustee Roeske on the Policy Committee and that he was a real champion on the committee. He was very thorough with his research and wonderful to work with.

Trustee Weertz says that it has been wonderful working with Trustee Roeske. He signed up for a four year term, but actually served five years. He goes by the rules, comes prepared and is always on time. She really enjoyed working with him.

Trustee Summerfield mentioned that Trustee Roeske is a great colleague on this Board and was a great mentor for him.

President Gafa says that she knew Trustee Roeske would be a great for the Board of Education. He has been her Vice-President for the last two years and has always been there as a sounding board for her. This District is a better place for our staff, our students and our families because of him. She will miss him.

Trustee Ismail thanked Trustee Roeske for his work on the Policy Committee. He put the time, energy and effort into the Committee. All the best in his retirement of the Board.

Trustee Abke says it has been an honor to watch and serve with Trustee Roeske on the School Board and that he will be missed by her.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON REGULAR AGENDA ACTION ITEMS FOR DECEMBER 12, 2016

No speakers

V. AGENDA ACTION ITEMS FOR DECEMBER 12, 2016

A. Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of November 28, 2016

It was Moved by: Trustee Weertz

Supported by: Trustee Pangborn

THAT the Regular meeting minutes of November 28, 2016 be approved as presented.

Ayes: Trustees Abke, Gafa, Ismail, Pangborn, Summerfield and Weertz

Abstained: Trustee Roeske

Motion carried by a 6 – 0 vote.

B. Approval of Human Resources Report for December 12, 2016

Dr. Dean advised no new appointments or recalls. There are three retirements.

It was Moved by: Trustee Pangborn

Supported by: Trustee Roeske

THAT the Human Resources Report of December 12, 2016 be approved as presented.

Ayes: Trustees Abke, Gafa, Ismail, Pangborn, Roeske, Summerfield and Weertz

Absent: none

Motion carried by a 7 – 0 vote.

C. Approval of Recommendation from Reinstatement Panel

Dr. Niehaus explained to the Board that a student has requested reinstatement. The Reinstatement Panel has made the recommendation to approve the students return.

Trustee Pangborn advised that the Reinstatement process is good for the student, community and District. Everything that should have been done was done. It was nice to see the Parent, student and Administration working together so well to reinstate the student.

It was Moved by: Trustee Pangborn

Supported by: Trustee Weertz

THAT the Approval of Recommendation from Reinstatement Panel be approved as presented.

Ayes: Trustees Abke, Gafa, Ismail, Pangborn, Roeske, Summerfield and Weertz

Absent: None

Motion carried by a 7 – 0 vote.

D. Approval of General Appropriations Amendment Act #1 (G.A.A.A. #1)

Deputy Superintendent Abbey pointed out that a packet of materials was provided for each Board Member this evening detailing budget changes. She explained in detail the budget that was proposed and what is current. This included the Wayne County Enhancement millage. The School Service Fund and the Food Service Fund is what we are asking the Board of Education to approve in the Resolution. Trustee Ismail asked about the Enhancement Millage, the sinking fund and fund equity. Trustee Summerfield questioned the MPSERS UAAL, there is a decrease in revenue not a decrease in expenditures? Ms. Abbey explained that the beginning line item was not where it should have been.

It was Moved by: Trustee Summerfield

Supported by: Trustee Weertz

Trustee Summerfield asked to table the Approval of the G.A.A.A. #1 pending further explanation.

It was Moved by: Trustee Summerfield

Supported by: Trustee Pangborn

Trustee Ismail asked Ms. Abbey about coding issues and are the problems at the site level? Ms. Abbey and Dr. Dean explained the difference of central office and site expenses.

THAT the Approval of General Appropriations Amendment Act #1 (G.A.A.A. #1) be tabled for further discussion.

Ayes: Trustees Abke, Gafa, Ismail, Pangborn, Roeske, Summerfield and Weertz

Absent:

Motion carried by a 7 – 0 vote.

VI. AGENDA ACTION ITEMS FOR JANUARY 9, 2016

- A. Approval of Special and Regular Meeting Minutes of December 12, 2016**
- B. Approval of Work Session Meeting Minutes of December 19, 2016**
- C. Approval of Regular Board Meeting Calendar for 2017**

VII. AGENDA ACTION ITEMS FOR JANUARY 23, 2017

A. Organizational Items

- 1. Election of Officers
- 2. Approval of Resolution of Continuance of Funds and Designation of Signatories on Accounts
- 3. Approval of Appointment of Lisa Abbey, Richard VanGorder and Helen Johnson as Representative to MAISL for Property Liability Insurance Underwriter
- 4. Declaration of Board Member Compensation

B. Approval of Human Resources Report for January 23, 2017

C. Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of January 9, 2017

Trustee Ismail asked if there is any technical reason we couldn't move the organizational meeting to the first meeting in January. Deputy Superintendent Dean explained that we would like to seat the new Board, give them a chance to talk about officers and then vote at the next meeting.

VIII. INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

A. Monthly Financial Report

The Board received the check reconciliation report. There was nothing unusual.

Health Care Report

Dr. Dean says that October could not be more average. Nothing to report.

B. Continuous Improvement Monitoring System (CIMS)- Disproportionality Information, S. Hayes

Ms. Hayes said that the reporting happens on a regular basis yearly. CIMS, Continuous Improvement Monitoring System. Basically promotes positive outcomes and ensure compliance with the Individuals with Disabilities.

C. Preschool Report

Mr. Howell and Dr. Dean focused on the purpose of the Districts programs for over eight years. Provide quality preschool programming, access functioning preschool students, provide excellent services to our 12 week to four year old population, increase future enrollment, bring families to Grosse Pointe and maximize facility usage. Going into the future, the plan is to address the 2016-17 potential deficits and make the programs more profitable. A revised financial position for 2016-17 was provided to the Board, along with a plan for the 2017-18 school year. Trustee Ismail questioned the 10.96 overhead costs and Trustee Summerfield asked that it be explained so that the audience would understand what is being asked. Trustee Pangborn wanted to know about why a resident's child would not get a spot while a non-resident child would. Dr. Dean explained that all of our School Service programs allow for non-resident participation. Trustee Pangborn advised that they have received letters about children from childcare being placed within kids club and asked for an explanation. Mr. Howell says that preschool staff is working with the Kids Club program for the aftercare of the Preschool students with success. This takes place after 4:30 in the afternoon when most of the preschool students have left for the day.

D. Declaration of Candidacy for 2017 Board Officers

Trustee Ismail would be willing to do anything or Treasurer. Trustee Abke would consider anything, but being new to the Board she would rather hold off this year. Trustee Pangborn would like to continue as Secretary and continue on the Reinstatement Committee. Trustee Summerfield will serve where ever the Board would like. Trustee Weertz will serve where ever the Board would like. Trustee elect Profeta will serve where the Board would like and Trustee Gafa will serve at the pleasure of the Board.

IX. FUTURE MEETINGS

- A. Special Meeting of the Board, Monday, December 19, 2016, 6:00 pm, Board Room, 389 St. Clair
- B. Regular Meeting of the Board, Monday, January 9, 2017, 7:00 pm, Brownell Multipurpose Room
- C. Regular Meeting of the Board, Monday, January 23, 2017, 7:00 pm, Brownell Multipurpose Room
- D. Regular Meeting of the Board, Monday, February 13, 2017, 7:00 pm, Brownell Multipurpose Room

X. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-ACTION ITEMS

Daniel Kuhlein, Maryland, Grosse Pointe Park mentioned that every week the Board has non-reusable water bottles and he encourages the Board to use reusable bottles to maintain our green status. He also thanked Trustee Roeske for all he has done for the school system. Mr. Roeske welcomed him and helped him succeed in Boy Scouts. He is an amazing example of what service does to help the children of this district.

Chris Profeta, Vernier Road, Grosse Pointe Woods gave his support for the PreK Program. He was pleased when the program was expanded and unanimously approved. He also stated that he supports the plan to fix it. We know from research that quality early education is one of the best predictors of K-12 education success and beyond.

George McMullen, Hollywood, Grosse Pointe Woods topic for this evening is in regards to Trustee Roeske's last Board meeting. How to judge your impact on the district? Best way was to take a few agenda items off your website from 2011. One thing was why he was running for GP School Board, it is all about the children and our community. Accomplished. Not only high academic standards but your tireless work on the Policy Committee was so critical in keeping the District in the right direction. Thank you Trustee Roeske for your service.

Laura Mikesell, Grosse Pointe, thank you to Trustee Roeske for your five years of service. In his tenure on this Board, he has always followed President Gafa's lead in doing what is best for the students of this district. He honored the good of the people in this district and never minimized the importance of the school staff. She wished Mr. Profeta well in his new role starting in January and she wished all of the Board of Education and Administration a very happy and restful holiday season.

XI. OTHER COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS AND SUPERINTENDENT

Trustee Ismail congratulated Mrs. Fogel and Mrs. Ethridge in their retirement. He wished everyone a safe holiday season.

Trustee Abke had the opportunity to attend many wonderful events across the district this past week. The number of volunteers, parents and people who put time in the events are heroes in her eyes and she thanked them all. Happy Holidays to everyone.

Trustee Pangborn commended the community on their volunteerism. If you visit the schools calendar, you will see all the wonderful events that are happening. Also gold card members can attend these events. Wish you all a Merry Christmas.

Trustee Summerfield had no comment.

Trustee Weertz had no comment.

Trustee Roeske says it has been five years since he became a part of the Grosse Pointe School Board and that it has been an honor to serve the Grosse Pointe Community. He took this job seriously as a Board Trustee. He based his decisions on facts, gave an independent judgement, and refused to surrender that judgement to individuals or special interests. I strived to base my decisions on what I believe would be best for our children and our community and without any undue influence or for personal benefit. He is very grateful to the community for giving him the opportunity to serve. He has done and enjoyed so much that it makes saying goodbye so hard. In the last five years, we are more aligned and making more forward progress. Our students are doing well. The district has a strategic plan and this will help the District promote innovation for learning and teaching so that all students have the skills for future success. He is very proud of the Head Start Program at Poupard, as well as the PreK and our Young 5's Programs. I am leaving the Board with a lot of work to do. I challenge all of you (the Board) to work with Dr. Niehaus and the Administration and have trust that they will get it right. I am not sad that it is over; I smile because it happened. Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays and Happy New Year.

Superintendent Niehaus thanked Dan for all he has done and all he will continue to do. We know you are not giving up. Wish everyone a Happy Holiday and reminded everyone of the meeting on December 19th with a closed meeting @ 5:00 pm.

President Gafa congratulated all the Defer students this evening that were here. Good luck Dan; Happy Holidays.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

President Gafa adjourned the meeting at 10:15 p.m.

Cindy Pangborn, Board Secretary