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**Grosse Pointe Board of Education
Minutes of the Work Session of December 19, 2016
Board Room – Administration Office
389 St. Clair, Grosse Pointe, MI 48230**

MEETING MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

President Gafa called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

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

Absent: Trustee Roeske

Also Present: Superintendent Niehaus, Deputy Superintendents Dean and Abbey, Maureen Bur, Keith Howell, Stefanie Hayes, Steve Woloszyn, Isha Smith, Richard VanGorder and Garrett Kelley.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Trustee Abke.

II. INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

A. General Appropriations Amendment Act #1 (G.A.A.A. #1)

Dr. Niehaus started the conversation asking if the Board of Education had any questions regarding the G.A.A.A. #1. Deputy Superintendent Abbey reminded the Board of the Budget Development and Related Parameters for 2016-17.

B. Potential 16-17 Mid-year Adjustments

Administration discussed with the Board of Education possible options and ideas for mid-year adjustments with the possibility of saving approximately 1.5 million dollars.

C. Budget Parameters for 2017-18

Trustee Summerfield gave ideas for Budget Parameters for 2017-18. Asked that Board Members contact him to discuss or ask questions. Couple of ideas for parameters would be: to establish goals for fund equity, and define infrastructure/capital improvements. Several members stated they would like to see the Fund Equity get to 10% by the 2019/20 school year. Others thought Fund Equity should be at 10% by the 2018/19 school year. A decision was made to vote on the 2017-18 Budget Parameters at the Regular Session meeting on January 23, 2017.

D. Future Capital Improvements including a Rubric/Process for handling donations towards Capital improvements

Dr. Niehaus asked the Board to think about accepting and matching donations from the community. Maybe set aside funds with the intent to match funds from Community organizations and PTO's.

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Future Trustee Profeta commented that he would like to see a compromise of the 3.1 Enhancement money, some to fund equity and some to the sinking fund.

X. ADJOURNMENT

President Gafa adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

Cindy Pangborn, Board Secretary