



Next Meetings:

There will be a regular meeting at 7 p.m., January 14, and at 7 p.m., January 28, in the **Brownell Multi-Purpose Room**, 260 Chalfonte, Grosse Pointe Farms.

You can watch board meetings at www.gppss.tv.phanfare.com, on Comcast channel 20/902 or AT&T channel 99, or listen to the podcast on the district site.

Mark Your Calendar:

- Partnership for Different Learners meets 1/9 at 7 p.m. in Barnes gym
- North 8th Grade Orientation will be at 6:30 p.m., Wednesday, 1/9 in the PAC
- South 8th Grade Orientation will be from 6-7 p.m., Thursday, 1/10 in the South auditorium
- South-end Band-O-Rama is at 7 p.m., 1/10 in South's main gym
- North-end Band-O-Rama is 1/15 at 7:30 p.m. in the North gym

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Board Briefs

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Superintendent's report includes moment of silence and Bledsoe recognition

The board meeting started with a moment of silence for the school shooting in Connecticut. It continued with a resolution honoring Tim Bledsoe as a dedicated advocate for our community and particularly our schools.

All action items pass 7-0

The Human Resources report, November meeting minutes, and revised Policy 9130 on public complaints all passed 7-0.

January meeting will include numerous organizational items

Organizational Items for 2013 that will be voted upon in January include:

1. Administration of Oath of Office of Newly Elected Trustees Gafa and Pangborn
2. Election of Officers
3. Approval of Resolution of Continuance of Funds and Designation of Signatories on Accounts
4. Approval of Appointment of Christian Fenton, Isha Smith and Carolyn Kurtz as Representatives to MAISL for Property/Liability Insurance Underwriter.
5. Board calendar:

1st Regular Meeting

January 14
February 11
March 18
April 22
May 20
June 17
July 22
August 19
September 16
October 21
November 18
To be determined

2nd Regular Meeting

January 28
February 25
March 25
April 29
May 28 (Tuesday)
June 24
July 29
August 26
September 23
October 28
November 25
December 16

Curricular materials under review

Updated videos for the Human Sexuality portion of our High School Health curriculum will be available for review by board and community members from January 7-January 28, in the curriculum office at 389 St. Clair. These were recommended by the Human Sexuality Advisory board which is comprised of parents, clergy, a community health representative, teachers, and administrators. Also being reviewed is a proposal to revive a course entitled Digital Seminars. That course will examine new and emerging technologies in social and digital media. Students will use digital tools to think critically, collaborate, create and communicate. They will leverage connected learning and sharing to manage their online identities and digital footprints through responsible use of social media and digital applications.

Informational items include residency and budget updates

The district remains on target in comparison to last year for residency investigations and exclusions. These continue to be posted online. Trustee Walsh provided an update on the budget development parameters and process. A meet and greet with the administration's recommendation for the Director of Special Education, Stefanie Hayes, was held at 6 p.m. in the Brownell cafeteria prior to the Board meeting. Her position was later approved at a special meeting, at noon on Friday, December 21.