



Next Meetings:

A closed session to discuss a personnel matter will be held at 5:30 p.m., Monday, July 2 at the Administration Building. There will be a work session at 7 p.m., July 16, and a regular meeting at 7 p.m., July 23 in the **Brownell Multi-Purpose Room**, 260 Chalfonte, GPF. Board meetings will stay at Brownell for July and August.

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:

- Kerby Principal Search Forum 7/2
- Filing deadline for school board 8/14
- All Staff Gathering 8/29 at 8:15 a.m. in the Brownell MPR
- First Day of School 9/4

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Board Briefs

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Public Hearings held for Budget and School Breakfast Program

Deputy Superintendent Christian Fenton and Board Treasurer Brendan Walsh presented an overview of the budget and budget development process. The Powerpoints are available at www.gpschools.org under the School Board dropdown, click School Finance. Then Mr. Fenton presented the proposal to hold the school breakfast program next year at Defer, Mason and Poupard Elementary Schools, and Parcels Middle School where the percentage of students receiving free/reduced lunch is 24-59%. There were no public comments. Later in the meeting the budget passed 6-1. The General Appropriations Act Amendment (GAAA#3) also passed, closing out any changes to the 2011-12 budget and ensuring actual revenues and expenditures match the Budget Model Utility (BMU). The breakfast program will be voted on in July.

Administrative changes outlined and approved with applause

Several administrative changes were approved under the Human Resources report. Maureen Bur was named Director of PreK-Elementary Curriculum, Assessment, Instruction and Technology (CAIT). Aaron Johnson was named Director of Secondary CAIT. Jon Dean and Christian Fenton became Deputy Superintendents, and Dean Niforos was promoted to Human Resources Director. A revised organizational chart is under development. There are currently vacancies for the North and Kerby principal positions.

Board opposes Wayne County Regional Enhancement Millage

The Board voted unanimously to oppose the Regional Enhancement Millage. To be on the November ballot, districts representing 51% of the Wayne county student population must vote in favor. This millage, if it makes the ballot and passes, would collect \$5.2 million in revenue from GPPSS residents, but only give GPPSS \$3.4 million. If it passes, the Board's vote will not impact the county's ability to levy the tax here, and GPPSS would still receive our portion of the allocated funds.

Numerous Policy revisions pass

The Policy Committee presented six NEOLA updates. Those passed 7-0 and relate to employment of the Superintendent, staff discipline, termination and resignation, probationary teachers, and staff and student network and Internet acceptable use and safety. Also passing 7-0 was a revised policy 5460 on graduation requirements.

Microsoft software renewal passes 7-0 saving the district over \$100K

The new contract price through CDW/G and the State REMC bid reduced our district's annual Microsoft expense by over \$117,510. The new annual cost is now \$49,740.

Other Business items

The Board agreed 7-0 to table the bid for the Parcels pool entrance ramp and waterproofing. This project will still be completed this summer if approved in July. The July meeting will also contain a number of annual organizational items including memberships in the Michigan Association of School Board (MASB) and Michigan High School Athletic Association (MH-SAA), resolutions on indemnification for asbestos and liability, and authorized debit/credit card users. The contract for food services and the superintendent's evaluation will also be on the July agenda, as will tuition rates for those who meet the strict guidelines, and the Fidelity and Treasurer's Bonds.

Deadline to file for the Board election is coming quickly

Interested candidates must file for the Board election by August 14. Contact Grosse Pointe Park municipal offices for details regarding fees or signatures. Two seats will be open.