



**Grosse Pointe Board of Education
Minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 25, 2014
Multipurpose Room, Brownell Middle School
260 Chalfonte, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236**

MEETING MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

President Dindoffer called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m.

Board members present: Trustees Dindoffer, Gafa, Jakubiec, Pangborn, Roeske, Summerfield and Valente

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Trustee Pangborn.

Also Present: Superintendent Harwood; Deputy Superintendents Dean and Fenton

II. APPROVAL OF BOARD AGENDA FOR AUGUST 25, 2014

It was Moved by: Trustee Roeske

Supported by: Trustee Summerfield

THAT the Board Agenda be approved as presented.

Ayes: Trustees Dindoffer, Gafa, Jakubiec, Pangborn, Roeske, Summerfield and Valente

Nays: None

Motion carried by a 7- 0 vote.

III. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. Good News Items

Superintendent Harwood shared the good news that Poupard Elementary School has been identified as an excellent school by the Wayne County Agency in early learning for K-8 schools and with their Head Start Program. They will be featured in the *Metro Times* as a model school for other Head Start Programs with a media event to recognize their success on that program on September 10, 2014.

In other news, teachers Steve Gilliam, Eric Frakes and Jim Cadot recently performed in their band, Rosetta Pebble at the 2014 Lathrup Village Stroll.

Dr. Harwood also noted that building staff have been hard at work preparing school buildings for the opening of the 2014-2015 school year on September 2. He welcomed everyone back.

B. Legislative Update

Superintendent Harwood said that the House will be back in session on August 27th. Conversations are ongoing with both chambers and the Governor's office about a supplemental budget fix to ensure the over 120 districts across the state receiving the minimum \$50 per pupil increase gets bumped up to at least the Governor's proposed \$83 per pupil increase.

At their latest meeting the Senate discussed Bill 957, "Early Warning" legislation, centering on the concept of local districts submitting their pupil and foundation assumptions to intermediate school districts. County ISDs would then decide if they were reasonable or unreasonable, potentially alerting an early warning process. The education community received an updated version of this bill last week with new assumptions and ISD language included.

Dr. Harwood also said that districts have received changes in graduation requirements from the Michigan Department of Education. Those changes will be discussed by the district's Board Policy Committee at its next meeting. Also, current discussions at the State level include Sinking Fund millage language changes which could allow the use of sinking funds for security and technology purposes.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON REGULAR AGENDA ACTION ITEMS

No one came forward at this time.

V. AGENDA ACTION ITEMS FOR AUGUST 25, 2014

A. Approval of Human Resources Report for August 25, 2014

It was Moved by: Trustee Roeske

Supported by: Trustee Gafa

THAT the Board approve the updated Human Resources Report for August 25, 2014 as presented.

Ayes: Trustees Dindoffer, Gafa, Jakubiec, Pangborn, Roeske, Summerfield and Valente

Nays: None

Motion carried by a 7 – 0 vote.

B. Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of July 28, 2014

It was Moved by: Trustee Summerfield

Supported by: Trustee Gafa

THAT the Board approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of July 28, 2014 as presented.

Trustee Jakubiec abstained from voting as he was not in attendance at the meeting of July 28, 2014.

Ayes: Trustees Dindoffer, Gafa, Pangborn, Roeske, Summerfield and Valente

Abstained: Trustee Jakubiec

Nays: None

Motion carried by a 6- 0 vote.

It was Moved by: Trustee Roeske

Supported by: Trustee Pangborn

THAT the Board approve the Special Meeting Minutes as presented.

It was then Moved by: Trustee Summerfield **Supported by:** Trustee Dindoffer

THAT a correction be made to the Special Meeting Minutes of August 7, 2014 to include Trustee Jakubiec's name as a "Nay" on a vote for agenda item IV. B. *Approval of Computer Lease and,*

THAT the Board approve the Special Meeting Work Session Minutes of August 7, 2014 as amended.

Ayes: Trustees Dindoffer, Gafa, Jakubiec, Pangborn, Roeske, Summerfield and Valente

Nays: None

Motion carried by a 7 – 0 vote.

C. Approval of Superintendent Goals for 2014-2015

It was Moved by: Trustee Roeske

Supported by: Trustee Summerfield

THAT the Board approve the Superintendent Goals for 2014-2015 as presented.

Ayes: Trustees Dindoffer, Gafa, Roeske, Summerfield and Valente

Abstained: Trustee Jakubiec

Nays: Trustee Pangborn

Motion carried by a 5 –1 vote.

D. Approval of South Band and Orchestra Field Trip to Vienna in April, 2015

It was Moved by: Trustee Roeske

Supported by: Trustee Jakubiec

THAT the Board approve the South Band and Orchestra Field Trip to Vienna in April, 2015 as presented.

Ayes: Trustee Dindoffer, Gafa, Jakubiec, Pangborn, Roeske, Summerfield and Valente

Nays: None

Motion carried by a 7– 0 vote.

E. Approval of Layoff of Professional Staff Member

It was Moved by: Trustee Valente

Supported by: Trustee Roeske

THAT the Board approve the Layoff of a Professional Staff Member as presented.

Deputy Superintendent Dean shared with the Board that the need to lay off the employee listed on the Layoff Report was no longer necessary due to recent movement within the teacher bargaining unit. In response to Board inquiry, he suggested that the Board table this agenda item to expedite a smooth transition for the employee being laid off to remain in a bargaining unit position.

It was Moved by: Trustee Gafa

Supported by: Trustee Pangborn

THAT the Board table agenda item *V. E. Layoff of a Professional Staff Member* as listed.

Ayes: Trustee Dindoffer, Gafa, Jakubiec, Pangborn, Roeske, Summerfield and Valente

Nays: None

Motion carried by a 7– 0 vote.

VIII. AGENDA ACTION ITEMS FOR SEPTEMBER 22, 2014

- A. Approval of Human Resources Report for September 22, 2014**
- B. Approval of Meeting Minutes of September 15, 2014**
- C. Approval of Board Policies**

IX. INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

A. Monthly Financial Report/Health Care Report

Mr. Fenton shared that the monthly financial report is on target for this time of year with all documents posted on the district website. Trustee Jakubiec asked Mr. Fenton if the payment of property insurance listed on the Monthly Financial Report was a one-time payment. Mr. Fenton replied that it was a once-a-year payment. Mr. Jakubiec also asked if future Monthly Financial Reports could include a breakdown of travel, conference, mileage and purchased services expenses. Dr. Dean noted that the health care reports were slightly under budget for the past few months and keeping health care costs flat.

B. Residency Verification Update

Mr. Fenton said that the residency re-verification process has been very successful this year and he has been very happy with the progress of completing 1,050 verifications, leaving only 42 households left to complete their paperwork.

C. Enrollment Update/Class Size/Staff Allocation

An enrollment update was provided to the Board noting key levels to watch in Kindergarten and 1st grades which are lower than anticipated. The report indicates 100 students less than projected.

D. Facilities Audit and Project Report

Mr. Fenton shared the status of sinking fund projects and how the Sinking Fund has been spent as needed and projected. He included upcoming projects that need to be done in buildings with regard to repairs and maintenance including the North Performing Arts Center pit elevator and the Brownell roof. Mr. Fenton also provided a 5-year list as part of the 5-year Sinking Fund Renewal.

E. School Accountability Scorecards

Dr. Harwood and Mrs. Bur explained the color-coding system used by the Michigan Department of Education to indicate performance measurements at each school in the district. Dr. Harwood also addressed how the color coding was associated to each component as well as criteria used for assigning points. Performance indicators for each school building and grade level were also highlighted. These documents are provided on the district website.

X. FUTURE MEETINGS

Board Policy Committee Meeting, September 11, 2014, 6:00 p.m., Board Room, 389 St. Clair
Regular Meeting of the Board, Monday, September 15, 2014, 7:00 p.m., Brownell Multipurpose Room
Regular Meeting of the Board, Monday, September 22, 2014, 7:00 p.m., Brownell Multipurpose Room

XI. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-ACTION ITEMS

Ahmed Ismail, Grosse Pointe Woods, spoke regarding his perspective on: Dr. Harwood's goals; a plan B, C & D if the Hold Harmless and Sinking Fund millages do not pass; staff morale; and the need for transparency with the public. (1:23:29) ([Click here to access livestream video.](#))

XII. OTHER COMMENTS FROM BOARD AND SUPERINTENDENT

Trustee Valente had no comment.

Trustee Jakubiec thanked Mr. Ismail for his comments regarding alternative plans if the millages do not pass in November. He looks forward to the start of a great school year.

Trustee Pangborn had no comment.

Trustee Summerfield wished everyone a great last weekend of the summer.

Trustee Gafa welcomed back the staff this week and students next week.

Trustee Roeske congratulated Poupard on the recognition they received for their exceptional work with the Head Start Program at their building. He wished everyone 'good luck' on the start of a new school year.

Superintendent Harwood noted the recent retirement of Dan Vicary and all the work he has done throughout the district over 27 years with the Performing Arts Program. Dr. Harwood shared that Mr. Vicary was phenomenal in his role in the schools. He wished Art Pasha the best as he takes over that role. Dr. Harwood also said that the district will be sharing important millage facts and related information to the community over the next few weeks.

President Dindoffer echoed the comments of other Board members welcoming staff and students back to the new school year. She thanked the administration and staff who worked through the summer in preparation for the 2014-2015 school year.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

President Dindoffer adjourned the meeting at 8:38 p.m.

Judy Gafa, Board Secretary