



**Grosse Pointe Board of Education
Minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 23, 2013
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 7:03 p.m.

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Trustee Summerfield.

Also Present: Superintendent Harwood; Assistant Superintendents Dean and Fenton

II. APPROVAL OF BOARD AGENDA FOR SEPTEMBER 23, 2013

It was Moved by: Trustee Valente

Supported by: Trustee Gafa

THAT the revised Board Agenda be adopted as presented for September 23, 2013 with the addition of VI. D. 1-3, Literature for Strategies for Reading and Writing.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried by a 7 – 0 vote.

III. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. Good News Items

Superintendent Harwood said that the school year has had a wonderful transition and is off to a great start. He recognized the following events already held in schools across the district: "Ferry Pinwheels for Peace" held at Ferry Elementary School and "Hat Day" at Richard Elementary School. "Operation Warm" an event to raise money for students in need of winter coats, was held at all elementary schools. This effort is in collaboration with the Grosse Pointe Rotary and is asking every elementary student to bring \$1 to school towards the goal of raising \$53,000 for coats for kids. Any community member wanted to contribute to this effort can send their check to 389 St. Clair, Administration Building, or call the Superintendent's office at 432-3003 to drop off their donation.

Dr. Harwood also noted that the *Northpointe* school newspaper was one of six finalists in the National Scholastic Press Association Competition for the Pacemaker Award for student Journalism. The Northpointe earned this nomination for its quality of unbiased reporting, and for demonstrating leadership through sensitivity, the depth of topical coverage, modern layout, and relevant art and photography. Winners will be announced on November 16, 2013.

Raise the Roof, an event sponsored by the Full Circle Foundation will be held on Friday, September 27th at 7:00 p.m. in the Brownell Multi-purpose Room.

B. Legislative Update

Dr. Harwood shared that the Legislature is back in session after the summer break and the discussion of Common Core and whether it should take place is still being decided. The difficulty is that Common Core is also aligned with smarter balanced assessment and is problematic because it is a more difficult test. That

discussion along with other issues will continue over the next few weeks. Teacher evaluation instruments is another discussion on the table as well as a new House Bill that may require a prescription written by a doctor for two epi-pins to be available for use in every school.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON REGULAR AGENDA ACTION ITEMS

There were no comments at this time.

V. AGENDA ACTION ITEMS FOR SEPTEMBER 23, 2013

A. Approval of Human Resources Report for September 23, 2013

Dr. Dean shared information from the Human Resources Report noting the appointments of six instructional staff; three office staff; seven classroom assistants; and three plant staff members. He also noted the resignation of one instructional staff member; three classroom assistants and one office staff.

It was Moved by: Trustee Gafa

Supported by: Trustee Jakubiec

THAT the Board approve the Human Resources Report for September 23, 2013.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried by a 7 – 0 vote.

B. Approval of Closed and Regular Meeting Minutes of August 26, 2013

It was Moved by: Trustee Roeske

Supported by: Trustee Gafa

THAT the Board approve the Closed and Regular Meeting Minutes of August 26, 2013 as presented.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried by a 7 – 0 vote.

C. Approval of Federal Program Funding

The Grosse Pointe Public School System receives federal funding each year for supporting both general education and special education programs in the school district.

The programs include: Title 1, Part A, \$443,472; Title II, Part A, \$149,465; Title III, Part A, \$5,329; IDEA Flowthrough, \$1,860,935; and Federal Preschool, \$105,435. Detailed information for each program is available on the district website.

It was Moved by: Trustee Jakubiec

Supported by: Trustee Gafa

President Dindoffer noted that a correction was needed to change the years “2012-2013” to “2013-2014” in a couple of sentences in the document presented. Superintendent Harwood noted that this correction would be made.

THAT the Federal Program Funding be approved as presented.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried by a 7 – 0 vote.

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D. Approval of Superintendent's Evaluation Process and Goals for 2013-2014

The Superintendent's Evaluation Process and Goals for 2013-2014 had been a topic of discussion for the Board of Education at previous meetings and a recommendation was made at a meeting in August to use the MASA's School ADvance Administrator Evaluation System and Superintendent Goals provided by Dr. Harwood for his Evaluation Process and Goals for 2013-2014. Responsibilities of the Superintendent are found in Board Policy 1230.

It was Moved by: Trustee Pangborn

Supported by: Trustee Roeske

THAT the Superintendent's Evaluation Process and Goals for 2013-2014 be approved as presented using the MASA system instrument.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried by a 7 – 0 vote.

Superintendent Harwood requested that the Board pause the regular business in the agenda to present students from the Full Circle Foundation who would be performing at the ***Raise the Roof*** event on Friday, September 27, 2013. These students, along with Mary Fodell and Lindsey Kurtz, gifted the audience with a bell choir ensemble presentation of "America the Beautiful." Dr. Harwood noted that along with the special needs students in the district, the many talents of local community would also be performing at 7 p.m. in the Brownell Middle School Multipurpose Room with an Afterglow in the gym.

E. Approval of Board Policies (second reading)

The following policies were recently revised and approved by the Board Policy Committee and presented to the Board for approval this evening:

- 1. Policy 7530.01, Board-Owned Personal Communication Devices**
- 2. Policy 7530.02, Staff Use of Personal Communication Devices**
- 3. Policy 8321, Criminal Justice Information Security**
- 4. Policy 8800, Religious/Patriotic Ceremonies and Observances**
- 5. Policy 7540.07, Personal Internet Account Privacy – Students**
- 6. Policy 7540.08, Personal Internet Account Privacy – Staff**
- 7. Policy 4162, Controlled Substance and Alcohol Policy for Commercial Motor Vehicle (CMV) Drivers**

It was Moved by: Trustee Pangborn

Supported by: Trustee Roeske

THAT the above Policies 7530.01, 7530.02, 8321, 8800, 7540.07, 7540.08, and 4162 be voted on and approved in one vote:

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

Nays: None

Motion carried by a 7 – 0 vote.

F. Approval of 2013-2014 Tax Rates

Mr. Fenton presented details on the 2013 -2014 tax rates provided this evening. (Additional detail and resolution attached in separate document.)

	Actual 2012-13(1)	Proposed 2013-14	DIFFERENCE	PERCENTAGE CHANGE
Homestead-General and Commercial Personal Property (CPP)	\$15,308,691	\$15,236,628	\$ (72,063)	(.5)%
Non-Homestead	\$ 7,327,956	\$ 7,317,643	\$ (10,313)	(.1)
CPP	\$ 168,659	\$ 161,964	\$ (6,695)	(4.0)
Sinking Fund	\$ 2,501,971	\$ 2,492,659	\$ (9,312)	(.4)
Debt	<u>\$ 4,402,166</u>	<u>\$ 4,449,895</u>	<u>\$ 47,729</u>	<u>1.1</u>
Total	\$29,709,443	\$29,658,789	\$ (50,654)	(.2)%

It was Moved by: Trustee Pangborn

Supported by: Trustee Gafa

THAT the Board approve the 2013-2014 Tax Rates as presented.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried by a 7 – 0 vote.

VI. AGENDA ACTION ITEMS FOR OCTOBER 28, 2013

- A. Approval of Human Resources Report for October, 2013
- B. Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of October 21, 2013
- C. Approval of Board Policies

There is a Board Policy Meeting scheduled for October 3, 2013 at 6 p.m. in the Board Room at 389 St. Clair to discuss the policies that will be presented at the next regular meeting of the Board.

- D. Approval of Literature for Strategies for Reading and Writing
 - 1. The Absolutely True Diary of a Part Time Indian
 - 2. The Hunger Games
 - 3. Slam!

VII. INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

A. Monthly Financial Report/Health Care Report

Mr. Fenton shared information about the Monthly Financial Report and Dr. Dean reported on the Health Care Report. Documents on both topics are provided on the district website.

B. Enrollment Update/Class Size/ Staff Allocation

Mr. Fenton noted that the 2013-2014 Fall projected count was 8,325 and the Fall Estimated Actual count was 8,333, an increase of 8 students over projection. Updated enrollment numbers will be provided to the Board after the Actual Pupil Count Date on October 2, 2013.

C. Technology Update

Superintendent Harwood said that the Steering Committee met this evening prior to the regular meeting. The Committee is recommending an agency and will meet with that provider later in the week to finalize specifications required. He noted that the Technology Bond includes equipment for safety analysis, energy efficiency efforts, refreshing/renovating technology equipment, telephone systems and server changes as well as iPads for students. Dr. Harwood encouraged everyone to keep abreast of the plans and progress of the technology plan as it unfolds.

D. Data Sharing and Analysis /Grosse Pointe Public School System 2012-2013 Annual Education Report

Superintendent Harwood presented demographic and student performance data for the 2012-2013 Annual Report. This information is available on the district website.

E. PA 25 Presentation

The Annual PA 25 Report was presented and is also available on the district website.

VIII. FUTURE MEETINGS

- A. Board Policy Committee Meeting, Thursday, October 3, 2013, 6:00 p.m., Board Room
- B. Regular Meeting of the Board, Monday, October 21, 2013, 7:00 p.m., Brownell Multipurpose Room
- C. Regular Meeting of the Board, Monday, October 28, 2013, 7:00 p.m., Brownell Multipurpose Room

IX. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-ACTION ITEMS

Alan Grams, Grosse Pointe Park, spoke about the due process procedures for Grosse Pointe Public School employees.

X. OTHER COMMENTS FROM BOARD AND SUPERINTENDENT

Trustee Pangborn welcomed everyone back to the new school year.

Trustee Jakubiec said that he appreciated the Back to School Night at Parcels Middle School and thanked the staff for everything they did to make it a successful evening for parents.

Trustee Summerfield noted that he attended the Pierce, Defer and Trombly Back to School Nights and all three were excellent, providing information and a chance to meet teachers and other parents.

Trustee Valente said she was pleased with the Technology Plan as it was presented as well as with the student demographic and performance data presented. She would, however, like to see the gap closed more with ethnic and special education student data and asked what interventions would be used in the future to close those gaps. She also welcomed everyone back to school.

Trustee Gafa welcomed everyone back to a new school year and shared that she attended two Back to School Nights and was happy to see staff members using technology in the classrooms.

Trustee Roeske, who also attended Back to School Night, noted that the technology was not working as well in the school he visited. He wished South a fun and safe Homecoming this week and North the same for their

Homecoming next week. He reminded the community about the Raise the Roof fundraiser on September 27, 2013 in the Brownell Multipurpose Room. Chamber of Commerce Tailgate

Superintendent Harwood offered his thoughts and prayers for those staff struggling with health issues at this time. He noted the Partners in Learning publication being sent to all homes in the district. The Gold Card Newsletter information is also a part of that publication. Dr. Harwood thanked Mrs. Valente for her comments about the student performance data presented noting that the district will continue to expand that data as it assesses results. He also shared information about the Technology Steering Committee and the Technology Showcase being held on October 23 in the North cafeteria. Secondary students will be available to showcase what they are doing as well as help anyone needing help with their own device.

President Dindoffer attended Back to School Nights as a representative for the Grosse Pointe Foundation for Public Education and said it was wonderful to see the enthusiasm, noting that the school district is off to a great start. She thanked the students for their wonderful performance this evening with the bell choir. Trustee Dindoffer also thanked Dr. Harwood for the student data presented this evening.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

President Dindoffer adjourned the meeting at 9:24 p.m.

Board Secretary