



### **Next Meetings:**

There will be a regular meeting of the Board at 7 p.m., May 13 (audiotaped), in the **Brownell Multi-Purpose Room**, 260 Chalfonte, Grosse Pointe Farms, and a Regular Meeting of the Board at 7 p.m., May 20, (videotaped) in the **Brownell Multi-Purpose Room**.

You can watch board meetings at <http://gpschools.schoolwires.net/Page/11534>, on Comcast channel 20/902 or AT&T channel 99, or listen to the podcast on the district site.

### **Mark Your Calendar:**

- South's 42nd Street opens tonight. Tickets at Posterity A Gallery and [www.gpsouthchoir.org](http://www.gpsouthchoir.org)
- Maire's *Cinderfella* is May 9th
- Retirement and 25 year celebration June 4 in South's Cleminson Hall
- Enjoy all the spring vocal and instrumental concerts!

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# Board Briefs

## April 2013

### **Superintendent's report includes 29th annual Distinguished Volunteers**

Trustee Roeske chaired the committee that selected this year's Distinguished Volunteers: Kathleen Abke, Michelle Agosta, Lynn Galbenski, Susan Glover, Tom and Micki Jenny, Cherylynn Pelligrino, Cat Ruffner, Chris Scapini, Manijeh Salari, and Kathleen Terry. Help us thank them for their service when you see them in the buildings! Dr. Harwood also presented a legislative update and noted the following good news items: both high school choirs' continued success at Solo & Ensemble, the Destination Imagination teams' participation in state finals and Brownell's DI team earning the Torch Award, and both North and South being in the Washington Post's Top 20 most rigorous high schools in Michigan.

### **GPFPE presents over \$100,000 in grants**

Trustees of the Grosse Pointe Foundation for Public Education (GPFPE) board presented grants totaling \$110,335 to the Board of Education. Grants ranged from iPads for Kindergarten Intervention/Differentiation at Monteith Elementary, to a Wireless Community at Maire Elementary, to a Digital Design Lab for art at Grosse Pointe South, to Expository Reading Books (Tattum F.A.S.T. Reading) district wide. Visit the district website or [www.gpfpe.org](http://www.gpfpe.org) for descriptions of each. All grants received by the GPFPE go through an exhaustive research and review process. Grants are approved based on their alignment with the GPFPE strategic plan, as well as the district's strategic, curriculum and technology plans.

### **High school textbook for Advanced Math receives 6-0 approval**

This *Auffman, College Algebra and Trigonometry* textbook aligns with the Common Core and provides a fourth year math option beyond Algebra II. It was noted that teachers Elizabeth Boroty and Julie Pappas completed *every* math problem before recommending it for approval.

### **Board approves District Goals**

Each year District Goals are established with approval from the Board of Education as part of the GPPSS Continuous Improvement Plan that also include our mission, vision, core value/beliefs, and long- and short- term goals and targets. This year's goals are posted on the website and provide a more communicative, concise and responsive tool for establishing the direction of the district for the next year.

### **Board approves Bank Line of Credit borrowing for 2013-14**

The district has three options for borrowing money to meet our cash flow need, particularly between when our budget year starts July 1 and when the State's budget year begins October 1. Miller Canfield again advised that the Board approve a Bank Line of Credit not to exceed 30% of the state aid expected in the fiscal year (approximately \$21.7 million). A new resolution and state approval is needed each year.

### **Board appoints Summerfield as new trustee 4/24, elects Gafa treasurer 4/29**

After reviewing 22 applications and holding taped interviews on April 23, the board met Wednesday April 24 and appointed Brian Summerfield as trustee. His term will end December, 2014. The board then met Monday, April 29, and elected Judy Gafa as treasurer, and both Gafa and Summerfield were appointed to serve on the audit committee.

### **On the May agenda**

On May 20, the board will vote on a resolution honoring district retirees, the Wayne RESA budget, Board Policies 5840 on Recognized Student Groups and 5112 Kindergarten Entrance Age (moves back to November 1 for next year). They will also be voting on leases for The Family Center, Full Circle, and GPEA. They will discuss naming North's softball field for Bill Taylor, and will vote on bids for the Trombly parking lot, Parcels' pool roof, and South's slate tile roof. Budget development continues in earnest and suggestions are always welcome at [budget@gpschools.org](mailto:budget@gpschools.org).