



Next Meetings:

There will be a regular meeting of the Board at 7 p.m., July 22 (audiotaped), in the **Brownell Multi-Purpose Room**, 260 Chalfonte, Grosse Pointe Farms, and a Regular Meeting of the Board at 7 p.m., June 29, (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:

- July 8-19 Summer Music Festival, concert at 11 a.m. 7/19
- July 8 - August 1 Secondary Summer School (Monday-Thursday)
- July 9-August 1 Elementary Summer School (Tuesday-Thursday)
- August 12-16 Summer Select Choir (performances at 6 & 8 p.m. 8/16)
- August 28 GPPSS Opening Day
- September 3 First Day of School!

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Board Briefs

June 2013

Public hearings held on budget and school breakfast program

Per State law, Mr. Fenton advertised and held two public hearings at the start of the Board of Education meeting. One was on the proposed budget and the PowerPoint, Budget Book and all supporting documents are posted online at www.gpschools.org under the School Board drop-down, click School Finance. No truth in taxation hearing is required as school taxes are again projected to decrease. Under action items later in the evening, the budget passed 7-0. Board members gratefully acknowledged that a balanced budget would not have been possible without the formula and concessions agreed to by every bargaining group. They also noted that no cuts are made lightly or without serious discussion. In the School Breakfast Hearing, it was proposed that the district hold the program in every building where the Free and Reduced Lunch rate is over 20% as required by State law (Defer, Mason, Poupard, and Parcels).

Superintendent's report shares North's video "The Best Year Ever"

Principal Kate Murray shared a quote by one of her mentors in the educational field Joyce Fouts who reminds us all "It's time for us to make our private practice public." To that end, Principal Murray shared a video created by North Galileo Teacher Leaders exploring the theme "The Best Year Ever." A link to the youtube video is on the district site under Headlines. Next, Dr. Harwood announced we'll be honoring the South Girls' track team in July for earning their third consecutive State title. He then shared a legislative update highlighting passage of the State budget and plans for the State to dissolve school districts with 2500 or less students or those that have decreased by 10% and are in financial difficulty (Inkster and Buena Vista). The district will also be closely watching the debate over the Common Core.

Numerous contracts approved

The board approved 6-1 a contract for food services with Sodexo which was the only bidder due to our low participation rate. The board also approved contracts for office personnel (GPAEOP-MEA), administrative (GPAA), and executive administrative contracts for both deputy superintendents, both directors of curriculum and instruction, and the director of student services. Also approved were the Superintendent's evaluation and merit payment.

Business items pass 7-0

General Appropriations Amendment Act (GAAA) #3 passed 7-0 bringing actual year-end expenditures in line with the BMU. Any budget change requires a GAAA. The board also approved employees' health care contributions using the 80/20 formula outlined in PA 152.

First readings of policies

The board heard first readings of Policies 1422, 3122 and 4122 dealing with non-discrimination and equal employment opportunity. Those will be voted upon after a second reading in July.

On the July agenda and on your radar

In July, the board will vote on renewing annual memberships in the Michigan Association of School Boards (MASB) and Michigan High School Athletic Association (MHSAA). They will also vote on approval of resolutions regarding indemnification for liability and asbestos, designated agents, approval of fidelity and treasurer's bonds, and authorized debit/credit card users. These are all normal business items. The board will also vote on the School Breakfast Hearing and tuition rates for 2013-14 (for the small number of families moving into the district after the start of school or seniors moving out before the end of the year who wish to graduate from GPPSS - not school of choice or those found in violation of residency). Also on the July agenda is the Microsoft Software license renewal.

At the July meeting, the board will also vote on the Technology Bond ballot language for the 2013 November ballot.