



**Grosse Pointe Board of Education
Minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 15, 2013
MultiPurpose Room, Brownell Middle School
260 Chalfonte, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236**

REVISED

MEETING MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

President Dindoffer called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Trustee Jakubiec.

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

Absent: Trustee Roeske

Trustee Walsh's departure has left a vacancy on the Board for a Trustee and Treasurer.

Also Present: Superintendent Harwood and Deputy Superintendent Dean

II. APPROVAL OF BOARD AGENDA FOR APRIL 15, 2013

It was Moved by: Trustee Gafa

Supported by: Trustee Valente

THAT the Board approve the agenda for the Regular Meeting of April 15, 2013 as presented.

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

Absent: Trustee Roeske

Nays: None

Motion carried by a 5 – 0 vote.

President Dindoffer offered condolences to those affected by the recent tragic incident in Boston.

President Dindoffer also made a statement on behalf of the Board expressing regret for the recent events concerning an upcoming speaker at Grosse Pointe South High School and reaffirming the Board's commitment to freedom of speech and through, and the promotion of critical thinking among our students in support of our District Mission. She noted that the Board Policy Committee had been working on a revamped Policy 5840 Recognized Student Groups to provide greater clarity regarding school groups and to broaden educational opportunities for students. She noted that the Board would be reviewing associated policies regarding access to resources and facilities over the next several months to ensure that policies are clear, fair, consistently applied and further enhance our students' educational opportunities.

Superintendent Harwood then commented on Senator Santorum's visit as it related to two of the Strategic Goals for the District Learning for Success, and Ensuring a Safe and Respectful Learning Community. He also discussed mechanics of the visit.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ACTION ITEMS

No one came forward to speak at this time.

IV. AGENDA ACTION ITEM FOR APRIL 15, 2013

A. Approval of the Regular Minutes of March 25, 2013

Board members were asked to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 25, 2013.

It was Moved by: Trustee Gafa

Supported by: Trustee Pangborn

THAT the Board approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of March 25, 2013 as presented.

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

Absent: Trustee Roeske

Nays: None

Motion carried by a 5 – 0 vote.

V. INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Review of District Goals

Superintendent Harwood walked through changes made to the District Goals since the March board meeting. He asked for questions or revisions from board members who shared their thoughts and ideas for further change. This item will be brought back to the Board for a vote on April 22, 2013.

B. Monteith Student Drop-Off

In Mr. Fenton's absence, Mr. Rich VanGorder, Manager of Building and Grounds, explained the two options for a drop-off area at Monteith Elementary School. Representatives from Ehresman and Associates were available, as well as Grosse Pointe Woods Public Safety Director, Andrew Pazuchowski to answer any questions or concerns. This item will be on the May 13, 2013 Board Agenda for a vote.

C. Update of Process for Replacement of Board Trustee

President Dindoffer explained the timeline and process by which the vacancy on the Board left by Mr. Walsh's departure would occur. She noted that on Tuesday, April 23, 2013, those applicants wishing to fill that vacancy would be interviewed in three groups of 7 or 8 candidates in each group. The League of Women Voters has agreed to facilitate the questioning of candidates at the forum which is an open meeting for all to attend. The forum and subsequent Board Meeting the following evening, April 24, 2013, will be videotaped for public viewing.

President Dindoffer then read the names of those participating in the forum for the vacant Board position: Derek Adams; Allison Baker; William Broman; Ande Chapman; Kimberly Clextan; John Conn; Christopher Cornwall; Cheryl Costantino; John Gillooly; Anne Marie Harris; Robin Hartnett; James Hill; Norma Huizar; Diane Karabetsos; Peter Kotula; Jennifer Neumann; William Roche; William Shield; Thomas Stevenson; Brian Summerfield; Chace Wakefield; and Sandra Yarema.

VI. FUTURE MEETINGS

President Dindoffer announced that there will be a Regular Meeting of the Board on Monday, April 22, 2013 at North High School in the Library Media Center.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-ACTION ITEMS

Conor Tily, Grosse Pointe Farms, shared his concerns about instructional support/adult support and leadership for the Gearheads Robotics Team in the district.

Jeni Sales, Grosse Pointe Farms, had concerns and questions about the Common Core curriculum.

Phil Pitters, Grosse Pointe City, shared his concerns about the assembly for Mr. Santorum at South High School.

Chris Profeta, Grosse Pointe Woods, spoke regarding the issues surrounding Mr. Santorum's upcoming visit to South High School.

Peter Durand, Grosse Pointe Park, voiced concerns about the assembly planned for Mr. Santorum.

Jaclyn Fox, Grosse Pointe Farms, spoke to issues regarding Mr. Santorum's upcoming speech.

Julie Kozlowski, Grosse Pointe Shores, addressed issues relating to Senator Santorum's visit to South High School.

James Fox, Grosse Pointe Farms, shared his thoughts about Mr. Santorum's upcoming visit.

Ann Disser, Grosse Pointe Farms, commented on Grosse Pointe South High School speakers.

Michael Mullinger, Grosse Pointe, addressed Mr. Santorum's visit to South and his speech.

Dr. Schervish, Grosse Pointe, shared his thoughts about Mr. Santorum's visit to South.

Jeannine Gant, Grosse Pointe Park, addressed her views on Mr. Santorum's visit to South as well as the opt-in form needed to attend the assembly.

Langston Bowens, Grosse Pointe Park, addressed his thoughts about Mr. Santorum's upcoming visit to South and requested that North students and parents as well as middle school students be allowed to attend the assembly.

Christina Raehl, Grosse Pointe Shores, shared her thoughts about the controversy surrounding Mr. Santorum's visit to South High School.

Grant Strobl, Grosse Pointe Shores, commented on Mr. Santorum's upcoming visit to South High School.

Daniel Salden, Grosse Pointe Farms, also shared his thoughts about Mr. Santorum's visit to South.

Renee Strobl, Grosse Pointe Shores, spoke to issues surrounding Mr. Santorum's visit to South.

Peter Fox, Grosse Pointe Farms, addressed the controversy surrounding Mr. Santorum's visit.

VIII. MOTION TO MOVE INTO CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS NEGOTIATIONS

It was Moved by: Trustee Gafa

Supported by: Trustee Pangborn

THAT the Board Move into Closed Session to Discuss Negotiations.

In a roll call vote,

Trustee Dindoffer, Yes

Trustee Gafa, Yes

Trustee Jakubiec, Yes

Trustee Pangborn, Yes

Trustee Valente, Yes

Absent: Trustee Roeske

Motion carried by a 5 – 0 vote.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The regular meeting ended at 9:15 p.m. as the Board proceeded into a Closed Session. A formal adjournment will occur as the Board returns from their closed session into an open session.

Lois Valente, Board Secretary