



**Grosse Pointe Board of Education
Minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 23, 2013
Library Media Center, North High School
707 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236**

MEETING MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

President Dindoffer called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Dindoffer.

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

Also Present: Superintendent Harwood and Deputy Superintendents Dean and Fenton

II. APPROVAL OF BOARD AGENDA FOR APRIL 23, 2013

It was Moved by: Trustee Gafa

Supported by: Trustee Roeske

THAT the Board approve the agenda for the Regular Meeting of April 23, 2013 as presented.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried by a 6 – 0 vote.

President Dindoffer welcomed the Board candidates and the League of Women Voters to the meeting. She explained the process for the evening's meeting noting that there would be three groups of candidates interviewing at three different times. She also shared the timeline and process by which the vacancy on the Board left by Mr. Walsh's departure occurred. 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. This forum and the subsequent Board Meeting on April 24, 2013, will be videotaped and available by *live-streaming* for public viewing.

Mrs. Dindoffer then turned the meeting over to League of Women Voters President, Christina Schlitt who explained the mission of the League and asked Mary Zaylor, who will be reading the questions, to begin the interview process. (The third group of candidates had questions read by Mary Reilly.) Mrs. Zaylor explained to candidates the 2 minute limit on answers and the need to watch the time keeper so as to be able to finish a comment. There will also be 2 minute opening and closing statements for each candidate.

III. BOARD CANDIDATE INTERVIEWS

The first group of candidates interviewed at 6:00 p.m. included:

Allison Baker; Diane Karabetsos; Anne Marie Harris; Derek Adams; and Christopher Cornwall. Ms. Ande Chapman and Mr. John Conn were not present in their group to answer interview questions.

The second group of candidates interviewed at 7:35 p.m. included:

Cheryl Ann Costantino; Kimberly Clextan; Norma Huizar; Robin Hartnett; James Hill; Peter Kotula; and John Gillooly.

The third group of candidates interviewed at 9:10 p.m. included:

Sandra Lynn Yarema; William Broman; William Shield; William Roche; Jennifer Neumann; Brian Clark Summerfield; and Chace Wakefield.

Board President Joan Dindoffer thanked the candidates for their participation in the Board forum and thanked the League of Women Voters for partnering with the Board of Education in assistance and efficiency with the forum process.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Polly Tech, Grosse Pointe Farms, addressed a proposed plan for parents of the YAF Group to attend the Rick Santorum Assembly at South High School.

Tom Bruche, Grosse Pointe Park, supported Mr. Brian Summerfield for the open Board position.

VI. FUTURE MEETINGS

President Dindoffer announced that there will be a Regular Meeting of the Board on Monday, April 24, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. in the North High School Library Media Center.

VII.. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:21 p.m.

Lois Valente, Board Secretary