



**Grosse Pointe Board of Education  
Minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 24, 2013  
Library Media Center, North High School  
707 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236**

**REVISED**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

President Dindoffer called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

**The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice-President Roeske.**

**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 24, 2013**

**It was Moved by:** Trustee Roeske

**Supported by:** Trustee Gafa

**THAT the Board approve the agenda for the Regular Meeting of April 24, 2013 as presented.**

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

**Nays:** None

**Motion carried by a 6 – 0 vote.**

**III. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ACTION ITEM**

No one came forward to speak at this time.

**IV. AGENDA ACTION ITEM FOR APRIL 24, 2013**

**A. Approval of Appointment for Board of Education Trustee**

President Dindoffer asked Board members to share those characteristics of value to them in making a decision to select a replacement for the open Board position.

After individual sharing of priority characteristics, the compiled list included the following criteria in choosing a candidate to fill the open Board position:

- ◆ a knowledge of the current issues facing the school district
- ◆ an awareness of the issues facing Lansing and their impact on the district
- ◆ a past commitment to the school district
- ◆ an ability to cooperatively work with other board members as a team
- ◆ an awareness of the needs of the elementary level student that would add first-hand knowledge to the Board's decisions on elementary issues
- ◆ a strong judiciary for the tax payers
- ◆ an advocate for all students
- ◆ an understanding of finances
- ◆ an understanding of the time commitment
- ◆ an ability to respect all points of view
- ◆ strong leadership skills

After discussing the priority characteristics needed for a new Board member, Trustees each shared their top candidates. From each member's list, the top seven candidates that appeared more than once on a Trustee's list were discussed further by the Board as a whole. The top seven candidates after that process were: Allison Baker; Kim Clextan; Christopher Cornwall; Anne Marie Harris; William Shield; Brian Summerfield; and Chace Wakefield.

Conversation about each candidate ensued and a nomination was brought forth.

**It was Moved by:** Trustee Gafa

**Supported by:** Trustee Valente

**THAT the open Trustee position for the Board of Education should be filled by Mr. Brian C. Summerfield.**

In a roll call vote,  
Trustee Dindoffer, Yes  
Trustee Gafa, Yes  
Trustee Jakubiec, Yes  
Trustee Pangborn, Yes  
Trustee Roeske, Yes  
Trustee Valente, Yes

**Motion to support and approve Brian C. Summerfield as Board of Education Trustee was unanimously approved and carried by a 6 – 0 vote.**

Board members congratulated Mr. Summerfield who signed his Oath of Office and was sworn in by Deputy Superintendent Christian Fenton.

Board members thanked each other for the transparent process and teamwork in narrowing down 22 possible candidates and working to thoroughly review and collaborate together in making a final decision.

#### **V. FUTURE MEETINGS**

President Dindoffer announced that there will be a Regular Meeting of the Board on Monday, May 13, 2013 in the Brownell MultiPurpose Room. .

#### **VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-ACTION ITEMS**

No one came forward to speak at this time.

#### **VII. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

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Lois Valente, Board Secretary