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**Grosse Pointe Board of Education  
Minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 13, 2013  
Multi-Purpose Room, Brownell Middle School  
260 Chalfonte, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

President Dindoffer called the regular meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Boy Scout Charlie Cornelie.

**Also Present:** Superintendent Harwood and Deputy Superintendents Dean and Fenton

**II. APPROVAL OF BOARD AGENDA FOR MAY 13, 2013**

**It was Moved by:** Trustee Roeske

**Supported by:** Trustee Jakubiec

**THAT the Board Agenda for Monday, May 13, 2013 be adopted as presented.**

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

**Nays:** None

**Motion carried by a 7 – 0 vote.**

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

Officer Dan Koerber shared details of the Monteith student drop-off from the perspective of the Woods Public Safety Division. He highlighted pros and cons of the 'circle-drive' option as opposed to the 'curb-cut' option. He noted their either option will be acceptable and assists in the traffic situation that currently exists at Monteith.

Carol Evola, Grosse Pointe Woods, shared her concerns regarding the proposed Monteith student drop-off plan. She supported the City's option for a circle drive on Cook Road.

**IV. AGENDA ACTION ITEMS FOR MAY 13, 2013**

**A. Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of April 22, 23, 24 and 29, 2013 and Closed Session Minutes of April 22, 2013**

The minutes of the regular meetings of April 22, 23, 24 and 29, 2013 and closed session minutes of April 22, 2013 were presented to the Board for approval with revisions to the April 22, 2013 and April 24, 2013 regular minutes.

**It was Moved by:** Trustee Gafa

**Supported by:** Trustee Jakubiec

**THAT the Board approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of April 22, 23, 24, 29, 2013 and Closed Session Minutes of April 22, 2013 as presented.**

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

**Nays:** None

**Motion carried by a 7 – 0 vote.**

**B. Approval of Human Resources Report for May 13, 2013**

Dr. Dean shared the Human Resources report containing the appointments of two administrators: David Reed-Nordwall as North High School Assistant Principal and Steven Wolf, Parcels Middle School Assistant Principal. North Principal Kate Murray welcomed Mr. David Reed-Nordwall to the district and to the North family. Mr. Nordwall thanked Mrs. Murray, central office administration and the Board for their approval and said he was excited to begin working with the North administrative team, teachers and students.

**It was Moved by:** Trustee Valente

**Supported by:** Trustee Gafa

**THAT the Board approve the Human Resources Report for May 13, 2013 containing the appointments of Mr. David Reed-Nordwall as North Assistant Principal and Mr. Steven Wolf as Parcels Middle School Principal.**

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

**Nays:** None

**Motion carried by a 7 – 0 vote.**

**C. Approval of Monteith Student Drop-Off**

Mr. Fenton discussed the options for the Monteith student drop-off which were discussed at the last regular board meeting. He also noted that the administration and Board has been working on the Monteith student drop-off issue since the 1950's. Ideas and plans were always put on a "back-burner" due to budgeting concerns and differences of opinion on the best solution. A traffic study was also done at one time to determine the traffic flow on Cook Road, Chalfonte and Ida Lane. The issue has now been narrowed down to a "circle drive" or a "curb cut" as the two most viable options for the Monteith student drop off.

After an informative and productive discussion, President Dindoffer asked the Board for a motion to approve the curb-cut as recommended by the district administration.

**It was Moved by:** Trustee Pangborn

**Supported by:** Trustee Jakubiec

**THAT the Board approve the administration's recommendation for a curb-cut for student drop-off on Cook Road at Monteith Elementary School.**

**In a roll call vote,**

Trustee Dindoffer, No

Trustee Gafa, No

Trustee Jakubiec, No

Trustee Pangborn, Yes

Trustee Roeske, No

Trustee Summerfield, No

Trustee Valente, No

**Motion to accept the administration's recommendation for a curb-cut at Monteith failed by a 6 – 1 vote.**

**Mr. Fenton then requested of President Dindoffer that a vote be called to reject the bids.**

**It was then Moved by:** Trustee Gafa

**Supported by:** Trustee Roeske

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

**Motioned carried to reject the bids for the Monteith curb-cut by a 5 – 2 vote.**

Superintendent Harwood then asked the Board to include in tonight's meeting an addition to the agenda to include the recognition of Mr. Nick Provenzano by MACUL (Michigan Association for Computer Users in Learning. Mary Safron and Carrie Woznicki from MACUL thanked the Board of Education for their support of Mr. Provenzano and other instructional staff who use technology in the classroom in innovative and educational ways to incorporate 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learning. In addition to being named Teacher of the Year by MACUL, Mr. Provenzano was also named "Outstanding Teacher User" and will receive the International Society for Technology in Education (ISTE) Award.

Board members congratulated Mr. Provenzano and thanked him for his ground-breaking instruction in technology in the classroom.

## **V. INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### **A. Projected Enrollment, Projected Staffing and Preliminary Budget Report for 2013-2014 School Year**

Mr. Fenton began the discussion noting that the projected enrollment has not changed significantly since the February, 2013 count day leaving the district with about 8,325 students. He noted a slight drop in the elementary level. He provided enrollment information that included enrollment numbers by grade and the projected decrease which would net the district at about \$300,000 less revenue. Mr. Fenton said that a G.A.A.A. would be coming to the Board at the end of the month. He also noted that the projected fund equity for the end of the school year should be between \$1.7 and \$2.3 million.

Dr. Dean said that the district is in a different situation with staffing because of the new contracts which have eliminated the deadlines for layoff notices. He noted that there would be a small number of layoffs with instructional staff resulting from the reducing of possibly 8-10 elementary classrooms for next year. This would result in a possible 10-12 teacher reduction due to tightening of schedules at the elementary level in light of declining enrollment. Dr. Dean also noted that, even so, the possible deductions have not been budgeted for since this planning is in tentative stages. He said the administration will wait for more aggressive enrollment numbers before reducing services. Dr. Dean also shared that there would be a "tightening up" with clerical at the elementary and secondary levels as well as at the administration building.

President Dindoffer asked Dr. Dean for concrete projections in terms of class size. He responded that the information requested should be available by this Friday. He added that the administration is not seeking to eliminate any programs but will need to carefully check the enrollment in some courses.

Vice-President Roeske asked Mr. Fenton about the status of the greenhouse at South High School. Mr. Fenton noted that a couple of glass panes were broken and needed to be re-ordered and that the project should be completed in the next few weeks.

## **VI. FUTURE MEETINGS**

Meeting of the Board Policy Committee, May 15, 2013, 6:15 p.m., Board Office, 389 St. Clair  
Regular Meeting of the Board, Monday, May 20, 2013, 7:00 p.m., Brownell MultiPurpose Room

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

No one came forward to speak at this time.

**VIII. MOTION TO MOVE INTO CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS A LEGAL OPINION AND LITIGATION**

**It was Moved by:** Trustee Roeske

**Supported by:** Trustee Pangborn

**THAT the Board move into Closed Session to Discuss A Legal Opinion.**

**In a roll call vote,**

Trustee Dindoffer, Yes

Trustee Gafa, Yes

Trustee Jakubiec, Yes

Trustee Pangborn, Yes

Trustee Roeske, Yes

Trustee Summerfield, Yes

Trustee Valente, Yes

**Motion to move into Closed Session at 8:44 p.m. carried by a 7 – 0 vote.**

**IX. ADJOURNMENT**

This meeting will be formally adjourned after the Closed Session.

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Lois Valente, Board Secretary