



**Grosse Pointe Board of Education
Minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 28, 2013
Multi-Purpose Room, Brownell Middle School
260 Chalfonte, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236**

MEETING MINUTES

2nd REVISION

I. CALL TO ORDER

President Gafa called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Trustee Jakubiec.

Also Present: Superintendent Harwood; Deputy Superintendents Dean and Fenton; Curriculum Directors Bur and Johnson

II. APPROVAL OF BOARD AGENDA FOR JANUARY 28, 2013

It was Moved by: Trustee Pangborn

Supported by: Trustee Roeske

THAT the Board Agenda for Monday, January 28, 2013 be adopted as presented.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried by a 7 – 0 vote.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ORGANIZATIONAL ITEMS AND ACTION ITEMS FOR JANUARY 28, 2013

George McMullen, Grosse Pointe Woods, commented on Trustee Gafa's service as President of the Board of Education over the past year and his continued support for her election to that same position as a board officer.

IV. ANNUAL ORGANIZATIONAL ITEMS

A. Administration of Oath of Office of Newly Elected Trustees

The Board election held on November 6, 2012 resulted in the re-election of Judy Gafa and Cynthia Pangborn to four-year terms. Both trustees were then administered the Oath of Office by Superintendent Harwood.

B. Election of Officers

Board Bylaw 0152 indicates that the Board shall annually elect Board officers at its organizational meeting. The new president then conducts the remainder of the meeting starting with the election of the vice-president. Elections for the positions of secretary and treasurer are then conducted before proceeding with the remainder of the agenda.

It was Moved by: Trustee Valente

Supported by: Trustee Roeske

THAT Mrs. Gafa be nominated as President of the Board of Education.

In a roll call vote,
Trustee Dindoffer, No
Trustee Roeske, Yes
Trustee Jakubiec, No
Trustee Walsh, No
Trustee Pangborn, No
Trustee Valente, Yes
Trustee Gafa, Yes

Motion to nominate Judy Gafa as President of the Board failed by a 4 – 3 vote.

It was then Moved by: Trustee Gafa
Supported by: Trustee Jakubiec

THAT Mrs. Dindoffer be nominated as President of the Board of Education.

In a roll call vote,
Trustee Dindoffer, Yes
Trustee Roeske, No
Trustee Jakubiec, Yes
Trustee Walsh, Yes
Trustee Pangborn, Yes
Trustee Valente, Yes
Trustee Gafa, Yes

Motion to nominate Joan Dindoffer as President of the Board carried by a 6 – 1 vote.

President Dindoffer thanked fellow Board members, took her seat as President and proceeded to conduct the rest of the meeting beginning with the remainder of the Election of Officers starting with the Vice-President.

It was Moved by: Trustee Walsh

THAT Mrs. Gafa be nominated at Vice-President of the Board of Education.

Trustee Gafa declined that nomination.

It was Moved by: Trustee Gafa
Supported by: Trustee Walsh

THAT Mr. Roeske be nominated as Vice-President of the Board of Education.

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

Motion to nominate Dan Roeske as Vice-President of the Board carried by a 7 – 0 vote.

It was Moved by: Trustee Roeske
Supported by: Trustee Walsh

THAT Mrs. Valente be nominated as Secretary of the Board of Education.

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

Motion to nominate Lois Valente as Secretary of the Board carried by a 7 – 0 vote.

It was Moved by: Trustee Valente

Supported by: Trustee Roeske

THAT Mr. Walsh be nominated as Treasurer of the Board of Education.

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

Motion to nominate Brendan Walsh as Treasurer of the Board carried by a 7 – 0 vote.

C. Declaration of Board Member Compensation Preference

Per Board Bylaw 0144.1, Board members individually declare their preference for distribution of their compensation by one of four options: A) Receive his/her per meeting compensation for the current year; B) Refuse compensation for the current year; C) Request that in lieu of his/her compensation for the current school year a like amount be directed to a program of the Grosse Pointe Public School System or a District related school organization; or D) Request that the compensation be directed on his/her behalf to the Grosse Pointe Foundation for Public Education.

Trustees Jakubiec, Pangborn, Valente and Gafa elected to receive their compensation and direct it where they saw suitable; Trustee Dindoffer chose not to accept her compensation **but and** asked that it be used to match a grant that the Grosse Pointe Foundation for Public Education may also wish to fund **to use it to match**; Trustee Walsh directed his stipend to the Latin Club at South; and Trustee Roeske elected to direct his compensation to the North and South boys track teams.

D. Approval of Resolution of Continuance of Funds and Designation of Signatories in Signatories on Accounts

A resolution provided to the Board names the funds and accounts that need to be established and/or continued for the calendar year 2013. The Board is asked to adopt the resolution provided pertaining to the continuance of funds and accounts and signatories on accounts.

It was Moved by: Trustee Pangborn

Supported by: Trustee Walsh

THAT the Board approve the Resolution on Continuance of Funds and Designation of Signatories on Accounts.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried with a 7 – 0 vote.

E. Approval of Appointment of Christian Fenton, Isha Smith and Carolyn Kurtz as Representatives to MAISL for Property/Liability Insurance Underwriter

The Grosse Pointe Public School System is a member of the Metropolitan Association for Improved School Legislation (M.A.I.S.L.) Joint Risk Management Trust which is a property/liability insurance pool. This is composed of 35 districts//ISDs. The agreement states that obligation of its members which includes the selection of a staff person as a director and an alternate director. Currently Christian Fenton serves as director with Isha Smith and Carolyn Kurtz as alternate directors.

It was Moved by: Trustee Walsh

Supported by: Trustee Roeske

THAT the Board approve the Appointments of Christian Fenton, Isha Smith and Carolyn Kurtz as Representatives to MAISL for Property/Liability Insurance Underwriter as presented.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried by a 7 – 0 vote.

F. Approval of Regular Board Meeting Calendar for 2013

Board members were provided a Board Meeting Calendar for the 2013 school year with revisions for April and May meeting dates. Meetings will be held at the Brownell Multi-Purpose Room unless otherwise noted.

It was Moved by: Trustee Walsh

Supported by: Trustee Jakubiec

THAT the Board approve the Board Meeting Calendar for 2013 as presented.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried with a 7 – 0 vote.

V. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. School Board Recognition

Superintendent Harwood acknowledged that January is School Board Recognition Month in school districts across the state. He commended the Grosse Pointe Public School System's Board of Education on their continued diligence and hard work in making the Grosse Pointe Schools a premier school district as they lead with students at the forefront of decision-making. A token of appreciation was distributed to all Board members by Dr. Harwood.

B. Legislative Update

Superintendent Harwood reviewed the most recent Legislative action in Lansing: Revenue Consensus Hearing; Governor's budget being presented on February 7, 2013; newly enacted Emergency manager Law, PA 436; and the MPERS 3% healthcare court case which has yet to be heard, but will ultimately affect the School Aid budget when it is settled.

C. Good News Items

Superintendent Harwood noted that on Martin Luther King Holiday, Mr. McIntyre, 8th Grade Honors Science teacher, took some of his students to Kettering University for access to science programs.

Kate Murray, North Assistant Principal has been recognized at the State level to receive the Michigan Reading Association Administrator Award.

D. 21st Century High School Review Team Update

Dr. Dean, Mr. Johnson and their 21st Century High School Review Team highlighted recommendations based on: recent state and federal mandates; changing parent expectations; new post-secondary expectations; and developments in educational research. The 5 main focus areas were: Blended Learning; Dual Enrollment; Graduation Requirements; Credit Recovery; and High School schedules.

VI. ACTION ITEMS FOR JANUARY 28, 2013

A. Approval of Human Resources Report for January 28, 2013

The Human Resources Report was presented by Dr. Dean.

It was Moved by: Trustee Roeske

Supported by: Trustee Walsh

THAT the Board approve the Human Resources report as presented.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried by a 7 – 0 vote.

B. Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of December 17, 2012 and Special Meeting Minutes of December 21, 2012

The minutes of the December Board meetings were presented for approval.

It was Moved by: Trustee Pangborn

Supported by: Trustee Valente

THAT the Board approve the Minutes of the December, 2012 Board Meetings as presented.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried by a 7 – 0 vote.

C. Approval of Human Sexuality Materials for High School Health Courses

The Human Sexuality Advisory board met and an advisory Board was created consisting of: parents, clergy, a community health representative, teachers, and administrators. They will: review materials and curriculum; make recommendations to the teachers, administration; and make recommendations to Board of Education for approval of curriculum and materials to be used in classes 4th through 12th grades

The Human Sexuality Advisory Board will meet again on **February 16, 2013 and April 16, 2013.**

Instructional videos were available for review by board members from January 7, 2013 through January 28, 2013.

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It was Moved by: Trustee Roeske
Supported by: Trustee Pangborn

THAT the Board approve the Human Sexuality Materials for High School Health Courses as presented.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried by a 7 – 0 vote.

D. Approval of Digital Seminar Courses at the High School

During conversations with the 21st Century High School Review Team, there were several conversations about including Digital Seminar as a part of the Grosse Pointe Public Schools' curriculum. The Digital Seminar class has already been approved by both EPLC and the Board of Education in the past. However, it was removed from the High School Program of Studies for the 2012-13 school year. The Board was asked to approve North High School to include the Digital Seminar class into the 2013-14 program of studies; thus, allowing the school to continue the Pilot.

It was Moved by: Trustee Jakubiec

Supported by: Trustee Walsh

THAT the Board approve the Digital Seminar Courses at the High School as presented.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried by a 7 – 0 vote.

E. Approval of the Budget Parameters Resolution for Budget Development for 2013-2014

At the Board's December meeting, Treasurer Walsh presented an overview of the Resolution to Commence 2013-14 Budget Parameters Development and Related Parameters. He detailed: reports used, (not included in the Resolution); over-arching mission of the District; prevailing financial strategy; administrative budget recommendations; and materials and reports to accompany the Administration's budget recommendations.

It was Moved by: Trustee Roeske

Supported by: Trustee Pangborn

THAT the Board approve the Budget Parameters Resolution for Budget Development for 2013-14 as presented.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried by a 7 – 0 vote.

VII. AGENDA ACTION ITEMS FOR FEBRUARY 25, 2013

The following items will be presented to the Board for approval at the February 25, 2013 meeting of the Board.

A. Approval of Human Resources Report for February, 2013

The Human Resources Report for January, 2013 will be provided prior to the next regular meeting of the Board.

B. Approval of Minutes of January, 2013

The Meeting Minutes for January, 2013 will be available prior to the next regular meeting of the Board.

C. Approval of District Goals

The Superintendent's proposed District Goals will be available prior to the February, 2013 meeting of the Board.

D. Approval of Bid for Pierce Life Skills Room Remodeling

The Board of Education will be asked to approve the bid from Ashor, Inc. for \$91,900 for the remodeling and upgrading of the Life Skills Room at Pierce Middle School.

E. Approval of Technology Bids

1. Cell Phone Bid

The district accepted and posted (on the National Universal Service Fund E-Rate website), bids for cellular telephone service as required. At their February 25, 2013 regular meeting, the Board will be asked to approve a contract with Verizon for cell phone service at an estimated cost of \$46,409.52 per year for a contract term of three years.

2. WAN Services Bid

The district accepted bids for WAN (wide area network) services. The bids were posted on the National Universal Service Fund, E-Rate website as required. At their February 25, 2013 regular meeting, the Board will be asked to approve a contract with Comcast for 1 GB WAN services for \$14,400 per month with a 60 month contract term.

F. Approval of Policies

The Board of Education Policy Committee will meet on Thursday, February 7, 2013 to discuss Board policies.

G. Approval of Reinstatement Panel

Information on the Reinstatement Panel will be available prior to the Board's next regular meeting.

VIII. INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

A. Monthly Financial Report/Health Care Report

Dr. Dean shared information received on the latest Health Care Report from Brown and Brown. Mr. Fenton noted that the monthly financials and additional variable report were presented to the Board for review with no significant changes other than higher health care costs as reported by Dr. Dean for the month of November.

B. Middle School Program of Studies

Mr. Johnson presented the minor changes to this year's Middle School Program of Studies.

C. Residency Update

Dr. Harwood shared with the Board the verification letter that will be sent to a randomly selected number of families in the Grosse Pointe Public School System. The letter requires families to complete a residency affidavit form. The Board also received an update on residency checks.

D. Wireless Bid

Wireless infrastructure is a Priority 2 service under e-rate rules. The E-rate program will determine the funds that will be allocated to Priority 2 requests after all Priority 1 requests have been funded. In the past, only schools in

the 70 percent and above category have received Priority 2 funding. GPPSS is currently a 42 percent district. The E-rate funding percentage is based on a district's Free and Reduced Lunch Count. However, for FY 2010, the E-rate program ruled that all districts received Priority 2 funding if a Priority 2 request was filed. GPPSS filed for basic maintenance of the network for FY 2010, so the District will be receiving E-rate funds of \$8,287 because a Priority 2 request for that year was filed.

The Board will be asked to approve the selection of NETech for the wireless infrastructure contract contingent upon the approval of E-Rate Priority 2 funding.

IX. FUTURE MEETINGS

President Dindoffer announced there will a Policy Committee Meeting on Thursday, February 7, 2013 at the Board Office.

There will also be a Regular Meetings on Monday, February 11, 2013 at 7 p.m. in the Brownell Multi-Purpose Room and on Monday, February 25, 2013 at 7 p.m., also in the Brownell Multi-Purpose Room.

X. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-ACTION ITEMS

Liz Vogel, Grosse Pointe resident, introduced herself to the Board of Education and audience as she is a candidate for a City Council seat in Grosse Pointe Farms.

XI. OTHER COMMENTS FROM BOARD AND SUPERINTENDENT

Trustee Gafa congratulated new Board officers and thanked the community for their support throughout the year.

Trustee Roeske thanked Mrs. Gafa for her service as President of the Board for the past year.

Trustee Jakubiec discussed Preschool funding.

Trustee Pangborn announced a meeting she was hosting on February 7, 2013 called, "Ask Grandma" for all in the community, but targeted toward the Monteith community.

Trustees Walsh and Valente had no comment.

Superintendent Harwood thanked Dr. Dean and his team for their presentation on 21st Century High School recommendations. He also thanked the Grosse Pointe Rotary for their generous donation of coats for the Operation Warmth Program. Dr. Harwood noted the Spirit of Giving celebration at North High School next week. He congratulated Gary Abud on his nomination as Teacher of the Year. He thanked Mrs. Gafa for her service on the Board as President for the past year and the Board for their continued support.

President Dindoffer thanked Mrs. Gafa for her leadership for the past four years and especially her last year as Board President. She congratulated Mrs. Gafa and Mrs. Pangborn on their re-election to the Board.

XII. APPROVAL TO MOVE INTO A CLOSED SESSION OF THE BOARD TO DISCUSS NEGOTIATIONS

It was Moved by: Trustee Roeske

Supported by: Trustee Jakubiec

THAT the Board move into Closed Session to discuss negotiations at 10:10 p.m.

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

Trustee Valente, Yes
Trustee Gafa, Yes

Motion carried by a 7 – 0 vote.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting will be adjourned in closed session.

Board Secretary