



**Grosse Pointe Board of Education
Minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 11, 2013
Brownell Middle School MultiPurpose Room
260 Chalfonte, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236**

MEETING MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Trustee Summerfield.

Also Present: Superintendent Harwood; Deputy Superintendents Dean and Fenton

II. APPROVAL OF BOARD AGENDA FOR NOVEMBER 11, 2013

It was Moved by: Trustee Jakubiec

Supported by: Trustee Valente

THAT the Board Agenda for Monday, November 11, 2013 be approved as presented.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried by a 7 – 0 vote.

III. INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

Dr. Harwood introduced the third party consultants who have been working with the administration regarding language and the district's needs for a Technology Bond proposal. They included Elizabeth Muzyk from Ehresman and Associates, Scott Brune from Wright & Hunter, and a representative from Peter Basso Associates. The team presented their recommendations and an analysis of the technology needs for the district after reviewing the district's current technology status. They presented a proposal that they concluded would best suit the district's technology needs including: 1) security system improvements; 2) technology infrastructure and devices; and 3) energy efficiency.

Each member of the consulting team presented from their professional opinion on specific areas within the report. Board members had an opportunity to ask questions as the presentation laid out proposed plans.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Harry Kurtz, Grosse Pointe, said that he feels these are critical crossroads for the district with the technology bond proposal and he encouraged the Board to move forward with one bond proposal.

Chris Profeta, Grosse Pointe, noted that he felt tonight's meeting was very productive and asked the Board to move forward with the bond proposal and the devices proposed and let the community vote.

Allison Baker, Grosse Pointe Park, thanked the Board for their meeting and asked that they vote to move forward with a \$50 million bond proposal for a vote in February.

George McMullen, Grosse Pointe Woods, also encouraged the Board to agree to move forward with a single \$50-million bond proposal.

Ben L., Brownell student, shared his experiences with the district's technology deficits in the classroom and said there is a need for the community to pass the bond proposal presented, adding, "Go big or go home!"

Andrew Dervan, Grosse Pointe Farms, said he is in support of the bond with just one proposal, not a split bond.

John Shook, Grosse Pointe, thanked the Board for their presentation, but asked that the personal devices not be included. He also asked the Board to break the bond into three pieces: safety; infrastructure; and devices and let the residents decide what they want in their vote.

Grant Stroble, South student, shared information on a recent technology night held for the community.

Diane Karabetsos, Grosse Pointe Woods, spoke on behalf of Residents for Residency and their request to be formally on a Board agenda.

V. COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD AND SUPERINTENDENT

Trustee Jakubiec wished everyone safe travel home.

Trustee Pangborn also commented on those who came out to speak at the meeting a safe travel home.

Trustee Summerfield thanked the presenters who provided the information on the bond proposal.

Trustee Valente extended condolences to the Nardone family on their loss.

Trustee Gafa dismissed herself at 7:23 p.m. to attend an event for her daughter. She voiced her support of a \$50-million bond proposal before excusing herself.

Trustee Roeske thanked those in attendance who came to the meeting to support the Board as they presented information and made a recommendation for a bond proposal.

Superintendent Harwood echoed Mrs. Valente comments about the Nardone family and the loss of their husband, father and friend. He thanked the presenters for the wonderful presentation and direction on the technology bond.

President Dindoffer also extended condolences to the Nardone family. She thanked the consultants who presented information on the technology bond as well as the speakers who shared their thoughts on a bond proposal and Dr. Dean and his team for the successful Open House.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

President Dindoffer adjourned the meeting at 9:53p.m.

Lois Valente, Board Secretary