



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

MEETING MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

President Dindoffer called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Trustee Jakubiec.

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

Absent: Trustee Roeske

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

II. APPROVAL OF BOARD AGENDA FOR FEBRUARY 11, 2013

It was Moved by: Trustee Valente

Supported by: Trustee Walsh

THAT the Board approve the agenda for the Regular Meeting of February 11, 2013 as presented.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Roeske

Motion carried by a 6 – 0 vote.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ACTION ITEMS

No one came forward to speak at this time.

IV. AGENDA ACTION ITEM FOR FEBRUARY 11, 2013

A. Approval of the Minutes of January 28, 2013

Board members were asked to approve the minutes of the Closed Session and Regular Meeting of January 28, 2013.

It was Moved by: Trustee Walsh

Supported by: Trustee Valente

THAT the Board approve the Closed and Regular Meeting Minutes of January 28, 2013 as presented.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Roeske

Motion carried by a 6 – 0 vote.

B. Approval of Wayne County RESA Special Education Advisory Committee Representative

Per the Wayne RESA Special Education Plan, each school district in the county would have parents of students with special needs represent the district in communication and discussion related to special education services, programs, and modifications. The Wayne RESA Parent Advisory Committee would work with the Wayne

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RESA Director of Special Education and staff to review existing administrative guidelines and to approve any submission of a waiver to such guidelines to the Michigan Department of Education.

Ms. Charmaine Fuller has come forward to volunteer her services to represent the interest of the Grosse Pointe Public School System.

It was Moved by: Trustee Gafa

Supported by: Trustee Valente

THAT the Board of Education approve Ms. Charmaine Fuller as the Grosse Pointe Public Schools' Parent Advisory Committee representative to serve on the Wayne RESA PAC.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Roeske

Motion carried by a 6 – 0 vote.

V. DISCUSSION

A. Technology Overview

Superintendent Harwood provided a vision for the district's technology plan for "today, tomorrow and beyond". He highlighted the district's current use of technology and future trends and needs in the development of a sound and effective technological infrastructure. Dr. Harwood shared key traits of the student learner profile and 21st Century Learner; the mission, vision and goals for technology; and learning in a digital age.

Dr. Harwood concluded his presentation with the proposed next steps the district would need to take to begin to transform and empower student learning through technology. He also proposed the possibility of a Technology Bond and what would need to be considered to bring that proposal forward on the ballot for the November, 2013 election date.

B. Discipline Data Update

Superintendent Harwood provided information on student discipline based on the number of students and the number of incidents recorded throughout the year to date. Board member questions included:

- How many of the students being disciplined are escalating in behaviors leading to more severe discipline?
- Are there ways to solve the problem behaviors without escalating the discipline measures?
- Are special needs students being over-disciplined?

Dr. Dean answered Board questions noting that some of the students being disciplined were only a one-time offense and their problematic behaviors had not escalated to continued or more severe discipline measures. He also said that staff are always seeking alternative ways to work with problem behaviors.

C. Review of Proposed District Goals

In order to resume unfinished deliberations from an earlier closed session, President Dindoffer asked for a motion to defer discussion on the District Goals until the February 25, 2013 regular meeting of the Board.

It was Moved by: Trustee Walsh

Supported by: Trustee Pangborn

THAT discussion on the Proposed District Goals be deferred until the February 25, 2013 regular meeting of the Board.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Roeske

Motion carried by a 6 – 0 vote.

VI. FUTURE MEETINGS

President Dindoffer announced that there will be a Regular Meeting of the Board on Monday, February 25, 2013 at 7 p.m. in the Brownell Multipurpose Room.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-ACTION ITEMS

No one came to speak at this time.

VIII. MOTION TO RETURN TO CLOSED SESSION TO CONTINUE NEGOTIATIONS DISCUSSION

It was Moved by: Trustee Pangborn

Supported by: Trustee Walsh

THAT the Board resume closed session discussion of negotiations at 8:25 p.m.

In a roll call vote,

Trustee Dindoffer, Yes

Trustee Gafa, Yes

Trustee Jakubiec, Yes

Trustee Pangborn, Yes

Trustee Valente, Yes

Trustee Walsh, Yes

Absent: Trustee Roeske

Motion carried by a 6 – 0 vote.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment will take place in closed session.

Lois Valente, Board Secretary