



**Grosse Pointe Board of Education**  
**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 22, 2013**  
**Committee Work Session of the Whole**  
**Library Media Center, Grosse Pointe North High School**  
**707 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

President Dindoffer called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m.

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

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

**II. APPROVAL OF BOARD AGENDA FOR JULY 22, 2013 AT 6:15 P.M.**

**It was Moved by:** Trustee Jakubiec

**Supported by:** Trustee Pangborn

**THAT the Board approve the agenda for the Regular Meeting of July 22, 2013 as presented.**

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

**Nays:** None

**Motion carried by a 7 – 0 vote.**

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

Pete Spencer, Grosse Pointe Farms, spoke about the importance of the proposed technology bond for the Grosse Pointe Public Schools. He encouraged a strong, solidified Board to approve a \$47 million bond for 10 years.

William Broman, Grosse Pointe Woods, also expressed his thoughts on the specifics of passing a technology bond issue. He spoke in favor of a 7 year bond proposal.

**IV. AGENDA ITEM FOR JULY 22, 2013**

**A. Discussion of Proposal for Technology Bond**

As a discussion for the proposal of a technology bond began, Superintendent Harwood noted the importance of planning for and agreeing on the ballot language at this time.

Ryan Bendzinski, district financial advisor to the Business Department, shared the details of three possible scenarios:

- 1) A 10 year - \$40 million bond issue which would have the lowest millage rate for taxpayers over the life of the bond
- 2) A 7 year - \$40 million bond issue which would have a higher millage rate but a lower total repayment amount (2.5582 mills)
- 3) A 10 year (two series bond) - \$48 million bond issue which is a higher principal amount with a proposed rate of 2.264 mills.

Amanda VanDusen, district financial legal advisor from Miller Canfield, also shared specifics of the three bond proposals and how each would be implemented and how the return could be calculated.

Mr. Fenton and Dr. Harwood, as well as Board members, thoroughly discussed the details and process of each proposal , with the advantages and disadvantages of each.

**V. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-ACTION ITEMS**

George McMullen, Grosse Pointe Woods, shared his thoughts on the proposed technology bond millage.

William Broman, Grosse Pointe Woods, stated that the community at-large needs to see the specifics on how the technology bond money would be spent before the November election.

**VI. ADJOURNMENT**

President Dindoffer adjourned the meeting at 7:31p.m.

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Lois Valente, Board Secretary