



**Grosse Pointe Board of Education  
Minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 29, 2013  
Multipurpose Room, Brownell Middle School  
260 Chalfonte, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Vice-President Roeske called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

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

**Absent:** Trustee Dindoffer

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Trustee Summerfield

**Also Present:** Superintendent Harwood; Assistant Superintendents Dean and Fenton

**II. APPROVAL OF BOARD AGENDA FOR JULY 29, 2013**

**It was Moved by:** Trustee Gafa

**Supported by:** Trustee Pangborn

**THAT the Board Agenda be adopted as presented for July 29, 2013.**

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

**Nays:** None

**Absent:** Trustee Dindoffer

**Motion carried by a 6 – 0 vote.**

**III. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Superintendent Harwood introduced Steve Zaranek, Head Coach of the South Girls Track Team: recent winners of the third straight division 1 State Championship. Mr. Zaranek then introduced his coaching team: Shawn McNamara; Leo Lamberti ; Mike Novak; and Tereza Schaible. Members of the Girls Track Team presented to the Board that were in attendance: Hannah Adams; Alexa Calas; Ersula Farrow; Christiana Ford; Elise Grever; Mia Perkins; Aubryn Samaroo; and Megan Sklarski. Other members of the team include: Jasmine Brathwaite; Andrea DiCresce; Christina Firl; Lisa Hieftje-Conley; Nicole Keller; Tamira McCoy-Motton; Haley Meier; Hannah Meier; Lily Pendy; and Kelsie Schwartz.

Dr. Harwood also recognized the accomplishments of the Solar Car Team from South High School.

Superintendent Harwood shared his pride in the outstanding efforts of the Maire Elementary School students as they conducted a "Hats for Children" campaign to collect hats for children in the cancer center.

Dr. Harwood addressed legislative news which included the dissolution of two schools in the Michigan area: Buena Vista School District and Inkster Public Schools.

**IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON CONSENT AGENDA ACTION ITEMS**

There were no comments at this time.

## **V. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON REGULAR AGENDA ACTION ITEMS**

George McMullen, Grosse Pointe Woods, shared his support of the proposed technology bond being presented for a vote this evening.

Andrew Dervan, Grosse Pointe Farms, spoke regarding the technology upgrade and has requested more details about the current proposal.

William Broman, Grosse Pointe Farms, also shared his thoughts about the availability of the technology bond details noting that he would not be supporting a technology bond in November if the district moves in that direction.

## **VI. CONSENT AGENDA ACTION ITEMS**

- A. Memberships for the MASB and MHSAA**
- B. Resolution on Indemnification for Liability and Asbestos including Operation and Maintenance Employees and Designated Asbestos Coordinator**
- C. Fidelity and Treasurer's Bonds**
- D. Designated Agent**
- E. School Breakfast Program**
- F. Authorized Debit/Credit Card Users**

**It was Moved by:** Trustee Valente

**Supported by:** Trustee Gafa

**THAT the Board approve the Consent Agenda Action Items as presented.**

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

**Nays:** None

**Absent:** Trustee Dindoffer

**Motion carried by a 6 – 0 vote.**

## **VII. AGENDA ACTION ITEMS FOR JULY 29, 2013**

- A. Approval of Human Resources Report for July 29, 2013**

Dr. Dean shared the retirement of Tamara Slank after 29 years of service.

**It was Moved by:** Trustee Gafa

**Supported by:** Trustee Pangborn

**THAT the Board approve the revised Human Resources Report for June 24, 2013.**

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

**Nays:** None

**Absent:** Trustee Dindoffer

**Motion carried by a 6 – 0 vote.**

Trustee Valente inquired about exit interviews for retiring teachers and if they occur with each resignation. Dr. Dean replied that exit interviews are granted as requested, but are not part of a regular exit process.

- B. Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of July 22, 2013**

**It was Moved by:** Trustee Summerfield

**Supported by:** Trustee Gafa

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

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

**Nays:** None

**Absent:** Trustee Dindoffer

**Motion carried by a 6 – 0 vote.**

**C. Approval of Board Policies (second reading)**

1. Policy 1422, Non-Discrimination and Equal Employment Opportunity

**It was Moved by:** Trustee Gafa

**Supported by:** Trustee Pangborn

**THAT the Board approve Policy 1422, Non-Discrimination and Equal Employment Opportunity.**

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

**Nays:** None

**Absent:** Trustee Dindoffer

**Motion carried by a 6 – 0 vote.**

2. Policy 3122, Non-Discrimination and Equal Employment Opportunity

**It was Moved by:** Trustee Valente

**Supported by:** Trustee Gafa

**THAT the Board approve Policy 3122, Non-Discrimination and Equal Employment Opportunity.**

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

**Nays:** None

**Absent:** Trustee Dindoffer

**Motion carried by a 6 – 0 vote.**

3. Policy 4122, Non-Discrimination and Equal Employment Opportunity

**It was Moved by:** Trustee Gafa

**Supported by:** Trustee Pangborn

**THAT the Board approve Policy 4122, Non-Discrimination and Equal Employment Opportunity.**

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

**Nays:** None

**Absent:** Trustee Dindoffer

**Motion carried by a 6 – 0 vote.**

4. Policy 2260, Nondiscrimination and Access to Equal Educational Opportunity

**It was Moved by:** Trustee Gafa

**Supported by:** Trustee Pangborn

**THAT the Board approve Policy 2260, Nondiscrimination and Access to Equal Educational Opportunity.**

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

**Nays:** None

**Absent:** Trustee Dindoffer

**Motion carried by a 6 – 0 vote.**

5. Policy 2271, Postsecondary (Dual) Enrollment Option Program

**It was Moved by:** Trustee Pangborn

**Supported by:** Trustee Gafa

**THAT the Board approve Policy 2271, Postsecondary (Dual) Enrollment Option Program.**

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

**Nays:** None

**Absent:** Trustee Dindoffer

**Motion carried by a 6 – 0 vote.**

6. Policy 5136, Personal Communication Devices

**It was Moved by:** Trustee Pangborn

**Supported by:** Trustee Summerfield

**THAT the Board approve Policy 5136, Personal Communication Devices.**

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

**Nays:** None

**Absent:** Trustee Dindoffer

**Motion carried by a 6 – 0 vote.**

7. Policy 5340.01, Concussions and Athletic Activities

**It was Moved by:** Trustee Valente

**Supported by:** Trustee Pangborn

**THAT the Board approve Policy 5340.01, Concussions and Athletic Activities.**

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

**Nays:** None

**Absent:** Trustee Dindoffer

**Motion carried by a 6 – 0 vote.**

8. Policy 5515.01, Safe Operation of Motorized Utility Vehicles by Students

**It was Moved by:** Trustee Gafa

**Supported by:** Trustee Pangborn

**THAT the Board approve Policy 5515.01, Safe Operation of Motorized Utility Vehicles by Students.**

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

**Nays:** None

**Absent:** Trustee Dindoffer

**Motion carried by a 6 – 0 vote.**

9. Policy 6610, Grant Funds

**It was Moved by:** Trustee Pangborn

**Supported by:** Trustee Gafa

**THAT the Board approve Policy 6610, Grant Funds.**

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

**Nays:** Trustee Jakubiec

**Absent:** Trustee Dindoffer

**Motion carried by a 5 – 1 vote.**

#### **D. Approval of Tuition Rates for 2013-2014**

A tuition rate is charged based on the following: 1) students (legal resident as defined by State law) who are in the process of moving into the district but the move in-date (closing) is after the start of school. A 20 day deposit

is required upon entry; 2) students (legal residents) who are moving out before the close of school year that want to complete the year or the term before enrolling in their new school. This usually only runs a maximum of 20 to 40 school days; and 3) students (legal residents) who will be in their senior year of high school who have to move to another district. This student is allowed to finish high school in accordance with Board policy.

The tuition rates are based on the following: Categories 1, 2 and 3 (above) times \$13.50 per day based on \$1,893 Hold Harmless Millage Rate divided by 180 school days.

**It was Moved by:** Trustee Pangborn

**Supported by:** Trustee Gafa

**THAT the Board approve the Tuition Rates for the 2013-2014 school year.**

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

**Nays:** None

**Absent:** Trustee Dindoffer

**Motion carried by a 6 – 0 vote.**

#### **E. Approval of Microsoft Renewal**

The district maintains the usage of Microsoft software products on an Enrollment for Education Services (EES) contract. The EES allows the technology department to install Microsoft software and obtain new versions and critical upgrades from Microsoft.

Microsoft has changed how software licensing is priced for schools. The agreement is now based on the number of FTE employed by the district and not the total number of computers installed. The current agreement must be renewed by July 31, 2013. Microsoft Software is purchased through the state of Michigan Education Bid process by REMC. The funds for this purchase are included in FY 2013-2014 technology budget.

The Board is asked to approve the renewal of the Enrollment for Education Services (EES) contract agreement with CDW/G at a cost of \$48,494.16.

**It was Moved by:** Trustee Jakubiec

**Supported by:** Trustee Gafa

**THAT the Board approve the renewal of the Enrollment for Education Services (EES) contract agreement with CDW/G at a cost of \$48,494.16.**

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

**Nays:** None

**Absent:** Trustee Dindoffer

**Motion carried by a 6 – 0 vote.**

#### **G. Approval of Resolution to Submit Bond Proposal**

The GPPSS Board of Education met on July 22, 2013 to conduct a work session that involved a Meeting of the Whole to discuss the proposed technology bond with regard to the amount requested and the length of the bond. There were three (3) bond proposals shared at the meeting.

The first bond proposal scenario involved a bond proposal of 10 years with a sum of \$40 million and an estimated simple average annual millage rate of 1.9073 mills.

The second bond proposal scenario involved a bond proposal of 7 years with a sum of \$40 million and an estimated simple average annual millage rate of 2.5582 mills.

The third bond proposal scenario involved a series bond proposal (payable in the case of each series) not to exceed ten (10) years with an estimated simple average annual millage rate of 2.2614 mills.

Upon the conclusion of the discussion of the Board, it appeared that the recommendation was to proceed with the third bond proposal scenario of a ten (10) year bond to be distributed in two or more series for the sum amount not to exceed \$48 million.

Per the information provided by Ryan Bendzinski, financial consultant from Bendzinski and Company; and Amanda Van Dusen, legal financial bond consultant from Miller-Canfield, a resolution to submit bond proposal is provided to the GPPSS Board of Education for approval. This would authorize the Wayne County clerk to a) post and publish notice of the last day of registration and notice of the election for November 5, 2013; and have prepared and printed ballots for submitting the bond proposal at the November 5, 2013 election. The proposed ballot language is provided as Exhibit A and upon approval of the resolution; this language would be what appears on the ballot at the November 5, 2013 election.

**It was Moved by:** Trustee Gafa

**Supported by:** Trustee Summerfield

**THAT the Board approve the Resolution to Submit Bond Proposal as presented.**

After Board discussion, Trustee Jakubiec layered a motion to change the bond amount from \$48 million over 10 years to \$20 million over a 7- year period based on information received from Trustee Pangborn.

District legal counsel, Amanda Van Dusen asked that the layered motion by Mr. Jakubiec not be brought forward since the amount requested in a new proposal would significantly alter the details of what has already been submitted would not necessarily meet the new proposal's request to the Board. She added that any new proposal would need to be researched, and relevant information adjusted to meet the criteria for a viable alternative with a reduced amount and time frame.

Trustee Jakubiec withdrew his layered motion on the recommendation of Ms. VanDusen.

**In a roll call vote for the original motion to approve the Resolution to Submit Bond Proposal as presented,**

Trustee Gafa, Yes

Trustee Jakubiec, No

Trustee Pangborn, No

Trustee Roeske, Yes

Trustee Summerfield, Yes

Trustee Valente, No

**Absent:** Trustee Dindoffer

**Motion failed by a split vote of 3 – 3.**

#### **VIII. AGENDA ACTION ITEMS FOR AUGUST 26, 2013**

- A. Approval of Human Resources Report for August, 2013**
- B. Approval of Meeting Minutes of August 19, 2013**
- C. Approval of Superintendent Goals for 2013-2014**

## **IX. INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION**

### **A. Monthly Financial Report/Health Care Report**

Mr. Fenton shared information about the Monthly Financial Report and Dr. Dean reported on the Health Care Report.

### **B. Enrollment Update/Class Size/ Staff Allocation**

Mr. Fenton noted that the 2013-2014 Fall enrollment projections estimate the district to be at 2,941 students for the elementary level; 1,973 students for middle school and 2,887 for high school for a total of 8,089 students starting school in the fall. This number will fluctuate as parents continue to enroll their children and as residency verifications are finalized.

### **C. Board Policies (first reading)**

Trustee Roeske said that there are policies that need review as NEOLA continues to update according to state regulations. These policies will be brought forward to the Board as the Policy Committee reviews them.

#### **1. Policy 6320, Purchasing**

Trustee Jakubiec asked for the edited version of policy 6320.

#### **2. Policy 7542, Access to District Technology Resources from Personal Communication Devices**

### **D. Residency Verification Update**

Mr. Fenton noted that central office continues to re-register student going into the 6<sup>th</sup> grade and 9<sup>th</sup> grades with 85% already having registered thus far. He said that this is good progress and better than expected at this time, noting that residents have the month of August to complete the process for their student.

### **E. Security and Video/Surveillance Report**

Mr. Fenton said that changes and/or modifications in security and surveillance will only need to be made at the high schools and minor changes at Barnes Early Childhood Center at this time.

## **X. FUTURE MEETINGS**

Vice-President Roeske announced a Regular Meeting of the Board on Monday, August 19, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. in the Brownell MultiPurpose Room following by the second Regular Meeting on August 26, 2013, also at 7:00 p.m. at Brownell in the MultiPurpose Room.

There will also be a Board Policy Committee Meeting on Thursday, August 22, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Room at 389 St. Clair.

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

No one came forward to comment at this time.

## **XII. OTHER COMMENTS FROM BOARD AND SUPERINTENDENT**

Trustee Pangborn had no comment.

Trustee Jakubiec congratulated the South Girls' Track Team and its coaches.

Trustee Summerfield had no comment.

Trustee Gafa thanked Mrs. Van Dusen and Mr. Bedzinski for their work on the Technology Bond Proposal.

Trustee Valente commented that Board members were not a single, unified voice regarding the Technology Bond Proposal and that the committee will reconvene and come to an agreement before presenting another proposal to the Board as a whole.

Superintendent Harwood had no comment.

Vice-President Roeske thanked the district's financial advisors for their work on the technology proposal noting that the Board did a 180° turn from last Monday's meeting and that is disappointing from a Board perspective.

### **XIII. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Vice-President Roeske adjourned the meeting at 8:56 p.m.

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Board Secretary