



**Grosse Pointe Board of Education
Minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 28, 2014
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 7:00 p.m.

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

Absent: Trustee Jakubiec

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Trustee Gafa.

Also Present: Superintendent Harwood; Deputy Superintendents Dean and Fenton

II. APPROVAL OF BOARD AGENDA FOR JULY 28, 2014

It was Moved by: Trustee Pangborn

Supported by: Trustee Gafa

THAT the Board Agenda be approved as presented.

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

Absent: Trustee Jakubiec

Nays: None

Motion carried by a 6– 0 vote.

III. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. Good News Items

Dr. Harwood shared information on teachers Nicole Sturgeon, Tammy Duffield and Gary Abud who were interviewed for a Channel 4 Special Report on getting students ready to go back to school. He also highlighted the work of Chris Geerer, one of 12 middle and high school teacher that completed a five-day Global Change Teacher Institute stay at the Michigan Technological University studying the effects of global change on ecosystems.

B. Legislative Update

Superintendent Harwood said that with the Legislators out-of-session for the summer, there is nothing to report on Legislative updates.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON CONSENT AGENDA ACTION ITEMS

No one came forward to speak at this time.

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON REGULAR AGENDA ACTION ITEMS

No one came forward at this time.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA ACTION ITEMS

A. Approval of Memberships

1. Michigan Association of School Boards (MASB)
2. Michigan High School Athletic Association (MHSAA)

- B. Approval of Resolution on Indemnification
 - 1. Liability Indemnification
 - 2. Asbestos Indemnification
 - a. Operation and Maintenance Employees
 - b. Designated Asbestos Coordinator
- C. Approval of Fidelity and Treasurer's Bonds
- D. Approval of School Breakfast Program
- E. Approval of Designated Agent
- F. Approval of Authorized Debit/Credit Card Users

It was Moved by: Trustee Roeske

Supported by: Trustee Pangborn

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

It was then Moved by: Trustee Dindoffer

Supported by: Trustee Gafa

THAT Item VI. F. *Approval of Authorized Debit/Credit Card Users* be removed from the Consent Agenda.

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

Absent: Trustee Jakubiec

Nays: None

Motion carried by a 6 – 0 vote.

The original motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented was revised, removing Consent Agenda Item VI. F. Approval of Authorized Debit/Credit Card Users from that vote, with President Dindoffer calling for the vote on the revised action.

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

Absent: Trustee Jakubiec

Nays: None

Motion carried by a 6 – 0 vote.

After Board discussion, President Dindoffer read the names of those employees with district issued credit/debit cards: Superintendent, Thomas Harwood; Deputy Superintendent of Business Operations, Christian Fenton; Manager of Buildings and Grounds, Rich Van Gorder; Technology and Information Services Manager, Steve Woloszyn; School Age Children Supervisor, Andrea Sanders; Performing Art Supervisor, Dan Vicary; Executive Assistant to Superintendent, Janet Truance; Support Services Coordinator, Helen Johnson; and Paraprofessional/Science, Patty Perry.

It was then Moved by: Trustee Dindoffer

Supported by: Trustee Gafa

THAT the Board approve the Authorized Debit/Credit Card Users as presented.

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

Absent: Trustee Jakubiec

Nays: Trustee Valente

Motion carried by a 5 – 1 vote.

VII. AGENDA ACTION ITEMS FOR JULY 28, 2014

A. Approval of Human Resources Report for July 28, 2014

It was Moved by: Trustee Roeske

Supported by: Trustee Pangborn

THAT the Board approve the Human Resources Report for July 28, 2014 as presented.

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

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Absent: Trustee Jakubiec
Nays: None
Motion carried by a 6 – 0 vote.

B. Approval of Revised Work Session Minutes of July 21, 2014 and Regular Meeting Minutes of July 21, 2014

It was Moved by: Trustee Gafa **Supported by:** Trustee Pangborn

THAT the Board approve the Work Session and Regular Meeting Minutes of July 21, 2014 as presented.

Trustee Valente abstained from the vote as she was absent from those meetings.

Ayes: Trustees Dindoffer, Gafa, Pangborn, Roeske and Summerfield
Absent: Trustee Jakubiec
Abstained: Trustee Valente
Nays: None
Motion carried by a 5- 0 vote.

C. Approval of Tuition Rates for 2014-2015

It was Moved by: Trustee Summerfield **Supported by:** Trustee Gafa

THAT the Board approve the Tuition Rates as presented.

Ayes: Trustees Dindoffer, Gafa, Pangborn, Roeske, Summerfield and Valente
Absent: Trustee Jakubiec
Nays: None
Motion carried by a 6 – 0 vote.

D. Approval of Computer Lease

It was Moved by: Trustee Gafa **Supported by:** Trustee Pangborn

THAT the Board approve the Computer Lease as presented.

President Dindoffer noted that this agenda item involves a capital lease through Comerica Bank. Trustees Dindoffer and Summerfield must recuse themselves from voting due to their employment with Comerica.

The nature of this item requires a super majority of the Board (5) to approve; without Trustee Jakubiec in attendance, there are only four Board members remaining who are eligible to vote.

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

THAT the Computer Lease as presented be tabled and placed on the August 7, 2014 Board agenda with a revision in the *Request* section of the agenda item to replace the word “*buying*” with “*leasing*”.

Ayes: Trustee Dindoffer, Gafa, Pangborn, Roeske, Summerfield and Valente
Absent: Trustee Jakubiec
Nays: None
Motion carried by a 6– 0 vote.

E. Approval to Decline Participation in Schools of Choice

It was Moved by: Trustee Summerfield **Supported by:** Trustee Roeske

THAT the Board approve the Board’s action to Decline Participation in Schools of Choice as presented.

Ayes: Trustee Dindoffer, Gafa, Pangborn, Roeske, Summerfield and Valente

Absent: Trustee Jakubiec

Nays: None

Motion carried by a 6– 0 vote.

F. Approval of Resolution to Submit Millage Proposal

It Was Moved by: Trustee Summerfield

Supported by: Trustee Pangborn

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

Absent: Trustee Jakubiec

Nays: None

Motion carried by a 6 – 0 vote.

VIII. AGENDA ACTION ITEMS FOR AUGUST 25, 2014

A. Approval of Human Resources Report for August 25, 2014

B. Approval of Meeting Minutes of August 18, 2014

C. Approval of Superintendent Goals for 2014-2015

D. Approval of South Band and Orchestra Field Trip to Vienna in April, 2015

IX. INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

A. Monthly Financial Report/Health Care Report

Mr. Fenton shared that the auditors were working on the district's detailed audit report and all documents are on target with the monthly financials presented. Dr. Dean noted that the health care reports were slightly below expected costs the past three months.

B. Residency Verification Update

Mr. Fenton said that residency reverification numbers were at 60% of the total numbers of families needing to reverify residency, which is somewhat behind schedule for this time of year. He encouraged residents needing to reverify their residency to visit the administration office with required documents. The residency office is open daily from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday in Room 106 at 389 St. Clair. The office will make accommodations for those needing an off-schedule time of day due to work hours.

C. Security and Video/Surveillance Report

Mr. Fenton noted that the Security and Video/Surveillance Report remains the same of last year other than a couple of cameras added this year as well as replacement cameras at North and South High Schools.

D. Benchmarking Superintendent Goals

Trustees Dindoffer, Pangborn, Summerfield and Roeske commented that the revised document presented by Superintendent Harwood contained all of the suggestions and changes made at the last meeting of the Board and they commended him on the new format and upgrades contained in the document.

X. FUTURE MEETINGS

Special Meeting of the Board, Thursday, August 7, 2014, 7:30 a.m., Board Room, Administration Building

Board Policy Committee Meeting, Thursday, August 14, 2014, 6 p.m., Board Room, Administration Bldg.

Regular Meeting of the Board, Monday, August 18, 2014, 7:00 p.m., Brownell Multipurpose Room

Regular Meeting of the Board, Monday, August 25, 2014, 7:00 p.m., Brownell Multipurpose Room

XI. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-ACTION ITEMS

Margaret Weertz, Grosse Pointe Shores, introduced herself to the Board and those in attendance as a candidate for the Grosse Pointe School Board on the November ballot.

XII. OTHER COMMENTS FROM BOARD AND SUPERINTENDENT

Trustee Valente commented, “five weeks, start of school, get ready!”

Trustee Pangborn had no comment.

Trustee Summerfield thanked supporters who appointed him last year noting that, he also, is running for a Board seat in the November election.

Trustee Gafa commented on the good work that the Board does, noting that the best thing they did was to appoint Mr. Summerfield to the Board. She hopes to see him (on the Board) for four more years. Mrs. Gafa also wished Mrs. Weertz good luck on her run for a Board position in November. She also congratulated Chris Geerer, Nicole Sturgeon, Tammy Duffield and Gary Abud on their accomplishments this summer.

Trustee Roeske also expressed “best of luck” to Mr. Summerfield in the upcoming election adding that he was glad to have him on the Board and hopes his term will continue. He also wished good luck to Mrs. Weertz on her election run. Mr. Roeske applauded the work of Lindsey Kurtz and the staff of Full Circle for the wonderful work they are do and all that they accomplish with the students who participate and are a part of the Full Circle family.

Superintendent Harwood shared his thoughts as August quickly approaches and preparations begin for the opening of another school year. He asked Board members to join district staff and he welcomes them back on Wednesday, August 27th for the all-staff Back to School breakfast in the Brownell multipurpose room.

President Dindoffer reminded voters of the election on Tuesday, August 5, 2014 to approve a 2 mill county-wide school enhancement millage. She urged voters to pay close attention to the millage proposal noting that the School Board voted unanimously against placing this enhancement millage on the ballot. If passed, it is projected to yield a 63% or less (possibly as low as 55%) return to the district on taxes levied on district taxpayers depending on assumptions regarding school enrollment, taxable value fluctuations and tax collection rates. In comparison, a sinking fund would yield 100% return of locally raised tax dollars to the district and be much more cost-effective. She again urged voters to educate themselves and vote on August 5th.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

President Dindoffer adjourned the meeting at 8:03 p.m.

Judy Gafa, Board Secretary