



**Grosse Pointe Board of Education
Minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 14, 2014
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 7:00 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

A. Recognition of National Merit Finalists

Superintendent Harwood recognized those students who have achieved National Merit Finalist status. The **National Merit® Scholarship Program** is an academic competition for recognition and scholarships that began in 1955. High school students enter the National Merit Program by taking the Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship test. Over 1.5 million students participated in the National Merit Scholarship Program this year. The following students from North have achieved this status: Carrie Rakowicz and Pearce Reickert. From South, the National Merit Finalists are: Kaitlin Dalman; Jeannine Dignan; Francesca DiJulio; Archibald Hauck; Claire Huebner; Brian L'Heureux; Isaac Piecuch; and Tenley Shield.

II. APPROVAL OF BOARD AGENDA FOR APRIL 14, 2014

It was Moved by: Trustee Roeske

Supported by: Trustee Gafa

THAT the Board Agenda for Monday, April 14, 2014 be approved 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

There were no comments at this time.

IV. AGENDA ACTION ITEMS FOR APRIL 14, 2014

A. Approval of Human Resources Report for April 14, 2014

The Human Resources Report for April 14, 2014 listed the appointment of Chris Clark as Principal of Pierce Middle School beginning in August, 2014 replacing Mr. Gary Buslepp who retires at the end of the school year.

It was Moved by: Trustee Roeske

Supported by: Trustee Jakubiec

THAT the Board approve the Human Resources Report for April 14, 2014 as presented.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried by a 7 – 0 vote.

B. Approval of Closed Session and Regular Meeting Minutes of March 24, 2014

It was Moved by: Trustee Roeske

Supported by: Trustee Jakubiec

THAT the Closed Session and Regular Meeting Minutes of March 24, 2014 be approved as presented.

Trustee Gafa abstained from voting for the closed session and regular minutes of March 24, 2014 due to the fact that she was not in attendance at either meeting.

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

Nays: None (Trustee Gafa abstained from voting.)

Motion carried by a 6 – 0 vote.

C. Approval of Board Policies (2nd reading)

1. Policy 2240, Controversial Issues

It was Moved by: Trustee Gafa

Supported by: Trustee Pangborn

THAT the Board approve Policy 2240, Controversial Issues, as presented.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried by a 7 – 0 vote.

2. Policy 2245, School Assemblies and Resource Speakers

It was Moved by: Trustee Pangborn

Supported by: Trustee Roeske

THAT the Board approve Policy 2245, School Assemblies and Resource Speaker, as presented.

Following a comprehensive discussion,

It was Moved by: Trustee Gafa

Supported by: Trustee Valente

THAT the Board table Board Policy 2245, School Assemblies and Resource Speakers, to allow the Board Policy Committee additional time to research and revise Board recommendations on suggested wording of the policy.

In a roll call vote:

Ayes: Trustees Gafa, Roeske, Summerfield and Valente

Nays: Trustees Dindoffer, Jakubiec and Pangborn

Motion to table Policy 2245 carried by a 4 – 3 vote.

3. Policy 5332, Epinephrine Auto Injectors

It was Moved by: Trustee Roeske

Supported by: Trustee Valente

THAT the Board approve Policy 5332, Epinephrine Auto Injectors, as presented.

Trustee Roeske noted that changes were being made to the Administrative Guidelines addressing the replenishment of the auto injectors. Dr. Dean said that the regulations will be forthcoming by mid-May according to State guidelines adding that the policy also follows State mandated guidelines.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried by a 7 – 0 vote.

V. INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

A. Review of NCA Results for North and South High Schools

Superintendent Harwood provided NCA results for both North and South High School. South Principal, Matt Outlaw and North Principal, Kate Murray, shared the experience of continuous improvement (now called ADvanced Ed) and the procedures for accreditation at each of the high schools. Both schools were once again accredited based on the completion of the process centered on data analysis. Dr. Outlaw and Mrs. Murray thanked their staffs, communities and students who were part of the formula for success on this accreditation process.

B. Presentation of Fall MEAP 2013 Data from Same Cohort and Same Grade Comparisons by Building

Superintendent Harwood presented Fall 2013 MEAP data with same cohort and same grade comparisons by buildings over two school years.

C. District Survey Update

Community Relations Specialist, Rebecca Fannon, shared information from a recent Technology and Budget Planning survey that was collated from data received from parents, grandparents and other community members without children currently attending Grosse Pointe Public Schools. She noted that the district received 1,147 unique IP addresses that took the survey continuing the dialog with the district and its constituents. The customer satisfaction survey will be launched after the spring break. A Board suggestion was to summarize the data for the community in a narrative.

D. Technology Planning Update

Superintendent Harwood said that a meeting was held on March 21st to review a proposed framework for funding. He shared that he would be meeting with eight IT individuals in the community to discuss which projects could be put on hold and the possibility of leasing computers from the state department. There will be a forum with community leaders and Superintendent Harwood to moderate conversation on where the district needs to go and what is needed to get there to bring about success for students through technology.

E. Budget Development Update

Superintendent Harwood shared information from a panel discussion he recently participated in on the topic of "Public Education in Michigan." He stated that in 2013-2014, this district received \$9,744 per pupil which is down \$638.09 from the 2008-2009 school year. He also shared: the amount of change in special education funding per Headlee Obligation since 2008 to 2014 is an increase in the reimburse amount for special education of approximately only \$21.27 per pupil; the state is only required to give the district the per pupil foundation allowance established by the state in 1995 as adopted per Proposal A; any increases in the per pupil allocation and any difference in the amount is paid in a discretionary payment and is at the discretion of the legislation; Categorical funding has changed over the period of 2008-2014; in summary, it would appear that the district has observed a decrease in funding per pupil from 2008 of approximately \$435.44. Mr. Fenton noted that all funding documents are available for viewing on the district webpage.

F. Consideration of Proposed Wayne County Enhancement Millage Election

At the request of many school districts around Wayne County, consideration is being given by the board of education of each district to vote on a resolution to place a county-wide enhancement millage of two mills for six years on the August 5, 2014 ballot. If approved by voters in the county, the revenue from the millage would be distributed equitably to all school districts in the county on a per pupil basis. The enhancement millage revenue would be unrestricted dollars. The EAA, charter schools and Wayne RESA will not receive any of these revenues, only K-12 school districts in Wayne County.

When Proposal A was approved state-wide in 1994, local school millage elections were abolished and a county-wide enhancement millage is now the only vehicle by which additional revenue can be raised for general school district operating purposes.

In order for this to be placed on the ballot in August, the decision to do so must be made formally by boards of education representing over 50% of the county's public school students. If this approval occurs, then the Wayne RESA Board of Education is obligated to place the request on the August ballot and does not have any option on this issue.

G. Board Policy Review (1st reading)

Vice-President Roeske summarized the bylaws listed along with their proposed revisions.

- 1. Bylaw 0143.1, Public Expression of Board Members**
- 2. Bylaw 0168, Meeting Minutes**

VI. FUTURE MEETINGS

- A. Regular Meeting of the Board, Monday, April 28, 2014, 7:00 p.m., Brownell Multipurpose Room
- B. Board Policy Committee Meeting, Thursday, May 8, 2014 (tentative), Board Room, 389 St. Clair

VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-ACTION ITEMS

Jennifer Munson, Grosse Pointe Park, thanked Stephanie Hayes, Lillie Loder and Sue Lucchese for their presentation at the last Board meeting and future plans to meet the needs of the special needs students and parents in the district. She especially appreciated the plans for co-teaching arrangements, quality assurance, monthly level and department meetings, least restrictive environment changes, the disproportionality issue and preschools option at Barnes. Mrs. Munson also thanked the Board for their ongoing support of the administration in the district regarding programs for special needs students.

Debra Krieger, Grosse Pointe Farms, spoke in support of Mrs. Walkley's cognitive impairment classroom at Ferry and the wonderful work she is doing with the students in that classroom as well as the support she provides for parents of her students.

Jennie Silva, Grosse Pointe Farms, shared how much she appreciates the work that Mrs. Walkley and her classroom assistants do each day in their classroom. She said that they are all amazing and she hopes that her daughter will continue to remain with Mrs. Walkley in the cognitive impaired classroom at Ferry as she moves on into the next grade.

VIII. COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD AND SUPERINTENDENT

Trustee Jakubiec thanked the National Merit Scholar Finalists for their work and success. He wished everyone a happy Easter break.

Trustee Pangborn wished everyone a Happy Easter and a safe vacation.

Trustee Valente had no comment.

Trustee Summerfield thanked the administrators, parents, students and community for their participation in the Pierce principal search process. He thanked Cheri Burley for arranging his recent visit at Ferry. He also

thanked Defer for including him in a recent “Me” presentation. Mr. Summerfield thanked Mrs. Murray and Dr. Outlaw for the information they put together for the NCEA report.

Trustee Gafa congratulated the National Merit Scholars from North and South High Schools recognized this evening. She also thanked Mr. Summerfield for his stewardship and transparency with the budget. She noted the wonderful Grosse Pointe Foundation for Public Education Gala she recently attended thanking the Simons for opening their home for this wonderful event and for all the work that the Grosse Pointe Foundation does for the success of all district students.

Trustee Roeske thanked the Grosse Pointe Foundation for Public Education for all they do for the district and community. He congratulated the National Merit Finalists as well as both high school principals for all of their hard work on the accreditation process recently completed. Mr. Roeske wished Mr. Clark well on his move to Principal of Pierce Middle School. He wished everyone a safe spring break.

Superintendent Harwood also thanked the National Merit Scholars as well as the parents, staff and students who helped them achieve the excellent status of becoming Finalists in this prestigious accomplishment. He noted that it is National Autism Awareness Month noting the gifts and talents that these special students bring to those around them. He recognized the Grosse Pointe Foundation for Public Education's recent Gala and the continued support the district receives from the Foundation for its staff and students. Dr. Harwood recognized the three Destination Imagination teams that have recently advanced to the Global Finals. He also reminded the learning community about the Grosse Pointe Summer Programs that would commence soon: Elementary Level Learning at Maire from July 8th to July 31st, and Secondary Level at North from July 7th to August 1st.

President Dindoffer echoed the comments of all who spoke before her and wished everyone a happy spring break.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

President Dindoffer adjourned the meeting at 9:57 p.m.

Judy Gafa, Board Secretary