



**Grosse Pointe Board of Education
Minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 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 7:05 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

II. APPROVAL OF BOARD AGENDA FOR APRIL 28, 2014

It was Moved by: Trustee Jakubiec

Supported by: Trustee Gafa

THAT the Board Agenda be approved as presented.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried by a 7 – 0 vote.

III. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

A. Distinguished Volunteer Recognition Reception

The Board was asked to adopt a resolution at their last meeting to honor the recipients of the Thirtieth Annual Distinguished Volunteer Awards. This award program is the district’s way of expressing its appreciation to citizens who volunteer their time and effort for the programs and activities of the public schools.

Vice-President Roeske shared the mission of the Distinguished Volunteer Committee in recognizing those volunteers who diligently give of themselves throughout the year in the schools. Committee Chair, Trustee Gafa read the nominees chosen, with their accompanying information as President Dindoffer and Superintendent Harwood distributed the golden apples and certificates of recognition: Sherita Charleston, Poupard; Stacey Chen, Trombly and Pierce; Jeanette Evans, Ferry; Deanna Kado, Maire and Pierce; Michelle Kramer, Defer; Richard Langlois, Parcels; Laura Peabody, Mason; Eileen Reickert, Parcels and North; Julie Rybicki, Trombly; Julie Schuetze, Maire and Pierce; Neal Troscinski, Trombly; and Diane Zugel, Mason.

President Dindoffer called for a brief recess to congratulate the Distinguished Volunteers.

B. Legislative Update

Superintendent Harwood shared information from Lansing on legislative news that included: School Aid; EAA; Teacher and Administrator Evaluations; and School Aid Supplemental.

The House and Senate’s K-12 Appropriations Committees passed their versions of the School Aid budget which will then be forwarded to full Appropriations Committees and expected to pass. Lobby corps stopped the passage of the EAA bill in the Senate before spring break and efforts are going into other amendments to try to improve this bill knowing it will eventually pass. For over a year various drafts of legislation and public testimony have been presented on putting the Governor’s Council on Educator Effectiveness into law. WCRESA has yet to choose the SBAC as the assessment for student growth; while current law mandates that teacher and administrator evaluations be based on student growth, the county is supporting the House and Senate

bills that delay implementation of evaluations until the 2015-16 school year. The Governor has not yet signed the supplemental that includes the reimbursement for costs associated with the dissolution of Inkster and the language clarifying snow days. The Michigan Department of Education will send out guidelines to all schools statewide on computing the number of days and hours districts must make up due to the excessive snow days upon the signing of that bill. The bill also includes \$2 million for year round school pilot programs.

C. Good News Items

Superintendent Harwood noted that April is Autism Awareness Month. Special Education Director Stefanie Hayes and teachers, Meghan Post-O'Brien and Betty Lou Rowe presented highlights showcasing their department activities during the month of April to celebrate the needs and special programs for students with autism. Their Autism Awareness Committee includes Dori Martinuzzi, Lisa Khoury and Christine Kuhl as well as a Student Peer-to-Peer Group including Parcels students Rachel and Isabella, and Jack W. from South.

Dr. Harwood shared the ongoing work of the Wayne County Health Department working in the district as they continue to screen elementary students for vision and hearing discrepancies and refer them for further medical assistance.

Superintendent Harwood also shared recently received ACT test scores noting that both North and South demonstrated growth from spring 2013 to 2014.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ACTION ITEMS FOR APRIL 28, 2014

Bill Hyde, Grosse Pointe, spoke for student athletes at South in support of the turf replacement project.

Brendan Walsh, Grosse Pointe, also spoke in support of expenditures for the South High School turf replacement and roof repairs at South and Brownell.

Jennifer Munson, Grosse Pointe Park, spoke about other recent parent comments at Board meetings relating to self-contained classrooms as opposed to inclusive education for every student. She noted that she supports inclusion for those students and parents that feel it would be in the best interest of their student.

Lisa Monette, Grosse Pointe Farms, thanked the special education staff for the awesome presentation on autism activities and programs. She thanked the Board of Education and administration for listening to the concerns of the special needs parents.

Laura Monahan, Grosse Pointe Farms, spoke about a recent comment shared by Trustee Jakubiec at a previous meeting regarding an email he received about the TechYes supporters.

V. AGENDA ACTION ITEMS FOR APRIL 28, 2014

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

It was Moved by: Trustee Roeske

Supported by: Trustee Gafa

THAT the Board approve the revised Human Resources Report for April 28, 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 Minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 14, 2014

It was Moved by: Trustee Summerfield

Supported by: Trustee Pangborn

THAT the Board approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of April 14, 2014 as presented.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried by a 7 – 0 vote.

C. Approval of Wayne County Enhancement Millage Election

It was Moved by: Trustee Dindoffer

Supported by: Trustee Roeske

THAT the Board approve the Wayne County Enhancement Millage Election as presented.

In a roll call vote:

Ayes: None

Nays: Trustees Dindoffer, Nay; Gafa, Nay; Jakubiec, Nay; Pangborn, Nay; Roeske, Nay; Summerfield, Nay; and Valente, Nay

Motion failed by a 7 – 0 vote.

D. Approval of Bids

President Dindoffer asked Mr. Fenton if he would prefer that the turf excavation and replacement agenda items be voted on together as one vote. Mr. Fenton agreed that they should be voted on with one vote.

1. South Turf Replacement

a. Excavation of South Turf

b. Replacement of South Turf

It was Moved by: Trustee Roeske

Supported by: Trustee Pangborn

THAT the Board approve the excavation *and* replacement of the South turf as presented.

In a layered motion,

It was Moved by: Trustee Pangborn

Supported by: Trustee Jakubiec

THAT the Board approve the removal and grating of the South turf and award the contract to Sports Contracting Group for \$262,950.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried by a 7 – 0 vote.

In an amended motion,

It was Moved by: Trustee Pangborn

Supported by: Trustee Roeske

THAT the Board approve the installation of artificial turf at South High School and award the contract to Astro Turf LLC, the 2nd low bidder, for \$306,608.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried by a 7 – 0 vote.

2. South Slate Tile Roof Phase II

It was Moved by: Trustee Pangborn

Supported by: Trustee Gafa

THAT the Board replace the South Sate Tile Roof (phase II) and award the bid to Royal Roofing for \$257,860 as presented.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried by a 7 – 0 vote.

3. Brownell Roof Construction

It was Moved by: Trustee Gafa

Supported by: Trustee Roeske

THAT the Board award the Brownell Roof construction bid to VJM Design & Build Corporation for \$307,995 as presented.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried by a 7 – 0 vote.

E. Approval of Board Policies (2nd reading)

1. Bylaw 0143.1, Public Expression of Board Members

It was Moved by: Trustee Pangborn

Supported by: Trustee Roeske

THAT the Board approve Bylaw 0143.1, Public Expression of Board Members as presented with revisions.

Trustee Roeske noted that the change in Bylaw 0143.1 involves an element as it relates to Board members' comments, social media and electronic communication addition.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried by a 7 – 0 vote.

2. Bylaw 0168, Meeting Minutes

It was Moved by: Trustee Roeske

Supported by: Trustee Gafa

THAT the Board approve Bylaw 0168, Meeting Minutes as presented.

Trustee Roeske said the change to Bylaw 0168 was made around the retention of video minutes and how public comments and Board comments will be recorded in the written minutes.

With a motion to delete the wording of "will" after "shall" in 0168.4, "*Electronic Recording of Meetings*" paragraph 4,

It was Moved by: Trustee Jakubiec

Supported by: Trustee Roeske

THAT the Board approve Bylaw 0168, Meeting Minutes with the deletion of the word "will" as stated above.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried by a 7 – 0 vote.

F. Approval of Policy 2245, School Assemblies and Resource Speakers (3rd reading)

It was Moved by: Trustee Gafa

Supported by: Trustee Roeske

THAT the Board remove "Approval of Policy 2245, School Assemblies and Resource Speakers" from the table.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried by a 7 – 0 vote.

It was Moved by: Trustee Gafa

Supported by: Trustee Roeske

THAT the Board approve Policy 2245, School Assemblies and Resource Speakers as revised.

Vice-President Roeske noted that the change to Policy 2245 includes information on assembly resource speakers and consideration of instructional time lost for a scheduled all-school assembly.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried by a 7 – 0 vote.

G. Approval of Resolution Authorizing the School District to Obtain a 2014-2015 Line of Credit

It was Moved by: Trustee Jakubiec

Supported by: Trustee Pangborn

THAT the Board approve the Resolution Authorizing the School District to Obtain a 2014-2015 Line of Credit as presented.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried by a 7 – 0 vote.

VI. AGENDA ACTION ITEMS FOR MAY 19, 2014

- A. Approval of Acceptance of Grant Awards from the Grosse Pointe Foundation for Public Education**
- B. Approval of Human Resources Report for May 19, 2014**
- C. Approval of Meeting Minutes of May 12, 2014**
- D. Approval of Resolution Honoring Retirees**
- E. Acceptance of Wayne RESA 2014-2015 Budget**
- F. Approval of Family Center Lease**
- G. Approval of Full Circle Lease**
- H. Approval of Grosse Pointe Education Association (GPEA) Lease**
- I. Approval of Grosse Pointe Foundation for Public Education (GPFPE) Lease**
- J. Approval of High School Link, Peer-to-Peer Mentoring Course**
- K. Approval of G.A.A.A. #3**
- L. Approval of Bid for Copiers**
- M. Approval of Construction Bid for Monteith Parking Lot**

VII. INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

A. Monthly Financial Report/Health Care Report

Dr. Harwood said that the monthly financials show an update on the encumbrances from the general fund and expenditures, check registry and variable expense reports. Dr. Dean shared information from the health care reports noting that the month of February was better than anticipated for the month from a cost perspective. He said that revisions to the budget will be based on health care costs over the next four months. Documents for both monthly financial and health care reports are available on the district's website.

B. Budget Development Update

Superintendent Harwood shared that a recent meeting was held with central office administration to update the BMU and further develop the budget parameters. He noted that the administration will provide preliminary drafts of the budget mid-week with a change in the Sinking Fund budget for more clarity on projects and how money will be allocated. He added that more detail would also be forthcoming regarding salaries.

Trustee Valente asked for a list of expenditures that would be coming from the \$1.1 million being taken out of the Sinking Fund for technology and how each purchase would benefit the current technology needs.

Trustee Gafa reminded the community that with \$1.1 million being taken out of the Sinking Fund for technology infrastructure needs, some construction projects will have to be put on hold, including repairs to buildings.

Trustee Dindoffer asked Mr. Fenton if the district's financial plan continues to include the restoration of fund equity under the current contracts. He replied that it was the plan to restore fund equity over a 4 to 5 year period. The district anticipates a \$6 million fund equity balance at the end of the 2014-2015 school year.

C. Technology Update

Superintendent Harwood said that \$1.1 million will be disaggregated further as the administration continues to meet. The administration will have to look at other revenue possibilities for items that do not qualify for technology out of the sinking fund. He also shared that the State of Michigan is providing a grant that will give the district \$10 per student for a total of approximately \$84,000 for technology needs. Dr. Harwood said that he would be meeting on Wednesday, April 30th with eight community IT experts who have worked with other companies and have expertise in the technology field.

VIII. FUTURE MEETINGS

- A. Board Policy Committee Meeting, Thursday, May 8, 2014, 6:00 p.m., Board Room
- B. Regular Meeting of the Board, Monday, May 12, 2014, 7:00 p.m., Brownell Multipurpose Room
- C. Regular Meeting of the Board, Monday, May 19, 2014, 7:00 p.m., Brownell Multipurpose Room

IX. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-ACTION ITEMS

Julie Moe, Grosse Pointe Woods, spoke in support of the group of parents moving toward inclusion for their students, while mindful of those parent speakers at previous meetings supporting self-contained classrooms.

X. OTHER COMMENTS FROM BOARD AND SUPERINTENDENT

Trustee Jakubiec thanked the Distinguished Volunteers for their service to the district. He thanked Mr. Walsh for his comments as he spoke regarding budget issues and the district's financial situation. He also thanked the speakers who spoke about the percentage of special education time for special needs students in the classroom noting that he understands their need for a percentage of special education time in a resolution. Mr. Jakubiec concluded in disagreement of the final speakers' comments this evening regarding his receipt of an email message about the TechYes supporters prior to the election.

Trustees Pangborn, Valente and Summerfield had no comment.

Trustee Gafa thanked co-chairs, Mrs. Pangborn and Mr. Roeske for their work on the Distinguished Volunteer Committee. She also thanked all of the volunteers recognized this evening, as well as all volunteers in the schools not recognized this evening, for their work with students and staff in the district. She is happy to see the district moving forward on a technology plan. She was disappointed with how the technology plan is being implemented in a piece-meal plan. Trustee Gafa disagreed with comments made by a previous speaker noting that teachers have already taken two pay cuts as well as higher out-of-pocket medical co-pays, and should not continue to take additional pay decreases to offset the district's financial shortfall.

Trustee Roeske commented on the Human Resources Report listing a number of employees retiring. He was disappointed to see Mrs. LeMoine, Brownell Math Teacher, on the list. Mr. Roeske said that his children had Mrs. LeMoine and they are better math students and better all-around students because of Mrs. LeMoine.

Superintendent Harwood noted that there are only six weeks left of school. It will be a busy time and he commended all of the individuals who will be celebrating their successful school year. He thanked the Distinguished Volunteers as well as the special education department staff for what they do and how special services and academic support are provided every day in the schools. Dr. Harwood said that he met with South Principal, Dr. Outlaw, earlier today, congratulating him on being in the process of accepting the position of Superintendent of Schools in the Brandon School District.

President Dindoffer also thanked the Distinguished Volunteers for their service to the students as well as the volunteer committee for their time and generosity in leading the charge of selecting those volunteers to be recognized. She thanked the Policy Committee for their diligence in deciphering policies needing revisions and keeping up with State mandates for school policies. She especially thanked Mr. Roeske for his commitment and leadership chairing the Policy Committee. Mrs. Dindoffer said she is looking forward to more budget information over the next several weeks as the central office administration continues their work on the 2014-2015 school budget.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

President Dindoffer adjourned the meeting at 9:55 p.m.

Judy Gafa, Board Secretary