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Grosse Pointe Board of Education
Minutes of the Open Meeting Work Session of March 17, 2014
Brownell Middle School Library
260 Chalfonte, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236

MEETING MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

President Dindoffer called the regular meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the Board.

Also Present: Superintendent Harwood; Deputy Superintendent Fenton; District Legal Counsel John Gierak

II. INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

A. Discussion of the Superintendent's Contract

President Dindoffer began the meeting noting that a decision to renew the Superintendent's contract had not been made. The actual vote to approve or disapprove a contract will occur at the Board's March 24, 2014 Regular Meeting. The Board will have an opportunity to discuss their thoughts a contract renewal at their meeting and if time allowed, comments would be taken by the public. The Board will proceed into the regular meeting in the multipurpose room and anyone wishing to address the subject further will have the opportunity at the end of the regular meeting.

President Dindoffer began by asking Board members if they would offer Dr. Harwood a contract or extend his contract. If not, the question arose as to how to proceed with a compensation package and if so, Mr. Gierak, Legal Counsel from Clark Hill, was available to discuss and then prepare a contract for the Board's review.

Board members expressed interest in offering Dr. Harwood a 1 year contract with reviews no later than June and December, 2014. Board Trustee Valente was not in agreement and said a renewal of the contract would be a disservice to the community urging the Board to begin a search for a new superintendent immediately, filling his position with an interim superintendent.

III. FUTURE MEETINGS

- A. Regular Meeting of the Board, March 17, 2014, 7:00 p.m., Brownell Multipurpose Room
- B. Regular Meeting of the Board, March 24, 2014, 7:00 p.m., Brownell Multipurpose Room

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-ACTION ITEMS

Staff members, Lisa Khoury, Penny Stocks and Helen Landuyt spoke in support of Dr. Harwood and the renewal of his contract.

Ken and Amy Kish, Grosse Pointe Park, spoke against the renewal of Dr. Harwood's contract.

V. ADJOURNMENT

President Dindoffer adjourned the meeting at 6:55 p.m.

Judy Gafa, Board Secretary