



**Grosse Pointe Board of Education
Minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 19, 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, Jakubiec, Roeske, Summerfield and Valente

Absent: Trustees Gafa and Pangborn

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Trustee Summerfield.

Also Present: Superintendent Harwood; Deputy Superintendents Dean and Fenton

II. APPROVAL OF BOARD AGENDA FOR MAY 19, 2014

It was Moved by: Trustee Roeske

Supported by: Trustee Summerfield

THAT the Board Agenda be approved with the revision that the *Acceptance of Gifts from the Foundation for Public Education* be moved and presented prior to Public Comments on Agenda Action Items.

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

Absent: Trustees Gafa and Pangborn

Nays: None

Motion carried by a 5– 0 vote.

III. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

A. Good News Items

1. Student Military Service Recognition

Trustee Summerfield joined Superintendent Harwood in welcoming and congratulating district students committed to military service. The students from North High School entering a branch of service after graduation were Jonathan Bevier, U. S. Marines; Tyler Nelson, U.S. Marines; and Marissa Stinson, Naval Academy. Students from South High School included: Caleb Cimmarrusti, U. S. Naval Academy; Joshua Gray, U. S. Naval Academy; Patrick Jackson, U. S. Coast Guard Academy; Chyanna Lynn, U. S. Air Force; Lee Matthews, U. S. Navy; and Nicholas Muer, U. S. Navy. Those students unable to attend this evening’s meeting due to other school commitments will be recognized at the June 16th regular meeting of the Board.

2. Other Good News Items

The Michigan School Band and Orchestra Association announced the awarding of the prestigious “MSBOA Scholar Instrumentalist Award” to South High School student, Drake Lyon. This award recognizes young musicians who achieve both academically as well as musically.

Colin Evo and Riley Lynch were selected National Winners in the Quill and Scroll International Writing and Photography Contest for Middle and Junior High School students by the Brownell Middle School Journalism Department. Both were chosen as National Winners in the Feature Writing category and Lynch was also chosen as National Winner in the Opinion Writing category.

Superintendent Harwood also noted the fine art work of North High School students that will be displayed on Wednesday, May 21 and Thursday, May 22 in the Performing Arts Center Lobby.

Kitty McKay from South and Madison Gafa from North were finalists in the Meijer Great Choices Film Festival. Both students will be receiving a trophy at the ***Sixth Annual Meijer Great Choices Student Film Festival Awards Ceremony*** on June 7th in Grand Rapids.

North Senior Honors Night is this evening in the Performing Arts Center and South Senior Honors Night was last Thursday, May 15th.

USA Today selected South High School as the best girl's sports program in Michigan. This selection places South in the regional round of competition where the winner of the six state region will advance to the national finals to determine the best girls sports program in the country. Support for these girls can be made by visiting the district's or South's website and casting a vote as often as possible between now and Tuesday, May 20, 2014.

B. Legislative Update

Superintendent Harwood shared legislative information on the Consensus Revenue Estimating Conference and School Aid Fund; the Health Insurance Claims Assessment and Use Tax package; the School Aid Budget and Student Assessment; Teacher and Administrator Evaluation Bills that passed by the House; and other bills affecting the School Aid Fund.

Approval of Acceptance of Gifts from the Grosse Pointe Foundation for Public Education

The Foundation's Grant Committee made recommendations to the Foundation Board at their meeting on May 8, 2014 to approve grants in the amount of \$69,078 for continued support in various programs across the district.

- ◆ Think Through Math (3rd-5th), Mason /Defer, \$3,595
- ◆ Adaptive P.E. Equipment (K-5th), Kerby/Maire/Richard/Trombly, \$6,400
- ◆ Kindergarten iPad Applications for Language Arts and Math (Kdg.), Mason, \$500
- ◆ Enhancing iPad Use for Small Group Reading Instruction (K-5th), Defer/Ferry/Kerby/Montieth/Poupard/Trombly, \$600
- ◆ Scholastic Comprehension Book Club (K-5th), Richard, \$7,999
- ◆ STEM Resources for Computer Classes (6th-8th), Brownell, \$6,183
- ◆ Making Middle School Libraries MULTI-Media Centers (6th-8th), Brownell/Parcells/Pierce, \$30,000
- ◆ Explore Learning Gizmo Library (6th-8th), Parcells, \$1,797
- ◆ Student-Centered Practice Blogs (6th-12th), Brownell/Parcells/North, \$691
- ◆ Photojournalism Equipment (9th-12th), North, \$3,000
- ◆ Leadership Studies/Freshman Assist (9th, 11th, 12th), North, \$2,500
- ◆ Cameras for Today's Journalists (9th-12th), South, \$3,000
- ◆ Content Subscriptions for Nook and Covers (9th-12th), South, \$2,813

The Grosse Pointe Foundation for Public Education Spring Gala Auction raised an additional \$7,600 for Apple TVs for classrooms in district buildings. This money will go toward purchasing 8 Apple TVs to fulfill grants listed above as well as 68 more Apple TVs to be distributed to wireless classrooms across the district.

It was Moved by: Trustee Jakubiec

Supported by: Trustee Valente

THAT the Board accept the Gifts from the Grosse Pointe Foundation for Public Education as presented.

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

Absent: Trustees Gafa and Pangborn

Nays: None

Motion carried by a 5 – 0 vote.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ACTION ITEMS FOR MAY 19, 2014

[\(click here to access livestream video\)](#)

Cathy Leverenz, Grosse Pointe Park resident and President of the Family Center of Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods, addressed the Board and administration on the vision, goals and activities of the Family Center as the Board prepares to vote for the Family Center Lease at Barnes. (47:22 on video)

V. AGENDA ACTION ITEMS FOR MAY 19, 2014

A. Approval of Acceptance of Gifts from the Grosse Pointe Foundation for Public Education

This agenda item was presented and accepted by the Board earlier in the meeting.

B. Approval of Human Resources Report for May 19, 2014

It was Moved by: Trustee Valente

Supported by: Trustee Summerfield

THAT the Board approve the Human Resources Report for May 19, 2014 as presented.

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

Absent: Trustees Gafa and Pangborn

Nays: None

Motion carried by a 5– 0 vote.

C. Approval of Minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 12, 2014

It was Moved by: Trustee Roeske

Supported by: Trustee Summerfield

THAT the Board approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of May 12, 2014 as revised.

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

Absent: Trustees Gafa and Pangborn

Nays: None

Motion carried by a 5 – 0 vote.

D. Approval of Resolution of Layoff of Non-Teaching Personnel

It was Moved by: Trustee Roeske

Supported by: Trustee Summerfield

THAT the Board approve the Resolution for the Layoff of Non-Teaching Personnel as presented.

After Board discussion,

It was Moved by: Trustee Valente

Supported by: Trustee Roeske

THAT the entire “Request section on page 1” of the layoff enclosure pages be removed for clarity.

After continued Board discussion,

It was Moved by: Trustee Valente

TO withdraw her request to revise the Resolution of Non-Teaching Personnel.

In a roll call vote:

Ayes: Trustee Dindoffer, Jakubiec, Roeske and Summerfield

Absent: Trustees Gafa and Pangborn

Nays: Trustee Valente

Motion to approve the Resolution for the Layoff of Non-Teaching Personnel as presented carried by a 4– 1 vote.

E. Approval of Resolution Honoring Retirees

It was Moved by: Trustee Jakubiec

Supported by: Trustee Roeske

THAT the Board approve the Resolution Honoring Retirees as presented.

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

Absent: Trustees Gafa and Pangborn

Nays: None

Motion carried by a 5 – 0 vote.

F. Approval of Wayne RESA 2014-2015 Budget

It was Moved by: Trustee Jakubiec

Supported by: Trustee Roeske

THAT the Board accept receipt of the Wayne RESA 2014-2015 Budget as presented.

Trustee Summerfield asked fellow Board members and the administration the reasons that the Wayne County RESA Budget had not been approved in prior years. Response was that the Board did not have the detailed knowledge about the Wayne RESA Budget and therefore acknowledged receipt of it as presented but did not “approve” or “disapprove” it. Dr. Harwood said that he would be comfortable recommending approving the budget as he was in attendance at a Superintendent’s meeting at WCRESA where the budget was explained in detail.

It was then Moved by: Trustee Summerfield

Supported by: Trustee Dindoffer

THAT the Board approve the Wayne RESA Operating Budget for 2014-2015 as presented.

In a roll call vote,

Ayes: Trustees Dindoffer, Roeske, Summerfield and Valente

Absent: Trustees Gafa and Pangborn

Nays: Trustee Jakubiec

Motion carried by a 4 – 1 vote.

G. Approval of Family Center Lease

It was Moved by: Trustee Roeske

Supported by: Trustee Valente

THAT the Board approve the Family Center Lease as presented.

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

Absent: Trustees Gafa and Pangborn

Nays: None

Motion carried by a 5 – 0 vote.

H. Approval of Full Circle Lease

It was Moved by: Trustee Summerfield

Supported by: Trustee Valente

THAT the Board approve the Full Circle Lease as presented.

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

Absent: Trustees Gafa and Pangborn

Nays: None

Motion carried by a 5 – 0 vote.

I. Approval of Grosse Pointe Education Association (GPEA) Lease

It was Moved by: Trustee Jakubiec

Supported by: Trustee Roeske

THAT the Board approve the Grosse Pointe Education Association (GPEA) Lease as presented.

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

Absent: Trustees Gafa and Pangborn

Nays: None

Motion carried by a 5 – 0 vote.

J. Approval of Grosse Pointe Foundation for Public Education (GPFPE) Lease

It was Moved by: Trustee Roeske

Supported by: Trustee Jakubiec

THAT the Board approve the Grosse Pointe Foundation for Public Education (GPFPE) Lease as presented.

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

Absent: Trustees Gafa and Pangborn

Nays: None

Motion carried by a 5– 0 vote.

VI. AGENDA ACTION ITEMS FOR JUNE 23, 2014

- A. Approval of Human Resources Report**
- B. Approval of Meeting Minutes of June 16, 2014**
- C. Approval of G.A.A.A. #3 for 2013-2014 School Year**
- D. Approval of Budget for 2014-2015**
- E. Approval of School Breakfast Program**
- F. Approval of Superintendent's Evaluation**

VII. INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

A. Monthly Financial Report/Health Care Report

Dr. Harwood said that the monthly financials show the revenue and expenditures for review as well as the check registry and variable expense reports. Dr. Dean said that the Health Care information will be provided at the next Board meeting. Documents for the monthly financial reports are available on the district's website.

B. Budget Development Update

Superintendent Harwood said that the BMU will be updated to reflect the recent retirements presented this evening as well as sinking fund projects being reviewed. Mr. Fenton noted that a summary of changes to the BMU were provided to Board Treasurer, Mr. Summerfield, which included election costs, gas estimates for 2015-2016 and 2016-2017, and targeted costs for legal expenses.

C. Technology Update

Superintendent Harwood said that the district is working with technology specialists and district consultant Scott Brune. He discussed the support needed for the infrastructure, and \$500,000 needed to lease equipment including the leasing of desktop and laptop computers. More detailed information will be provided to the Board and community as decisions are finalized.

Trustee Valente would like to see which buildings will receive the new infrastructure as well as the new devices.

D. Elementary Program of Studies

Mrs. Bur shared changes to the Elementary Program of Studies.

E. Residency Update

Mr. Fenton shared that as of April 1, 2014 Denise Sharples has taken over the responsibilities in the residency and enrollment office and has been a welcome addition to the department. Investigations are being outsourced as the need arises. Ms. Sharples is currently receiving updated rental information for municipal offices as well as re-verifying 5th and 8th graders in the district.

Trustee Roeske asked about earlier or later hours for working parents to have an opportunity to re-verifying residency. Mr. Fenton noted that there will be extended hours in the summer with one day a week earlier hours and one day having later hours.

F. Diplomas for World War II and Korean War Veterans (per Policy 9800)

To provide special recognition for the service and sacrifice of military veterans of WWII and the Korean War, the recently amended Public Act 181 of 2001 authorizes the board of a Michigan school district to award a high school diploma to a WWII or Korean War veteran.

The law permits a WWII veteran who left a high school in our district between December 16, 1940 and December 31, 1946 for immediate military service and not subsequently receiving a high school degree to now apply for a diploma. Korean War veterans who left high school in our district between June 27, 1950 and January 31, 1955 may also apply.

VIII. FUTURE MEETINGS

Regular Meeting of the Board, Monday, June 16, 2014, 7:00 p.m., Brownell Multipurpose Room
Public Hearing on 2014-2015 Breakfast Program, June 23, 2014, 7 p.m., Brownell Multipurpose Room
Public Hearing on 2014-2015 Budget, June 23, 2014, 7 p.m., Brownell Multipurpose Room
Regular Meeting of the Board, Monday, June 23, 2014, 7:00 p.m., Brownell Multipurpose Room

IX. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-ACTION ITEMS

There were no public comments at this time.

X. OTHER COMMENTS FROM BOARD AND SUPERINTENDENT

Board members and Superintendent Harwood thanked the Grosse Pointe Foundation for Public Education for their generous gifts to the district. They also thanked the young men and woman who have decided to serve their country by entering a military branch of service. Trustee Roeske also thanked Mr. Summerfield for the 7 years he served his country. Congratulations were extended to graduating seniors at North and South High Schools and Grosse Pointe South Girls Athletic Programs for the honor they received. The Board also expressed regrets that the budget process caused layoffs to dedicated employees.

Superintendent Harwood also said that he would keep the Board updated of the Wayne County Enhancement Millage that will be on the August 5th ballot.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

President Dindoffer adjourned the meeting at 9:09 p.m.

Judy Gafa, Board Secretary