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**Grosse Pointe Board of Education
Minutes of the Special Meeting of June 5, 2014
South High School Wicking Library
11 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236**

MEETING MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

President Dindoffer called the regular meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

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

Absent: Trustees Gafa and Valente

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Trustee Pangborn.

Also Present: Superintendent Harwood; Deputy Superintendents Dean and Fenton

II. APPROVAL OF BOARD AGENDA FOR JUNE 5, 2014

It was Moved by: Trustee Roeske

Supported by: Trustee Pangborn

THAT the Board Agenda for Thursday, June 5, 2014 be approved as presented.

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

Absent: Trustees Gafa and Valente

Nays: None

Motion carried by a 5 – 0 vote.

III. INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

A. Discussion of the 2014-2015 Budget

Superintendent Harwood led the budget discussion with an overview highlighting 2014-2015 financial data (provided on June 2, 2014) for the Board's review.

	2013-14	2014-15
State Aid Per Pupil	\$6,924	\$7,008
Student Enrollment "Blended"	\$8,073.44	\$8,064.00
General Fund Equity	\$2,001,212	\$4,148,288
Average Total Compensation/Teacher	\$110,618	\$110,438
Total Teachers (Full Time Equivalency-FTE)	\$556.80	\$555.30
Total Employees	\$878.80	\$877.40
Total Direct Compensation	\$54,340,683	\$54,324,083
Total Health Care, Retirement and FICA	\$26,432,788	\$26,582,130
Total General Fund Expenditures and Transfer	\$96,788,447	\$97,629,108
Technology Highlights		
\$500,000 per year leasing technology equipment	\$0	\$500,000
Technology Infrastructure from Sinking Fund	\$0	\$1,100,000

Mr. Fenton then addressed additional information on the 2014-2015 proposed budget enrollment by school comparing the actual fall count for 2013-14 with the proposed projected 2014-15 count as well as enrollment comparisons by grade. He reviewed an employee staff report (with full time equivalent numbers) for the last two years. A 2014-2015 Proposed Budget General Fund Summary was also included in the information presented by Mr. Fenton that comprehended assumptions of state mandated retirement rates; state foundation allowance changes; variable growth rate; expenditures and transfer out for total direct compensation and health care and FICA expenses; all general fund revenues; annual net and fund equity; statistics and ratios of employees and students to teachers; expenses per pupil; expenses per pupil as a percentage of funding; expenses per employee; all federal revenue and all other revenue.

Mr. Fenton then shared Proposed Budget General Fund Variable costs including purchased services; fringe benefits; supplies; capital expenses; and other human resource expenses. General Fund revenue was shared as well as a summary of the School Service Fund sources and uses; Sinking Fund sources and uses, Sinking Fund projects, including technology infrastructure (that included a Sinking Fund technology budget detail report); Debit Retirement Fund; Taxable Value by City and Township; and a Tax Levy summary.

Mr. Fenton noted that all documents are on the district's webpage including: Summary sheet with blended enrollment; fund equity for future years; teacher compensation (which will change pending teacher retirements); staff FTE's; and technology expenditures for this year and next. He also provided information on the website regarding: projected enrollment only 15 students lower than last year; variable expenses are explained and where the expenses have been used; transportation has gone up since 2010; election expenses for the current year are \$60,000; workers compensation and employment costs have been consistent; taxable values are increasing for the school system as a whole; summer projects approved are Brownell roof, Monteith parking lot and South athletic turf and South slate roof; \$1.1 million earmarked for technology infrastructure; Sinking fund tax going up; and staffing budget that includes step increases and retirement calculations.

Mr. Fenton said that the budget for 2014-2015 is very tight. Another hard winter with cold temperatures could again drive up heating costs and maintenance overtime for clearing school lots.

Mr. Brune, Technology Consultant from Wright and Hunter, explained the district's technology needs and how the \$1.1 million will be utilized for the upcoming school year. He began by prioritizing short-term critical goals following by mid-to long-term goals. Financing options were also discussed and well as future plans. He continued to share that \$1.1 million will be funded from the 2014-2015 Sinking Fund for infrastructure upgrades in ten computer labs, two schools (South and Montieith), and for network switch upgrades for all schools. \$389,000 will be taken from the General Fund for leasing multifunction copiers with 87 replacements in 2014 and 23 replacements in 2015. Approximately \$476,000 will be taken from the General Fund for leasing computing devices: 3,192 desktops (8 years or older) and 234 laptops. The 2014-2015 Technology Department Budget will fund 225 Wireless access points; server replacements; and migrate Windows XP operating system to Windows 7 on remaining computers. The \$1.1 million from the 2015-2016 Sinking Fund will provide infrastructure upgrades in computers labs and schools and network switch upgrades. Future considerations include: network infrastructure upgrades; wireless network upgrades; telephone system replacement; computing devices; private fiber optic network; classroom upgrades and security systems.

The Board had an opportunity to ask Mr. Brune questions about the proposed plans.

IV. FUTURE MEETINGS

President Dindoffer announced the following upcoming meetings:

Special Meeting of the Board to Move Into Closed Session on June 16, 2014 at 6 p.m. in the Brownell Library;
Regular Meeting of the Board on June 16, 2014 at 7 p.m. in the Brownell Multipurpose Room; and
Regular Meeting of the Board on June 23, 2014 at 7 p.m. in the Brownell Multipurpose Room.

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-ACTION ITEMS

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Mr. Dervan, Grosse Pointe Farms, said that the technology update presented as part of the budget review seems to be very “bare-bones.” He asked if the information presented was the proposed plan. Mr. Brune noted that what was presented was a portion of the plan with the predicted amounts of money. He said that the plan will continue to progress and be prioritized as additional funding becomes available. (01:40)

VI. OTHER COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS AND SUPERINTENDENT

Trustee Jakubiec thanked the North administration for the recent speaker that spoke to students. He said it was fulfilling to see the energy and capability of the graduating seniors and imagine what they will accomplish.

Trustee Pangborn enjoyed watching a community member ask a question this evening and get an immediate answer by the speakers presenting the information. She enjoyed the dialogue.

Trustee Summerfield thanked Mr. Fenton, Dr. Harwood and Dr. Dean for their work on the budget and always working to meet the district’s needs. He thanked Mr. Brune and Mr. Jakubiec for the technology information presented.

Trustee Roeske thanked the administration and Mr. Summerfield for their work on the budget process.

Dr. Harwood echoed all Board member’s comments and thanked Mr. Summerfield for his work also on the budget process. He also thanked Mr. Brune for his time this evening in presenting the technology information and answering questions.

Mr. Fenton also thanked Mr. Summerfield for his work and input on the budget process.

President Dindoffer thanked the administration and Mr. Summerfield for the budget information presented. She said there would be more information presented at the June 16th regular meeting on the budget and a vote on June 23rd. She reminded the community and that replenishing the fund equity is part of the designed plan in the budget process.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

President Dindoffer adjourned the meeting at 8:22 p.m.

Judy Gafa, Board Secretary