



**Grosse Pointe Board of Education  
Minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 27, 2015  
Brownell Multipurpose Room  
260 Chalfonte, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

President Gafa called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**Board members present:** Trustees Gafa, Roeske, Summerfield, Valente and Weertz

**Absent:** Trustees Ismail and Pangborn

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Trustee Weertz.

**Also Present:** Superintendent Niehaus; Deputy Superintendent Fenton

**II. APPROVAL OF BOARD AGENDA FOR JULY 27, 2015**

**It was Moved by:** Trustee Roeske

**Supported by:** Trustee Valente

**THAT the Board Agenda for June 27, 2015 be approved as presented.**

**Ayes:** Trustees Gafa, Roeske, Summerfield, Valente and Weertz

**Absent:** Trustees Ismail and Pangborn

**Nays:** None

**Motion carried by a 5 – 0 vote.**

**III. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

**A. Strategic Planning Presentation**

Superintendent Niehaus introduced Mike Wilmot, President and CEO of the Michigan Leadership Institute. Mr. Wilmot provided an overview of the proposed Strategic Planning process, including a 10 – 12 week timeline. Community involvement opportunities, the district's mission, vision, indicators of success and planning process were also discussed and will be voted on in August by the Board.

Superintendent Niehaus also shared the success of the Camp Invention program and the South Solar Car team's return from a recent summer race.

**IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON CONSENT AGENDA ACTION ITEMS**

There were no speakers at this time.

**V. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON REGULAR AGENDA ACTION ITEMS**

There were no speakers at this time.

**VI. CONSENT AGENDA ACTION ITEMS**

**A. Memberships**

1. Michigan Association of School Board (MASB)
2. Michigan High School Athletic Association (MHSSA)

**B. Resolution on Indemnification**

1. Liability Indemnification
2. Asbestos Indemnification
  - a. Operation and Maintenance Employees
  - b. Designated Agent

- C. Fidelity and Treasurer's Bonds
- D. School Breakfast Program
- E. Designated Agent
- F. Debit/Credit Card Users
- G. Tuition Rates for 2015-2016

**It was Moved by:** Trustee Valente      **Supported by:** Trustee Roeske

**THAT the Consent Agenda listed above be approved as presented.**

**Ayes:** Trustees Gafa, Roeske, Summerfield, Valente and Weertz

**Absent:** Trustees Ismail and Pangborn

**Nays:** None

**Motion to approve the Consent Agenda carried by a 5 – 0 vote.**

## **VII. AGENDA ACTION ITEMS FOR JULY 27, 2015**

### **A. Approval of Human Resources Report for July 27, 2015**

Human Resources Director, Dean Niforos, shared the details of the report presented.

**It was Moved by:** Trustee Weertz

**Supported by:** Trustee Valente

**THAT the Board approve the Human Resources Report for July 27, 2015 as presented.**

**Ayes:** Trustees Gafa, Roeske, Summerfield, Valente and Weertz

**Absent:** Trustees Ismail and Pangborn

**Nays:** None

**Motion carried by a 5 – 0 vote.**

### **B. Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of June 22, 2015**

**It was Moved by:** Trustee Roeske

**Supported by:** Trustee Weertz

**THAT the Board approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of June 22, 2015 as presented.**

**Ayes:** Trustees Gafa, Roeske, Summerfield, Valente and Weertz

**Absent:** Trustees Ismail and Pangborn

**Nays:** None

**Motion carried by a 5 – 0 vote.**

### **C. Approval to Decline Participation in Schools of Choice**

**It was Moved by:** Trustee Roeske

**Supported by:** Trustee Weertz

**THAT the Board decline participation in Schools of Choice.**

**Ayes:** Trustees Gafa, Roeske, Summerfield, Valente and Weertz

**Absent:** Trustees Ismail and Pangborn

**Nays:** None

**Motion carried by a 5 – 0 vote.**

## **VIII. AGENDA ACTION ITEMS FOR AUGUST 24, 2015**

- A. Approval of Human Resources Report for August 24, 2015
- B. Approval of Meeting Minutes of August 17, 2015
- C. Approval of Superintendent Goals for 2015-2016

- D. Approval of North/South Spanish Trip to Costa Rica, February 13-20, 2016
- E. Approval of Policies (first read)
  - 1. Removal of Policy 9210, Parent Organizations
  - 2. Policy 9211, District Support Organizations

Trustee Roeske shared the details of new policy 9211 and the need for removal of policy 9210.

## **IX. INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION**

### **A. Monthly Financial Report/Health Care Report**

Mr. Fenton reported on the monthly financial reports provided to the Board and the status as of the end of June. All financial documents provided have been posted on the district website. He also reported on the health care report.

### **B. Residency Update/Re-Registration Update**

Mr. Fenton updated the residency and re-verification process as of today noting the high volume of those that have already completed their re-verification responsibilities.

Trustee Valente reminded parents of the need to have their students' immunizations up-to-date.

### **C. Security and Video/Surveillance Report**

Mr. Fenton shared the details of the district's security and video and surveillance procedures and equipment already in place. He said that they were consistent with prior years' safeguards.

### **D. Benchmarking Superintendent Goals for 2015-2016**

President Gafa said that she met with Dr. Niehaus last week and the Board plans to present him feedback in September regarding the four items he listed as his priority goals in his interview during the Superintendent selection process. Superintendent Niehaus responded that he would provide the evaluation tool needed for his evaluation to the Board prior to their August board meeting.

## **X. FUTURE MEETINGS**

President Gafa announced upcoming meetings of the Board:

- A. Regular Meeting of the Board, August 17, 2015, 7:00 p.m., Brownell Multipurpose Room
- B. Board Policy Committee Meeting, Wednesday, August 19, 2015, 6:00 p.m., 389 St. Clair
- C. Regular Meeting of the Board, Monday, August 24, 2015, 7:00 p.m., Brownell Multipurpose Room

## **XIV. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-ACTION ITEMS**

George McMullen, Grosse Pointe Woods, highlighted the wonderful work that Mr. Roeske and the Board Policy Committee does in the district and the diligence with which they check policies.

## **XI. OTHER COMMENTS FROM BOARD AND SUPERINTENDENT**

Trustee Valente said she was in agreement with Mr. McMullen's comments on the work and leadership of Trustee Roeske as he heads the Board Policy Committee.

Trustee Summerfield agreed with Ms. Valente on the leadership of Mr. Roeske and the work of the Policy Committee.

Trustee Weertz is excited that the Strategic Planning process is underway and off to a good start for the year. She also thanked Trustee Roeske for all that he does on the Board Policy Committee.

Trustee Roeske noted the huge step it was for Dr. Niehaus to bring in Dr. Wilmot as a consultant and leader on the Strategic Planning process.

Superintendent Niehaus said that there have been some interesting meetings for a number of district efforts recently. The first of which involved an Advisory Committee for PreK at-risk tuition program who will meet on August 17. There is also an effort for an all-day kindergarten readiness program for 2-3 year olds according to need. Dr. Niehaus met with the Chamber of Commerce to create a package to put together a group to help bring young families to the district. Last Thursday, he met with the Board of Realtors with a similar plan to benefit the district as a whole. He also shared a successful meeting recently with special education parents and plans to benefit their students. Superintendent Niehaus said he will provide a complete report to the Board in September of the initiatives that are

President Gafa looks forward to working with Dr. Wilmot on the Strategic Planning process. She wished everyone an enjoyable rest of the summer. She thanked the Board and administration for the work they do every day for the district.

## **XII. ADJOURNMENT**

President Gafa adjourned the meeting at 7:48 p.m.

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Margaret Weertz, Board Secretary