



**Grosse Pointe Board of Education
Minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 28, 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 7:06 p.m.

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Trustee Roeske.

Also Present: Superintendent Niehaus; Deputy Superintendents Dean and Fenton

II. APPROVAL OF BOARD AGENDA FOR SEPTEMBER 28, 2015

It was Moved by: Trustee Roeske

Supported by: Trustee Pangborn

Trustee Pangborn moved to amend the agenda for September 28, 2015 to include an item under V. F., Approval of a Resolution.

THAT the Board Agenda for September 28, 2015 be approved as amended.

Ayes: Trustees Gafa, Ismail, Pangborn, Roeske, Summerfield, Valente and Weertz

Nays: None

Motion carried by a 7 – 0 vote.

III. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. GPEA Good News

Laura Mikesell commented on the perfect weather the district had for the North/South tailgate and football game last weekend. She introduced Walter Charuba, Brownell Science teacher, who shared his experience with the mission to Pluto “New Horizons” space ship recently. His work and experiences outside of the classroom are taken back into the classroom as he shares new projects that align with student learning.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ACTION ITEMS FOR SEPTEMBER 28, 2015

There were no speakers at this time.

V. AGENDA ACTION ITEM FOR SEPTEMBER 28, 2015

A. Approval of Human Resources Report for September 28, 2015

It was Moved by: Trustee Weertz

Supported by: Trustee Roeske

THAT the Board approve the Human Resources Report for September 28, 2015 as presented.

Dr. Dean noted the retirements of Madeline Solonen and Janet Truance.

Ayes: Trustees Gafa, Ismail, Pangborn, Roeske, Summerfield, Valente and Weertz

Nays: None

Motion carried by a 7 – 0 vote.

B. Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of September 21, 2015

It was Moved by: Trustee Pangborn

Supported by: Trustee Weertz

THAT the Board approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of September 21, 2015 as presented.

Ayes: Trustees Gafa, Ismail, Pangborn, Roeske, Summerfield, Valente and Weertz

Nays: None

Motion carried by a 7 – 0 vote.

C. Approval of Superintendent Evaluation Instrument for 2015-2016

It was Moved by: Trustee Weertz

Supported by: Trustee Valente

THAT the Board approve the Superintendent Evaluation Instrument for 2015-2016 as presented.

Trustee Summerfield noted that a few changes will be made to the evaluation instrument that will revise the ratings to: 1= Highly Effective; 2= Effective; 3= Minimally Effective; and 0= Ineffective.

It was Moved by: Trustee Summerfield

Supported by: Trustee Pangborn

THAT the Board approve the Superintendent Evaluation Instrument for 2015-2016 with the revisions noted above.

Ayes: Trustees Gafa, Ismail, Pangborn, Roeske, Summerfield, Valente and Weertz

Nays: None

Motion carried by a 7 – 0 vote.

D. Approval of Policies (second read)

1. Policy 5610, Emergency Removal, Temporary Separation, Suspension and Expulsion of Students

It was Moved by: Trustee Roeske

Supported by: Trustee Summerfield

THAT the Board approve Policy 5610, Emergency Removal, Temporary Separation, Suspension and Expulsion of Students as presented.

Ayes: Trustees Gafa, Ismail, Pangborn, Roeske, Summerfield, Valente and Weertz

Nays: None

Motion carried by a 7 – 0 vote.

2. Policy 5610.01, Permanent Expulsion

It was Moved by: Trustee Roeske

Supported by: Trustee Summerfield

THAT the Board approve Policy 5610.01, Permanent Expulsion as presented.

Ayes: Trustees Gafa, Ismail, Pangborn, Roeske, Summerfield, Valente and Weertz

Nays: None

Motion carried by a 7 – 0 vote.

3. Policy 5611, Due Process Rights

It was Moved by: Trustee Valente

Supported by: Trustee Roeske

THAT the Board approve Policy 5611, Due Process Rights as presented.

Ayes: Trustees Gafa, Ismail, Pangborn, Roeske, Summerfield, Valente and Weertz

Nays: None

Motion carried by a 7 – 0 vote.

E. Approval of 2015-2016 Tax Rates

It was Moved by: Trustee Summerfield

Supported by: Trustee Roeske

THAT the Board approve the 2015-2016 Tax Rates as presented.

Ayes: Trustees Gafa, Ismail, Pangborn, Roeske, Summerfield, Valente and Weertz

Nays: None

Motion carried by a 7 – 0 vote.

F. Approval of Resolution of a Discipline Report

It was Moved by: Trustee Pangborn

Supported by: Trustee Summerfield

THAT a resolution be approved that the Board receive a weekly update of all expulsions, discipline reports and student incidents and police reports that occur from the Superintendent beginning October 1, 2015 and retroactive to September 8, 2015.

After continued discussion with the Board and Superintendent, it was determined that the information will be provided to the Board as it occurs and this method will be in effect for one month. After that time, the Board will determine if there is still a need for a resolution on the issue.

It was Moved by: Trustee Summerfield

Supported by: Trustee Roeske

THAT the Board table the resolution at this time.

Ayes: Trustees Gafa, Ismail, Pangborn, Roeske, Summerfield, Valente and Weertz

Nays: None

Motion carried by a 7 – 0 vote.

VI. AGENDA ACTION ITEMS FOR OCTOBER 26, 2015

President Gafa shared the agenda action items for the Board of Education's October 26, 2015 regular meeting.

- A. Approval of Human Resources Report for October 26, 2015
- B. Approval of Meeting Minutes of October 19, 2015
- C. Approval of Policies (first reading)
- D. Approval of 2014-2015 Audit

VII. INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

A. Preschool Update

Elementary Curriculum Director, Keith Howell, provided a preview on the Early Childhood update with a proposal to bring a preschool program to every elementary school. Andrea Sanders, Child Care Supervisor, and Sara Meier, Preschool Director were also available to answer any questions of the Board.

B. Monthly Financial Report/Health Care Report

Mr. Fenton and Dr. Dean presented updates on the financial report and health care report.

C. Enrollment Update/Class Size/Staff Allocation

Mr. Fenton noted that the district's enrollment was at 8,035 students as of today. He said that that number is most like close to where the district will be on the fall count date. Mr. Fenton added that there were approximately 160 students less this year than last year.

VII FUTURE MEETINGS

President Gafa announced upcoming meetings of the Board:

- A. Board Policy Committee Meeting, Tuesday, September 29, 2015, 6:00 p.m. Board Room
- B. Regular Meeting of the Board, Monday, October 19, 2015, 7:00 p.m., Brownell Multipurpose Room
- C. Regular Meeting of the Board, Monday, October 26, 2015, 7:00 p.m., Brownell Multipurpose Room

Also added were Strategic Planning Task Force dates:

Thursday, October 8, 2015, 6:30 p.m. in the South High School Library
Thursday, October 15, 2015, 6:30 p.m. in the South High School Library
Tuesday, October 27, 2015, 6:30 p.m. in the South High School Library
Tuesday, November 3, 2015, 6:30 p.m. in the South High School Library

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-ACTION ITEMS

There were no public comments at this time.

IX. OTHER COMMENTS FROM BOARD AND SUPERINTENDENT

Trustee Ismail thanked Janet Truance for her service and her help to the Board and to the district. He said that last Friday was a great North/South football game and tailgate party for all who attended.

Trustee Pangborn congratulated Janet Truance on her retirement and said it was a pleasure working with her.

Trustee Valente thanked Janet for her work in the district. She thanked the Preschool Advisory Committee for their work. She credited Dr. Dean, Mr. Fenton and Dr. Niehaus for their commitment to the preschool effort in the district.

Trustee Summerfield had no comment.

Trustee Roeske said that the work of the Preschool Committee has just taken place in the last 60 days. He thanked Ms. Truance for her work in the district and wished her luck on her retirement.

Trustee Weertz said that she attended two Back to School Nights and was amazed at the caliber of learning and cohesiveness of administrators at North High School. She congratulated the five North students who won the Columbia Scholastic Press Association awards. She wished Janet Truance a happy retirement.

Superintendent Niehaus spoke about four recent events: the bench auction on September 17th in which the district purchased two benches for two families in the district; the Chamber of Commerce tailgating event before the North/South game; the North/South game was announced as the game of the week by Channel 4; and North's Pinocchio presentation last week which was so well done. He encouraged the community to visit the district website for upcoming events.

Mr. Fenton said that it was a pleasure working with Ms. Truance and added, "well done."

President Gafa thanked Mr. Charuba for sharing his recent science experience about Pluto. She congratulated Gary Abud who was selected by his peers as Teacher of the Year. Mrs. Kate Murray won the “Bammy” award for principal of the year. She thanked Janet for her work taking minutes and service to the district.

X. ADJOURNMENT

President Gafa adjourned the meeting at 8:26 p.m.

Margaret Weertz, Board Secretary