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**Grosse Pointe Board of Education
Minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 27, 2016
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, Ismail, Pangborn, Roeske, Summerfield, Valente and Weertz
Absent: None

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Trustee Valente.

Also Present: Superintendent Niehaus; Deputy Superintendents Dean and Fenton

II. APPROVAL OF BOARD AGENDA FOR JUNE 27, 2016

It was Moved by: Trustee Roeske

Supported by: Trustee Weertz

Trustee Roeske asked to amend the Agenda and bring forth Item VIII. K. Approval to Decline Schools of Choice as an agenda action item this evening. Trustee Ismail also asked that Agenda # VIII. C. be amended to read Approval of Resolution to Decline Regional Enhancement Millage.

THAT the Board Approve the Amended Agenda for June 27, 2016.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried by a 7 – 0 vote.

III. PUBLIC HEARING ON SCHOOL BREAKFAST PROGRAM

The district is required by law under Public Act 335 of 1993 to provide breakfast for full-time students, except if the number of free/reduced lunches in the previous year was 20% or less in any one of the school buildings in the district. Public Notice was published in the Grosse Pointe News on June 16, 2016. The Board of Education scheduled time for a public hearing on the issue. No one came forward to speak at this time. President Gafa declared the public hearing on the school breakfast program closed.

IV. PUBLIC HEARING ON 2015-2016 SCHOOL BUDGET

According to State law, the Board of Education is required to hold a Public Hearing before the adoption of the 2016-17 Budget. Also in accordance with State Law the required Public Notice has been published in the Grosse Pointe News on June 16, 2016.

No one came forward to speak at this time. President Gafa declared the public hearing on the 2016-2017 budget closed.

V. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. Good News – Laura Mikesell

Mrs. Mikesell, GPEA President provided her last Good News Report and knows that the good news will continue with the great staff here at Grosse Pointe Schools. The staff consistently wins awards at the State and

National level. Collectively here in Grosse Pointe, the Staff takes great pride in preparing our students for 21st Century Learning. Mrs. Mikesell thanked President Gafa and Vice President Roeske for their outstanding principled and unfailing leadership of this District. True leaders do not divide, they unite. A Strategic Plan has been laid and will work if allowed to. She strongly encourages collaboration between the unions and the District as she hands over to Mr. Rennell. President Gafa, on behalf of the entire Board of Education, wishes Laura and her family the best.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ACTION ITEMS FOR JUNE 27, 2016

Mr. Rennell, GPEA President Elect wanted to remind the Board that a former board member spoke recently about the Fund Equity and the fiduciary responsibility of the Board. Mr. Rennell pointed out and showed a power point with figures showing the budget and the spending of the board, which included massive pay cuts to the employees that was part of the contract. The result of the pay cuts and the fiduciary responsibility of this Board, the Fund Equity has grown. He urges the Board of Education to approve the LOU's before you this evening.

VII. AGENDA ACTION ITEMS

A. Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of May 23, 2016 and June 13, 2016

It was Moved by: Trustee Weertz

Supported by: Trustee Pangborn

Ms. Valente and Mr. Summerfield abstained from the vote, as they were not present on June 13, 2016.

THAT the Board approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of May 23, 2016 and June 13, 2016.

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

Nays: None

Abstain: Trustees Summerfield and Valente

Motion carried by a 5 - 0 vote.

B. Approval of Human Resources Report

Deputy Superintendent Dean advised the Board that Dr. Michael Dib, Principal of Brownell will be retiring effective June 30, 2016. Mr. Rodger Hunwick, Vice Principal of Brownell was selected from 66 applicants as the new Principal of Brownell to start August 1st. The Human Resources report has many new teachers, some retirements and Summer School employees to be approved this evening. Mr. Hunwick accepted the position with thanks to all.

President Gafa, Trustee Valente, Pangborn and Ismail congratulated Mr. Hunwick.

It was Moved by: Trustee Valente

Supported by: Trustee Roeske

THAT the Board approve the Human Resources Report for June 27, 2016 as presented.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried by a 7 - 0 vote.

C. Acceptance of Letters of Understanding

It was Moved by: Trustee Summerfield

Supported by: Trustee Roeske

Trustee Ismail has concerns about the language on these documents and will not be supporting this motion. Trustee Pangborn asked for clarification in the last paragraph concerning some dates. Dr. Dean explained in further the date concern to clarify for Mrs. Pangborn.

THAT the Board approve the Acceptance of Letters of Understanding as presented.

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

Nays: Trustee Ismail

Motion carried by a 6 – 1 vote.

D. Approval of Transportation Bids

1. Athletics

Two bids were received and Trinity was clearly the low bid.

It was Moved by: Trustee Roeske

Supported by: Trustee Weertz

THAT the Board approve the Transportation Bid for Athletics as presented.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried by a 7 – 0 vote.

2. Special Education

Two bids were received plus one was incomplete. Both bids were close with Servicar being just slightly lower, however Trinity has four cameras on their busses and software to monitor that and are up-to-date.

It was Moved by: Trustee Pangborn

Supported by: Trustee Valente

THAT the Board approve Trinity Transportation for Special Education as presented.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried by a 7– 0 vote.

E. Approval of G.A.A.A. #4

Deputy Superintendent Fenton advised that this brings in line the expenditures for the District for the 2015-16 school year. These numbers will tie into the proposed budget as well. Trustee Summerfield asked about maintenance and repairs.

It was Moved by: Trustee Weertz

Supported by: Trustee Roeske

THAT the Board approve the G.A.A.A. #4 as presented.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried by a 7 – 0 vote.

F. Approval of Budget for 2016-2017

Mr. Fenton shared that the budget document for 2016-2017 presented to the Board was the work of the central administration pending the final State budget that the district will receive in October, 2016. The district was

required by law to hold a budget hearing which was posted and held this evening. Final budget results include State Aid per pupil and is increasing this year, our blended enrollment is going down slightly, our projected Fund Equity is up and a staff reduction of 10 FTE's. Mr. Fenton said that the district estimates the tax rate as close as possible for the next school year and determines estimates in funding using that formula. In general, the budget is similar to prior years. Mr. Fenton advised that most of the budget documents have been on the website for review. Trustee Ismail asked about the fund equity, the human resources report and the student via staff enrollment calculation. Trustee Pangborn asked Deputy Superintendent Fenton that approving this budget does not prohibit from changing the amounts. Trustee Pangborn also voiced her concerns about the process of approving the budget and that the Board is not being transparent. Trustee Summerfield explained about how difficult the process as numbers continue to change and will continue right up till the end of the school year.

It was Moved by: Trustee Summerfield

Supported by: Trustee Roeske

THAT the Board approve the Budget for 2016-2017 as presented.

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

Nays: Trustee Ismail and Pangborn

Motion carried by a 5 – 2 vote.

G. Approval of Food Service Bids

Food Service bids came in early June per Deputy Superintendent Fenton. Sodexo is our current vendor and has been for the last 11 years. We received three proposals, Chartwells, Sodexo and SFE. All were very close bids. All three companies are well known nationally. We are asking the Board to approve Chartwells.

It was Moved by: Trustee Valente

Supported by: Trustee Summerfield

THAT the Board approve Chartwells as our Food Service Company.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried by a 7– 0 vote.

IX. K. Approval to Decline Schools of Choice (motion made earlier in meeting to discuss)

Deputy Superintendent Fenton reminded the Board that this is done annually, usually in July. As requested, the Board will be doing this evening instead to opt out of the program for Schools of Choice with a Resolution to do so.

It was Moved by: Trustee Roeske

Supported by: Trustee Valente

Trustee Roeske says that this is voted on each year in July, why put it off.

THAT the Board decline Schools of Choice.

Roll Call Vote:

Trustee Pangborn	Yes
Trustee Ismail	Yes
Trustee Summerfield	Yes
Trustee Gafa	Yes
Trustee Weertz	Yes
Trustee Roeske	Yes
Trustee Valente	Yes

Motion carried by a 7– 0 vote.

Trustee Roeske asked that the Board consider a Consent Agenda, Items D-J.

It was Moved by: Trustee Roeske

Supported by: Trustee Pangborn

THAT the Board approve a Consent Agenda for the July 11, 2016 meeting for items D - J.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried by a 7– 0 vote.

IX. AGENDA ACTION ITEMS FOR July 11, 2016

- A. Approval of Human Resources Report for July 11, 2016**
- B. Approval of Special and Regular meeting minutes of June 27, 2016 and July 6, 2016 Special Meeting**
- C. Approval of Resolution to Decline Regional Enhancement Millage**
- D. Approval of Memberships**
 - 1. Michigan Association of School Boards (MASB)
 - 2. Michigan High School Athletic Association (MHSA)

Deputy Superintendent Fenton advised that the memberships are standard each year and we routinely ask for approval. As well as the Liability Indemnification, Asbestos Indemnification, Fidelity and Treasurer's Bonds, School Breakfast Program, Designated Agent, Approval of Debit/Credit Card purchases and Tuition Rates for 2016-2017.

- E. Approval of Resolution on Indemnification**
 - 1. Liability Indemnification
 - 2. Asbestos Indemnification
 - a. Operation and Maintenance Employees
 - b. Designated Agent
- F. Approval of Fidelity and Treasurer's Bonds**
- G. Approval of School Breakfast Program**
- H. Approval of Designated Agent**
- I. Approval of Debit/Credit Card Users**
- J. Approval of Tuition Rates for 2016-2017**
- K. Approval to Decline Schools of Choice – voted on earlier in meeting**
- L. Approval of Superintendent Evaluation Tool**

President Gafa spoke with Mr. Gierak, Dr. Dean and Dr. Niehaus to use the same tool that Dr. Niehaus used for our Administrators. Per Dr. Dean, clarification will be coming to the Board in the next couple of weeks.

IX. INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

A. Monthly Financial Report/Health Care Report

Dr. Dean says that April was not our best month for Health Care. April is typically not our best month for several reasons. We will continue to monitor as we go forward. Financial Report, per Mr. Fenton is reflective of May 31st, reflective of the G.A.A.A. #3 and not G.A.A.A. #4.

B. Security and Video/Surveillance Report

Mr. Fenton stated that as a requirement of Policy we are required to inform the Board of our video cameras. The bulk of our cameras are in the high schools with a few at the middle schools. Some upgrades had to be completed to the High Schools as the cameras were not compatible with the software.

C. Re-Registration Update

Consistent with the last several years, we are verifying the residency of sixth and ninth graders, just under 2000 students.

X. FUTURE MEETINGS

President Gafa announced that the Regular Meeting of the Board scheduled for Monday, July 25, 2016 has been cancelled.

- A. Special Meeting of the Board, Wednesday, June 29, 2016, 5:30 p.m. Brownell Multipurpose Room
- B. Special Meeting of the Board, Wednesday, July 6, 2016, 7:00 p.m., Brownell Multipurpose Room
- C. Regular Meeting of the Board, Monday, July 11, 2016, 7:00 p.m., Brownell Multipurpose Room
- D. Regular Meeting of the Board, Monday, August 8, 2016, 7:00 p.m., Brownell Multipurpose Room
- E. Regular Meeting of the Board, Monday, August 22, 2016, 7:00 p.m., Brownell Multipurpose Room

XI. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-ACTION ITEMS

George McMullen, Grosse Pointe Woods, a concern about a public comment from a resident at the June 13th meeting who he believes the speakers point was completely lost with his poor judgement and complete lack of decorum. The Board works tirelessly to move our District forward everyday whether the residents agree or disagree. He thanked Trustee Valente for her contributions to Special Education and the GPEA President, Laura Mikesell, who has been a valuable source of information.

XIV. OTHER COMMENTS FROM BOARD AND SUPERINTENDENT

Trustee Ismail commented about how much Trustee Valente will be missed and Mrs. Mikesell, wished her all the best.

Trustee Pangborn wished Mrs. Mikesell a safe trip and fun in their new adventures. Trustee Valente, best of luck. It has been a pleasure and we have had some really good conversations. Congratulations to Rodger Hunwick and for everyone to have a good summer.

Trustee Valente said that it has been an honor to serve this community. Best of luck to all the candidates that have put their name in, it is a big job and I applaud you for stepping up. We have the strongest Administration that we have ever had. Dr. Niehaus has been an incredible asset to the schools and Dr. Dean has become an even stronger asset.

Trustee Summerfield missed last meeting because he was at the Pierce 8th grade promotional ceremony and he thanked Mr. Clark and the teachers there and he thanked Gina Walker who retired this year. He also thanked staff at Defer for allowing him to attend the 5th grade camp. It was a great experience to watch these kids and what they were learning. He thanked Mrs. Mikesell who brought a positive approach to even tough issues and thanked Trustee Valente for all her service and wisdom.

Deputy Superintendent Dean thanked Trustee Valente and stated that she will be missed.

Deputy Superintendent Fenton stated that is has been a pleasure working with Trustee Valente.

Trustee Roeske noted that Mr. Hunwick will do a wonderful job at Brownell. He wished good luck to Mrs. Mikesell and her family. He commented on our District Support Organizations. We have Policy 9211, called District Support Organizations. It is designed to help non-profit groups to support the school district. He doesn't really want to cut the funds for these groups that do so much for our District. He thanked Trustee Valente for her partnership and friendship.

Trustee Weertz concurred about Policy 9211 for PTO's and whatever we can do to support them. She commented that she will miss Mrs. Mikesell and her briefings before the Board meetings. And she feels that Trustee Valente was an excellent Board Member.

Dr. Niehaus thanked Mrs. Mikesell and her approach to honor staff and students in this District. Rodger Hunwick, best of luck as you move to Principal at Brownell Middle School. Superintendent Niehaus also presented to Lois a certificate and gift in honor of her service to the Board of Education.

President Gafa welcomed Mr. Hunwick to his new role as Principal of Brownell Middle School and that she is sure he will continue the good work of Dr. Dib. She stated how she will miss Mrs. Mikesell and her wonderful Good News items. She also stated that she will miss Trustee Valente and how well they worked together. She really did have the best interest of the District.

XV. ADJOURNMENT

President Gafa adjourned the meeting at 8:54 p.m.

Cindy Pangborn, Board Secretary