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**Grosse Pointe Board of Education
Minutes of the Regular Session of September 26, 2016
G. P. South – Wicking Library
11 Grosse Pointe Boulevard, 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 Abke, Gafa, Ismail, Pangborn, Roeske, Summerfield and Weertz

Absent: None

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Deputy Superintendent Fenton

Also Present: Superintendent Niehaus, Deputies Superintendent Dean, Fenton and Abbey

II. APPROVAL OF BOARD AGENDA FOR SEPTEMBER 26, 2016

Trustee Ismail asked to add an item to the Agenda under the Superintendents report of renaming the PAC Center at North High School.

It was Moved by: Trustee Ismail

Supported by: Trustee Roeske

THAT the Board Approve the Amended Agenda for September 26, 2016 as presented

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

Nays: None

Motion carried by a 7 – 0 vote.

III. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. Approval of the renaming of the PAC

Trustee Roeske advised that this is an added agenda item for the Approval of a Resolution in honoring Christian Fenton. After 37 years of employment, Mr. Fenton announced his retirement. Per District policy, the Board may commemorate a District facility to those individuals who have made a significant contribution to the enhancement of education, generally or the District in particular. Mr. Fenton has overseen projects in every building in the district, many that are designated as historic sites. Attached is a Resolution, which would upon approval of the Board, authorize such recognition by rededicating the North High School Performing Arts Center to the Christian A. Fenton Performing Arts Center. This endorsement is approved by every Board Member sitting on this Board.

Trustee Ismail stated that this could not have gone to a more deserving person. Thank you for everything you have done for this school system.

Trustee Roeske mentioned that there was a committee of people who had worked on this, including Mr. Ismail and Roeske, thank you Mr. Fenton.

Trustee Pangborn is also very happy that this has been done. She has worked with Chris for nearly 40 years. Chris is a real person in the community.

That the Board Approve the Resolution to rename the North High School Performing Arts Center to the Christian A. Fenton Performing Arts Center effective October 1, 2016 as presented.

It was moved by: Trustee Roeske

Supported by: Trustee Ismail

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

Nays: None

Motion carried by a 7 – 0 vote.

Deputy Superintendent Fenton says that he is shocked beyond words.

B. Presentation by Nick Raymond – Annual Spring Fishing Trip

Kim VanGorder, President of Classroom Assistants and Hall Monitors introduced Mr. Nick Raymond and student Yarnell to talk about the annual spring fishing trip Mr. Raymond organizes for the students of the Community Campus at Pier Park. Yarnell talked about how much he enjoys Community Campus and related it to College for the special education students.

B. Good News Report from GPEA – Mike Rennell

Mr. Rennell wished Mr. Fenton the best in his retirement and that he will be missed. Mr. Rennell advised the Board that each meeting he will introduce a different group of educators to the Board. This evening South teachers attended and he introduced Kendra Caralis, who has transformed her room to flexible seating for the students. Ms. Caralis has removed the majority of her desks and brought in alternative seating, bean bag chairs, recliners, foot stools and others. Two students spoke about the different environment in the classroom and how much they embraced it.

C. Discussion of Plante Moran CRESA Contract, proposal for Facilities and Technology Assessment for Prebond Planning

Mr. Paul Wills from Plante Moran CRESA provided information on the services Plante Moran CRESA can provide to school districts. They would help to establish the needs for capital improvement and does a 360 degree view of our facilities. They have worked with many school districts to big businesses. Trustee Roeske confirmed that Plante Moran CRESA will help determine the projects that are needed and how to fund these projects. Trustee Ismail asked several questions of Mr. Wills. Does Plante Moran hire contractors or are they in-house? Mr. Wills says they are in-house contractors. Trustee Summerfield likes the idea of having a plan and with details. He did ask how this is different from what Grosse Pointe Schools has done in the past. Mr. Wills says that this is a 360 degree, not just architectural and alternatives will be provided for financing the projects. President Gafa says this makes sense. Trustee Pangborn is glad that we are talking about facilities. The public needs to know what the costs are to run a school.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON CONSENT AGENDA ACTION ITEMS

No speakers

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ACTION ITEMS FOR SEPTEMBER 26, 2016

No speakers

VI. CONSENT AGENDA ACTION ITEMS FOR SEPTEMBER 26, 2016

- A. Approval of Resolution of Continuance of Funds and Designation of Ms. Lisa Abbey as Signatory on Accounts.
- B. Approval of Appointment of Representatives to MAISL Joint Risk Management Trust
- C. Approval of Lisa Abbey as FOIA Coordinator

- D. Approval of Lisa Abbey as Election Representative
- E. Approval of Lisa Abbey as Homeless Liaison Coordinator

It was Moved by: Trustee Weertz

Supported by: Trustee Ismail

THAT the Consent Agenda Action items for September 26, 2016 be approved as presented.

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

Absent: None

Motion carried by a 7 – 0 vote.

VII. Agenda Action Items for September 26, 2016

A. Approval of Human Resources Report for September 26, 2016

Dr. Dean stated that this is a typical September report. A large group of classroom assistants have been added and the teachers are fully staffed.

It was Moved by: Trustee Roeske

Supported by: Trustee Pangborn

THAT the Human Resources Report for September 26, 2016 be approved as presented.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried by a 7 - 0 vote.

B. Approval of Meeting Minutes of September 12, 2016

It was Moved by: Trustee Abke

Supported by: Trustee Pangborn

THAT the Regular Meeting Minutes for September 12, 2016 be approved as presented.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried by a 7 – 0 vote.

C. Approval of 2016-17 Tax Rates

Per Mr. Fenton, there are five components, debt fund, sinking fund, commercial personal property, homestead and non-homestead; overall there is a slight decrease for next year.

It was Moved by: Trustee Summerfield

Supported by: Trustee Weertz

THAT the 2016-2017 Tax Rates be approved as presented.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried by a 7 – 0 vote.

D. Approval of Superintendent Evaluation Tool for 2016-2017

On November 21, 2016, training will be held in the Multipurpose Room from 7 – 10 pm

It was Moved by: Trustee Weertz

Supported by: Trustee Roeske

THAT the Superintendent Evaluation Tool for 2016-2017 be approved as presented.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried by a 7 – 0 vote.

E. Approval of Policy 7540.02 District Web page

Trustee Roeske advised that this is to amend the policy to add the required components by the Federal Government.

It was Moved by: Trustee Roeske

Supported by: Trustee Summerfield

THAT Policy 7540.02 District Web page be approved as presented.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried by a 7 – 0 vote.

VIII. Agenda Action Items for October 10, 2016

A. Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of September 26, 2016

IX. Information and Discussion

A. Monthly Financial Report

Per Mr. Fenton, the financial report presented to the Board is as of August. The report is an actual plus encumbrance. Generally the numbers are projected.

Health Care Report

Deputy Superintendent Dean noted that the first month of this fiscal year, was an average month. Starting with September, we will have a better head count and the numbers may be revised.

B. Enrollment Update

Mr. Fenton provided a summary this evening for the Board. We are down slightly from projections. The reductions came primarily from secondary, as students leave the district.

C. Board Policy Updates

1. Revision of BOE Bylaw 0144.3 Conflict of Interest

First read for information and discussion. An element has been added that is required when working with contractors and is involved with Federal Funds. This brings us in compliance and limits what Board Members can accept as a gift or token.

2. Deletion of current BOE Policy 1130 Conflict of Interest

Policy Committee has asked that this be removed and replaced with Policy 8600.

3. Creation of a new BOE Policy 8600 Conflict of Interest that would apply to all employees and contractors in GPPSS

This policy encompasses all of the District employees and contractors. This would match up with what we have in the Board By-laws.

4. Revision of BOE Policy 2370 Education Options – Online Learning

Today our policies do not address on-line learning opportunities. This proposal would reflect our new content in this area. Adding in elements on how credit is granted and taking out the programs that are not applicable. Trustee Summerfield says that this is in line with what is required by State law.

5. Creation of a new AG 2370 Educational Options – Online Learning

X. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-ACTION ITEMS

No speakers.

XI. FUTURE MEETINGS

- A. Special Session of the Board, Monday, October 10, 2016, 6:00 pm, Brownell Library
- B. Regular Meeting of the Board, Monday, October 10, 2016, 7:00 pm, Brownell Multipurpose Room
- C. League of Women Voters, Wednesday, October 13, 2016, 7:00 pm, South Wicking Library
- D. Regular Meeting of the Board, Monday, October 24, 2016, 7:00 pm, Brownell Multipurpose Room

XII. OTHER COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS AND SUPERINTENDENT

Trustee Ismail stated that this evening is so surreal to him as this is the last night he will be on stage with Deputy Superintendent Fenton. It has been a wonderful time working with him. Thank you for everything and enjoy your retirement.

Trustee Abke wishes Mr. & Mrs. Fenton all the best in their retirement. She had the pleasure of attending the GP North and South football game, a wonderful event.

Trustee Pangborn agreed with Mrs. Abke, the North/South football game was a wonderful community event. Also, she thanked Mr. Fenton for the great things he has done for this district and community.

Trustee Summerfield thanked Mr. Fenton for his patience, sense of humor at the budget meetings and great stories of travel. Wish you well.

Trustee Roeske mentioned that it has been a lot of fun sitting next to Deputy Superintendent Fenton. He has made him laugh. Best of luck to you.

Trustee Weertz has found it very comforting to have Mr. Fenton sitting one over from her this past year. It has been great to work with him. She wished him a happy retirement and welcomed Lisa Abbey.

Deputy Superintendent Dean is having a hard time envisioning what the board meeting will look like at the next meeting without being able to walk down the hall and talk with Chris Fenton. He will be missed.

Superintendent Niehaus thanked the Board Members, teachers and assistants who attended the services for Claire V. He was sure that it meant a lot to the family. We have had a great start to the new school year. He also mentioned that he has had conversations with the GP North Girls Soccer team and parents last week. MHSAA had upheld the injunction. Dr. Niehaus presented Mr. Fenton with a certificate of appreciation and retirement gift. Thanked Chris for everything he has done for this District.

President Gafa stated that Mr. Fenton has always kept the students of this District first and foremost, in his entire decision making and everything that he does; it is always about the students and for that, she really respects him for this. He has always been a big supporter of the students. She wished him well.

Mr. Fenton said how he is overwhelmed by the honor of the Christian A. Fenton PAC. He thanked his wife for putting up with all the meetings, the late nights and Saturday meetings. He figures that he has spent 117 24 hour days in board meetings and that does not include all of the other meetings that have taken place. No regrets. He can honestly say that with all the Superintendents, interim Superintendents, Administrators and Board Members, we all have had the best interest of the students. This is a great school. It has been a pleasure and a privilege.

Mrs. Fenton spoke about how proud she is, his parents and her parents would be of Chris. And that she is grateful of the District.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

President Gafa adjourned the meeting at 8:50 p.m.

Cindy Pangborn, Board Secretary