



**Grosse Pointe Board of Education**  
**Special Meeting Minutes of July 6, 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 pm

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

**Absent:** None

Pledge of Allegiance led by Trustee Summerfield

### II. APPROVAL OF SPECIAL SESSION AGENDA OF JULY 6, 2016

**It was Moved by:** Trustee Roeske

**Supported by:** Trustee Pangborn

**THAT the Board approve the Special Session Agenda of July 6, 2016 as presented.**

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

**Nays:** None

**Motion carried by a 6 – 0 vote.**

### III. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ACTION ITEMS

No speakers

### IV. AGENDA ACTION ITEMS FOR JULY 6, 2016

#### A. Approval of Appointment for Board of Education Trustee

President Gafa thanked all the dedicated applicants. It is a difficult decision to make, as each candidate would be unique to add to the Board of Education. We had a large number of applicants and it is unfortunate that we can only choose one.

Trustee Roeske felt everyone had positive qualities to bring to the Board, his top five choices are, in no particular order: K Abke, G McMullen, Jr, C Profeta, Q Smith and L Thomas.

Trustee Weertz is interested in a candidate who would be willing to run for the open seats in November. Who was familiar with the role of the School Board member, had knowledge of the District and possibly did some volunteering within the schools. Her top five are: K Abke, K Kratz, G McMullen, Jr., C Profeta, L Thomas.

Trustee Summerfield felt that this is a difficult decision with so many qualified candidates. He was interested in candidates who were familiar with issues in the District and the Strategic Planning. His top five are: K Abke, K Kratz, G McMullen, Jr, N Nazarko and L Thomas.

Trustee Pangborn would like a candidate who could benefit the whole community and is already familiar with the way the Board works. Since the position would only be for a couple of months, she felt it would be best to choose a candidate with prior experience of the Board. Her choice is J Steininger, N Nazarko or W Saigh.

Trustee Ismail thought the best way to go would be someone with the least amount of upswing and someone with financial background. His top choices are: J Steininger or N Nazarko.

President Gafa feels that the current School Board is solid and the candidate should possess different interests. Someone more like Trustee Valente. Prior experience was not necessarily a priority to her. Her top choices are: K Abke, K Kratz, G McMullen, C Profeta and L Thomas.

### **A MOTION WAS MADE TO APPOINT KATHLEEN ABKE, TRUSTEE FOR THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**It was Moved by:** Trustee Ismail

**Supported by:** Trustee Summerfield

Roll Call Vote:	Trustee Ismail	Yes
	Trustee Pangborn	Yes
	Trustee Summerfield	Yes
	Trustee Roeske	Yes
	Trustee Weertz	Yes
	Trustee Gafa	Yes

**Motion carried by a 6 – 0 vote.**

### **V. FUTURE MEETINGS**

Regular Meeting of the Board, Monday, July 11, 2016, 7:00 pm, Brownell Multipurpose Room  
Regular Meeting of the Board, Monday, August 8, 2016, 7:00 pm, Brownell Multipurpose Room  
Regular Meeting of the Board, Monday, August 22, 2016, 7:00 pm, Brownell Multipurpose Room

### **VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ACTION ITEM**

George McMullen, Jr., Grosse Pointe Woods, advised the Board that they did good.

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

Trustee Ismail thanked all of the applicants and feels that a good choice was made.

Trustee Pangborn asked that all of the candidates stay enthusiastic and to run for the open seats coming up in November. Volunteering in the schools or on Committees are a great way to stay active within the District.

Trustee Summerfield thanked again all of the applicants and noted that it really was a difficult choice and that he is looking forward to those who run for the open seats available in January.

Trustee Roeske thanked everyone that applied for this position. He feels Ms. Abke will make a fine addition to the Board.

Trustee Weertz commented that it is sad to have all of the fine applicants and be able to choose only one. She hopes that many of these applicants will run in the upcoming election.

President Gafa also thanked all of the fine applicants that applied for the one open position. She asks that everyone stay involved.

### **VII. ADJOURNMENT**

President Gafa adjourned the meeting at 7:26 p.m.

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Cindy Pangborn, Secretary