



**Grosse Pointe Board of Education**  
**Minutes of a Town Hall Meeting of May 12 2016**  
**Defer Elementary School - Library**  
**15425 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Park, MI 48230**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Mike Wilmot of Michigan Leadership Institute called the meeting to order at 6:06 p. m.

**Board members present:** Trustees Weertz

**Absent:** Trustees Gafa, Ismail, Pangborn, Roeske, Summervield and Valente

**Also Present:** Superintendent Dr. Gary Niehaus, Christian Fenton, and Jon Dean

There was not a quorum of board members.

**II. TOWN HALL AGENDA OF May 12, 2016**

An overview of the Strategic Plan was presented by Trustees Summerfield and Weertz.

Laura Claeys of Plante Moran provided bond program analysis from other school districts and State of Michigan data.

Superintendent Dr. Gary C. Niehaus presented why these discussions were being held regarding projects in these three areas: health and safety, teaching and learning, and building needs.

Dale Ehresman and Marc Chamberlain of Ehresman & Associates discussed projects within those three areas to maintain the district's estimated \$330 million in assets: health and safety, teaching and learning, and building needs.

The community members were divided into four tour groups to view potential and past projects at South High School.

Laura Claeys of Plante Moran provided a presentation on funding mechanisms available to the district.

Mike Wilmot facilitated tabletop discussions on these questions: A-ha moments from the evening, what additional questions remain, and what do we need to do differently than in past bond efforts.

There were no Board of Education actions taken.

**III. ADJOURNMENT**

Mike Wilmot adjourned the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

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Cindy Pangborn, Secretary