



**Grosse Pointe Board of Education**  
**Minutes of the Regular Meeting, August 15, 2005**  
Wicking Library, Grosse Pointe South High School

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**ORDER OF BUSINESS: 8:00 P.M.**

**I. Call To Order/Pledge of Allegiance/Roll Call**

President Broderick called the meeting to order at 8:13 p.m.

**Present:** Trustees Broderick, Dindoffer, Ismail, Kennedy, Kosinski, and Vreede

**Also Present:** Superintendent Klein, Assistant Superintendents Allan and Fenton

The pledge of allegiance was led by Trustee Kosinski.

**II. Superintendent's Report**

Dr. Klein offered condolences to the family of Julie Smith, South High School parent, who recently passed away after a sudden illness. Arrangements are not yet available.

The Summer Select Choir will be presenting their concert at Parcels August 19<sup>th</sup>.

Dr. Klein reported that 280 families are left to re-register in the district re-registration process which began in July.

Dr. Allan highlighted staff development summer initiatives. Teachers created their own websites and attended a workshop on maintaining and updating websites. Dr. Grace Smith, Academic Technology Coordinator, created Integrated Lesson Plans for the state and was selected from applicants all over Michigan in the writing of 10 new units for teachers. The K-12 Assessment Committee continued their work, especially in the area of writing. Elementary and middle school administrators worked with Dr. Roger McCaig, former Director of Research and Evaluation, on the Grosse Pointe Writing Test and other assessment results. Curriculum specialists are preparing MEAP review packets for teachers in the grade levels where their content areas are being tested. The K-12 Math Curriculum Committee

began their work in the spring and during the summer have been reviewing research, studying site guidelines and developing a first draft of the updated curriculum. Language Arts teachers are working on strategies learned last fall for the Six Traits of Writing, a major area for implementation in the 2005-2006 school year. New materials for Language Arts have arrived. Administrators, K-3 parents, teachers and students have a terrific new resource in [www.eduplace.com](http://www.eduplace.com) which provides home activities, homework help, and suggested reading. A team of three elementary science teacher leaders attended the National Staff Development Conference and came back with new ideas for their colleagues. New Galileo teacher leaders also began their new activities.

**III. Public Comments on Non-Agenda Action Items**

No one came forward to speak.

**IV. Public Comments on Consent Agenda Action Items**

No one came forward to speak.

**V. Public Comments on Regular Agenda Action Items**

No one came forward to speak.

**VI. Consent Agenda Action Items**

**A. Human Resources Report**

Highlighted were instructional staff appointments as well as retirements and resignations.

**B. Business Items - Accounts Payable**

Business Items were presented for approval.

**C. Approval of Organizational Meeting Minutes from July 11, 2005, and Work Session Minutes of July 11, 2005**

Minutes of the Annual Organizational Meeting and Work Session of July 11, 2005 were presented for approval.

**D. Approval of the School Breakfast Resolution**

The Board was asked to approve the resolution which supports the

recommendation not to offer a breakfast program during the 2005-2006 school year.

**E. Bids**

**1. Rejection of Milk Bids**

The Board was asked, due to the contract with Sodexo, to reject the milk bids.

**It was Moved by:** Trustee Kennedy **Supported by:** Trustee Kosinski

**THAT the Board approve the Consent Agenda as presented.**

**Ayes:** Trustees Broderick, Dindoffer, Ismail, Kennedy, Kosinski and Vreede

**Nays:** None **Motion carried.**

**VII. Regular Agenda Action Item**

**A. Approval of Tuition Rates (Revised)**

Tuition rates are charged based on the following categories: (1) Students (legal residents as defined by State law) who are in the process of moving into the district but the move-in-date (closing) is after the start of school; (2) Students (legal residents) who are moving out before the close of the school year (or prior to a semester break) that want to complete the year or the term before enrolling in their new school; (3) Students (legal residents) who will be in their senior year of high school who have to move to another district. These students are allowed to finish high school in accordance with Board policy. Another category includes Students who are determined not to meet the residency requirements under state law. In the past, the district has given these students an opportunity to finish a card marking, semester break, balance of the year or the balance of time preceding a holiday, spring or winter break. Tuition amount is needed up front for the student to finish as required.

Tuition rate are based on the following: category 1, 2 and 3 pay \$13.00 per day, and category 4 would pay \$33.00 per day which includes the average cost of a residency investigation.

The Board is asked to approve the 2005-2006 tuition rates at \$13.00 and \$33.00 per day.

**It was Moved by:** Trustee Dindoffer **Supported by:** Trustee Vreede

**THAT the Board approve the Tuition Rates in categories 1-3 (only) as presented.**

**Ayes:** Trustees Broderick, Dindoffer, Ismail, Kennedy, Kosinski and Vreede

**Nays:** None **Motion carried.**

**B. Approval of Physical Therapy Contract**

The school system has contracted for special education physical/occupational therapy services to the private/parochial schools in the district for the past several years. These therapy services are contracted due to the considerable fluctuation year to year in the need for services. This year the services of Kristen Walkowicz will be contracted. It is anticipated that the cost for services will be approximately \$20,000 for 2005-2006.

The Board is asked to approve the letter of agreement for Kristen Walkowicz.

**It was Moved by:** Trustee Kennedy **Supported by:** Trustee Dindoffer

**THAT the Board table the Physical Therapy Contract pending verification of Ms. Walkowicz's professional liability insurance for action on September 12, 2005.**

**Ayes:** Trustees Broderick, Dindoffer, Ismail, Kennedy, Kosinski and Vreede

**Nays:** None **Motion carried.**

**C. Designation of Candidate to Support for Michigan Association of School Boards Board of Directors**

**It was Moved by:** Trustee Ismail **Supported by:** Trustee Vreede

**THAT this item be postponed until August 23, 2005 when more information can be presented.**

**Ayes:** Trustees Broderick, Dindoffer, Ismail, Kennedy, Kosinski, and Vreede

Nays: None

**Motion carried**

## **VIII. Items for Information and Discussion**

### **A. Enrollment Update**

Mr. Fenton said that as the re-registration process is still in progress, the enrollment numbers will certainly change as more families return from vacations will re-register their students. He said there did not appear to be a decrease in enrollment as yet but there seemed to be less re-registration of students from the South end at this time. More information will be presented as that process moves into the final stages.

### **B. Advanced Placement Biology Textbook**

The current AP Biology textbooks are dated and in need of replacement. North High School has piloted an earlier edition of this text, Biology-AP Edition, and is prepared to do so from building funds this year; South will include the purchase of this text in next year's budget.

This textbook is readable with excellent graphics and covers all required College Board AP curriculum standards. It is the same textbook used by the University of Michigan's Introductory Biology class. Online and CD resources provide for differentiation, lab simulations, and extended activities.

### **C. May Election Cost Summary**

A summary of costs for the May 3, 2005 Board of Education election was presented to Board members. The costs were \$14,109 less than the millage election.

### **D. Field Trip to Shakespeare Festival**

Because the United States State Department continues to extend its "Worldwide Caution" for Americans traveling outside the U.S. (Government Cautions have been continuous since September 11, 2001 with the most recent set for March 8 through September 7, 2005), the Board's "Study Warning" (Policy IFCB) banning foreign field trips remains in place for students. However, a few exceptions to the "Study Warning" have been made on a case-by-case basis since 2001, so that Grosse Pointe students can take advantage of valuable learning experiences.

In October 2005, South High School English classes would like to make a day trip to Stratford, Ontario so that students and chaperones are able to see a production at a Stratford Theatre. Plans are still in the formative state, but the trip would travel and return by bus the same day. Since it is expected that the State Department "Worldwide Caution" will still be in place at the time of the trip on October 18, 2005, Peggy Ptasznik, Harry Campion and John Monaghan, the trip's sponsors, are requesting a waiver of the Board's "Study Warning" for this field trip.

The Board is asked to approve a waiver of the "Study Warning" on student foreign travel for South High School English class's field trip to Stratford, Ontario Canada in October, 2005.

**It was Moved by:** Trustee Kennedy **Supported by:** Trustee Dindoffer

**THAT the Field Trip to the Shakespeare Festival be approved as presented.**

**Ayes:** Trustees Broderick, Dindoffer, Ismail, Kennedy, Kosinski and Vreede

**Nays:** None

**Motion carried.**

**IX. Future Meetings**

A Conference Meeting of the Board will be held on Tuesday, September 6, 2005, at 8:00 p.m. in the Wicking Library of South High School followed by a Regular Meeting on Monday, September 12, 2005.

**X. Other Comments from Board Members and Superintendent**

Trustee Kosinski had no comment.

Trustee Vreede welcomed everyone ~~back to the regular board meeting schedule~~ back to school by the time of the next regular board meeting and was looking forward to the new school year for all. ~~and a new school year for the board.~~

Trustee Ismail had no comment.

Trustee Dindoffer noted that the summer programs that were just finishing, as were the construction projects at many buildings. She said that there was a lot going on over the summer throughout the district.

Trustee Kennedy had no comment.

Dr. Klein said that registration continues at the Board Office until school begins on September 6<sup>th</sup>. She also noted that this year she would be hosting a 'coffee and conversation' format for the community. The first of these would be held on September 7, 2005 at 9:00 a.m. in the Board Room at the Administration Building.

Dr. Klein thanked the staff at Parcels and Maire for their flexibility as they hosted the board meetings over the summer while construction continued at South High School. The Community Education brochure will be arriving in homes soon and contains the 'Partners in Learning' section which outlines the Strategic Plan highlights approved by the Board. Also in the brochure is information on the projects being completed such as the heating and air conditioning, roof repairs, tuckpointing, gym remodeling, and South science building project. Most will be finished before school starts. She welcomed the community to tour the finished construction projects at Back to School Nights as well as other scheduled tours that will be announced.

Trustee Broderick said that there are more projects to come such as the South pool project, multi purpose rooms and others that the Project Oversight Committee will include in their September meeting. The meeting will be announced and posted on the website.

Trustee Broderick thanked those that had submitted applications for the board vacancy and said that it will be an extremely challenging decision as all applicants had much to offer. He noted that the process to select a replacement board member will take place on August 23, 2005 at 7:30 a.m. in the Board Room at the Administration Building.

## **XI. Adjournment**

There being no further business, President Broderick the meeting at 9:25 p.m.

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Board Secretary