



**Grosse Pointe Board of Education**  
**Minutes of Conference Meeting, August 8, 2005**  
Gymnasium, Maire Elementary School  
740 Cadieux, Grosse Pointe, MI 48230

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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 8:08 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 noted that Summer School and Camp O'Fun are underway and that highlights of all summer programs will be presented at a subsequent meeting. She also mentioned that district projects have been taking place across the district as parking lots are replaced, new carpeting installed, and many other updates both inside and outside of school buildings are done. The first phase of the residency verification is finished at North and is now taking place at the Administration Building on St. Clair. She noted that 90% of families have re-registered up to this point and that the registration process will continue until school starts.

Dr. Klein noted the Grosse Pointe News editorial about "Discovering Grosse Pointe" and thanked John Minnis for the article. She said she was looking forward to working with that group of community members who are showcasing the 'bright spots' and wonderful 'personality' of Grosse Pointe, including its schools.

Dr. Klein also mentioned an article on the front page of the Grosse Pointe News recently that spoke of preliminary discussions on plans for the Central Library Branch. She said that the school district has not been involved in conversation relating to the Central Library up to this point.

Upgrades to the district website and Channel 20 are being developed. Sections already available include an “Applause” section, Parent Connect, electronic newsletters, and a new Board Newsletter.

There will be dates scheduled for several community forums on topics such as revenue enhancement, and revisions to the K-12 Math Program. In addition, coffee and conversation meetings with the Superintendent and Board will be held on the first Wednesday morning of the month.

Mr. Broderick noted that next week’s Board Meeting and Work Session will again be held at Maire Elementary School. He said that the process to name and appoint a candidate to the vacant board seat will continue next week as interviews proceed. Tonight’s interviews at 5:30 p.m. included Mr. Pat Burke and Mrs. Lois Valente. Next week, Mr. Fred Minturn and Mr. Brendan Walsh, as well as an application interview for Mr. Anthony Ambrogio, will be held.

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

Edwin Frederickson, Grosse Pointe Library Board Director, shared his thoughts on the board vacancy interviews as well as the posting of the time of the interviews, asking that any change in time for meetings be forwarded to those community members that frequently attend board meetings and work sessions.

### **IV. Public Comments on Regular Agenda Action Items**

No came forward to speak.

### **V. Regular Agenda Action Items**

#### **A. Approval of Contract with the Grosse Pointe Association of Educational Office Personnel (GPAEOP)**

The administration negotiated with the GPAEOP (office union) throughout the 2004-2005 school year. A successor agreement with the GPAEOP has been forwarded to the Board of Education for approval. The new contract calls for language changes, benefit changes, and pay increases as indicated. This agreement will carry the office contract through August 2007.

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

**THAT the Board accept and ratify the 2004-2007 successor labor agreement with the Grosse Pointe Association of Educational Office Personnel.**

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

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

**B. Adoption of Resolution for Lay-Off of Cafeteria Personnel**

As a result of the decision to privatize cafeteria services at the July 11, 2005 Board meeting, it is necessary to terminate the employment of certain bargaining and non-bargaining unit employees.

The names of the cafeteria personnel whose services are to be terminated by Board action has been distributed to the Board. Termination is effective August 22, 2005 for all those bargaining unit employees. Names of hourly personnel were also provided whose termination is effective immediately.

Sodexo Corporation has offered consideration for employment within their organization to former Grosse Pointe Cafeteria employees.

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

**THAT the Board approve the resolution presented so that necessary termination notices may be given.**

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

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

**VI. Tentative Agenda for the Regular Board Meeting of August 15, 2005**

**A. Human Resources Report**

Dr. Klein highlighted the appointments of four instructional staff members, the retirement of two instructional staff members, one non-instructional staff, and one cafeteria worker, and the resignation of nine instructional staff members for childcare, relocation, and/or other employment. The retiring staff included Mary-Marie Berschback from Poupard after 15 years of service; Charlotte Blair from Poupard after 17 years of services; Ann Potteiger from the North Food Services Department after 26 years of service; and Micaela Palms from Pierce Food Services Department after 17 years of service.

**B. Business Items: Accounts Payable**

The business items were presented for Board approval. Any questions regarding the business items and accounts payable may be directed to Mr. Fenton's office or to Mrs. Dindoffer, Board Treasurer.

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

The Annual Organizational Board Meeting minutes of July 11, 2005 are submitted for Board approval as well as Work Session Minutes of July 11, 2005. Any questions regarding the minutes may be directed to the Superintendent's Office or Mrs. Kennedy, Board Secretary.

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

Public Act 335 of 1993 requires all K-12 districts provide breakfast for full-time students, except if the number of free/reduced lunches in the previous year was 20% or less of the total enrollment in any of the district's school buildings. The administration recommends that the school system not operate such a breakfast program in any one of its school buildings. The Board has conducted a public hearing as requested by law. The Board is 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 is asked, due to the contract that was entered with Sodexo for the district cafeteria services, to reject the milk bids.

President Broderick suggested including the following items on the consent agenda for action at the August 15<sup>th</sup> Board meeting: A) Human Resources Report; B) Accounts Payable Report; C) Minutes of July 11, 2005; D) Approval of the School Breakfast Resolution; and E.1) Bids, Rejection of Milk Bids. Items F) Approval of Tuition Rates, and G) Approval of Physical Therapy Contract, were placed on the Regular Agenda for action next week as well as a new item, H) Candidates for MASB (Michigan Association of School Board) Board of Directors.

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

**THAT Agenda Item V.H. Approval of Lease of Property at Parcels to Grosse Pointe Public Library be tabled until a later date.**

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

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

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

### **A. Elector for MASB (Michigan Association of School Board) Election**

Each local school district must vote to appoint a district Board member as their board elector for Michigan Association of School Board elections.

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

**THAT Mr. Ismail be appointed board elector to recommend a candidate for the board seat for the Michigan Association of School Boards at the next meeting.**

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

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

## **VIII. Future Meetings**

A Board Work Session will be held on Monday, August 15, 2005 at 5:30 p.m. in the Library at Maire Elementary School followed by a Regular Meeting of the Board at 8:00 p.m. in the Maire Elementary School Gymnasium, 740 Cadieux, Grosse Pointe, Michigan.

## **IX. Other Comments from Board Members and Superintendent**

Trustee Kennedy had no comment.

Trustee Kosinski thanked those candidates who have “thrown their hat in the ring” in submitting their name to fill the board vacancy.

Trustee Ismail also thanked those candidates who interviewed earlier in the evening and those that would interview next week. He also thanked Mr. Broderick for the ‘great job’ he did during the interview process this evening.

Trustee Dindoffer also thanked those who were interviewing for the board vacancy position this evening, and said she looks forward to those interviewing next week.

Trustee Vreede echoed the previous comments made regarding community members interested in the vacant board position. She also noted that various student groups throughout the district were busy and involved in summer activities and she encouraged all students to “read, read, read”.

Dr. Klein said that earlier in the day, Grosse Pointe administrators and teachers had an opportunity to learn more about reading and writing skills at a district staff development workshop.

Dr. Klein thanked Mrs. Cullen, Jeannie Lizza, and other parents who were instrumental in helping out with the re-registration process at North. Dr. Klein said that she appreciated their involvement and support, and thanked them for making people feel welcome during the residency process.

Trustee Broderick thanked Mr. Ismail for his kind comments regarding the interview process earlier in the evening. He also noted that there would be many challenges ahead and that it would be crucial that each member of the board work together. He acknowledged the contributions of Joan Richardson and said he appreciated her hard work and expertise. He highlighted her passion for and commitment to the board and the district. He concluded that the district owed Ms. Richardson a sincere “thank you” for her years of service.

Trustee Broderick also thanked everyone involved in the re-registration process. He reminded parents that their student cannot try out for sports if they are not registered.

Trustee Broderick said that the budget sub-committee was ready to begin their work and he anticipated getting started soon on planning the next year’s budget. He said he is looking forward to the new school year ahead.

## **X. Meeting Open to the Public**

Nicole Pytel, 791 Roslyn, Grosse Pointe Woods, spoke on the mission of the district as it relates to her choice of classes for the 2005-2006 school year.

## **XI. Adjournment**

There being no further business, President Broderick adjourned the Conference Meeting at 9:45 p.m.

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

**THAT the Board reconvene into closed session to further discuss a student discipline matter.**

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

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

The Board returned from Closed Session at 11:30 p.m.

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

**THAT the Board uphold the expulsion of the student whose discipline appeal was heard in closed session earlier this afternoon and evening.**

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

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

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

**THAT the Board adjourn the meeting.**

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

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

President Broderick adjourned the meeting at 11:30 p.m.

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Board Secretary