



**Grosse Pointe Board of Education**  
**Minutes of Conference Meeting, August 9, 2004**  
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 Richardson called the meeting to order at 8:10 p.m.

**Present:** Trustees Brennan, Broderick, Dindoffer, Ismail, Kennedy, Richardson and Vreede

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

The pledge of allegiance was led by Trustee Ismail.

**II. Superintendent's Report**

Dr. Klein noted that the Board received correspondence from the City of Grosse Pointe indicating that the Board of Education building had been nominated for an award by the Beautification Commission. Information received in the recognition noted that twenty-five properties were nominated, and twelve will receive awards in the month of September. She thanked the support staff for the extra care they provide to the building on St. Clair.

Dr. Klein also mentioned that negotiations between teachers and the Board have been continuing resulting in the finalization of the 2004-2005 school calendar which can now be accessed on the district website. Dr. Klein thanked members of both negotiating teams for their efforts in finalizing the school calendar.

**III. Tentative Agenda for the Regular Board Meeting of August 16, 2004**

**A. Human Resources Report**

Dr. Klein highlighted the appointments of nine instructional staff and one paraprofessional, three resignations and one leave of absence. She also announced the departure of Ms. Deborah Trapp, Community School Coordinator, as she moves on to an assistant principalship in another district.

**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. Vreede, Board Treasurer.

**C. Approval of Minutes of July 12, 2004, Work Session Minutes of July 7, 2004, Executive Session Minutes of July 7 and 20, 2004, and Executive Session Minutes of April 7, 2004**

The Annual Organizational Board Meeting minutes of July 12, 2004 are submitted for Board approval as well as Work Session Minutes of July 7 and April 7, 2004, and Executive Session Minutes of July 7 and 20, 2004. Any questions regarding the minutes may be directed to the Superintendent's Office or Mr. Brennan, 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 against operating such a breakfast program. The Board is asked to approve the resolution which supports this recommendation not to offer a breakfast program during the 2004-2005 school year.

**E. Bids**

**1. Brownell Doors**

The Board is asked, per Mr. Fenton's recommendation, to reject the bid for doors at Brownell because the issue of door replacement in buildings was covered in another request on an as needed basis.

**2. Monteith Drop-Off**

Mr. Fenton asked that the Board reject the Monteith drop-off bid and revisit the project in the spring. This would allow time for more information to be gathered and more time to receive resident input.

**3. Truck Bids**

As part of the 2004-2005 budget process, \$40,000 was budgeted for replacement vehicles, including the replacement of two pick-up trucks. These trucks would replace a 1990 stake truck and a 1990 dump truck. These trucks are used for deliveries, snow plowing, and general transportation for the maintenance

department. The trucks being replaced are 15 years old and are in need of extensive repairs.

The Board is asked to accept the low bid of \$39,986 from Jorgensen Ford for the purchase of two (2) 2005 Ford F250 4x4 trucks with plows.

**4. Back-Up Battery**

Information on this bid was not complete and Dr. Klein asked that the Board withdraw this item from the agenda at this time.

**F. Textbook Approval**

**1. Italian IV Textbook, DA'Capo**

This textbook is a replacement text for Oggi in Italia. The replacement is part of the phase of the revised Italian curriculum. The new book reflects the national standards that place emphasis on the authentic use of language and understanding of the culture that is reflected in the revised curriculum. Each chapter has a web-based section that broadens student knowledge. The Board is asked to approve the adoption of the Italian IV textbook, DA'Capo.

**G. Approval of Tuition Rates**

It is anticipated that the tuition rate for 2004-2005 will be \$12.00 per day. This rate is charged on a daily basis to people entering the district but who have not actually established residency. These rates would also apply to seniors whose parents move out of the school district and the senior wants to complete his/her senior year at North or South High School. The Board is asked to approve the 2004-2005 tuition rate of \$12.00 per day.

**H. Approval of Defer PTO Gift**

On May 10, 2004, the Board of Education approved the HVAC improvements for Defer Elementary School. As part of the bid, an alternate price was sought for the completion of the second floor.

The Defer PTO would like to donate \$80,000 over a two year period to pay for the improvements to the second floor. As a condition of this gift, the school system administration would receive a letter of commitment or pledge for this gift. In essence, the school system is financing the up front portion of this project and being reimbursed at a later date.

In accordance with the gift policy, this is being brought to you for approval because of the size of the gift and the ongoing costs associated with the gift.

The Board is asked to accept the gift of \$80,000 to be paid over two years from the Defer PTO for the second floor air conditioning.

**I. Approval of Legal Services – Appointment of General Counsel**

Dr. Klein said that the district is postponing this item as more information on billing for special education services is being compiled. Mr. Fenton responded to Board members questions regarding the sub-billing for the special education legal services provided by Clark Hill and Associates.

President Richardson suggested including the following items on the consent agenda for action at the August 16<sup>th</sup> Board meeting: **A)** Human Resources Report; **B)** Accounts Payable Report; **C)** Minutes of July 12, 2004, Work Session Minutes of July 7, 2004, Executive Session Minutes of July 7 and 20, 2004 and Executive Session Minutes of April 7, 2004; **D)** Approval of the School Breakfast Resolution; **E.1)** Brownell Doors; **E.2)** Monteith Drop-Off; **E.3)** Truck Bids; **F)** Textbook Approval; and **G)** Approval of Tuition Rates. Item **E.4)** Back-Up Battery, has been tabled, and Items **H)** Approval of Defer PTO Gift and **I)** Approval of Legal Services – Appointment of General Counsel, will appear on the regular agenda for action.

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

**THAT Agenda Item E.4. Back-Up Battery, be tabled until September.**

**Ayes:** Trustees Brennan, Broderick, Dindoffer, Ismail, Kennedy, Richardson and Vreede

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

**IV. Items for Information and Discussion**

**A. Enrollment Update**

Mr. Fenton is waiting for current enrollment projections from building administrators. The enrollment update will be discussed at the August 16<sup>th</sup> Board meeting.

## **B. Building and Site and Project Update**

A project update will be provided at next week's meeting after the Building and Site sub-committee meets.

## **V. Future Meetings**

A Board Work Session will be held on Monday, August 16, 2004 at 6:00 p.m. in Room 170 at South High School followed by a Regular Meeting of the Board at 8:00 p.m. in the Wicking Library at South High School, 11 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms.

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

Trustee Vreede thanked Deborah Trapp for her service to Community School and the school district.

Trustee Kennedy, Broderick, Dindoffer, Ismail, and Brennan had no comment.

Trustee Richardson added her thanks to Deb Trapp as she moves on to an assistant principalship in another district. She added that she is very grateful for her presence and is sad to see her leave.

Dr. Klein mentioned that there are a variety of construction projects taking place in and around the school district and she encouraged the community to stop and take a look. Some will be completed in time for the opening of school, and others will take a little longer. She said that the district is working to "improve, maintain, and preserve" our facilities.

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

Holly Kubeck, 332 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms, shared her thoughts about the public library issues. She also thanked Mrs. Vreede and Mr. Ismail for their support of an elected library board and for being in support of the fact finder report for the library employees.

Sue Steiger, 721 Pemberton, Grosse Pointe Park, commented on public library board issues.

Margo Parker, 1100 Berkshire Road, Grosse Pointe Park, asked about the criteria for inclusion on the Strategic Planning Committee.

## **VIII. Adjournment**

There being no further business, President Richardson adjourned the meeting at 9:14 p.m.

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Board Secretary