



Grosse Pointe Board of Education
Minutes of the April 11, 2005 Regular Board Meeting
Wicking Library, Grosse Pointe South High School
11 Grosse Pointe Blvd. Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236

ORDER OF BUSINESS – 8:00 P.M.

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

President Richardson called the meeting to order at 8:05 p.m.

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

Also Present: Superintendent Suzanne Klein and Assistant Superintendents Allan
and Fenton

Absent: Trustee Broderick

The pledge of allegiance was led by Trustee Vreede.

II. Superintendent's Report

President Richardson noted that due to John Bruce's resignation from the board of the Grosse Pointe Library, the school board is required to appoint a replacement to fill the remainder of his term (1 year). The deadline for the Grosse Pointe Library Board applications is April 18, 2005. Notices regarding the vacancy and application process been announced in local newspapers.

Dr. Klein announced that the League of Women Voters School Board Candidate Forum, being held on Tuesday, April 12 at 7:30 p.m., has moved to the South auditorium. The school system's website home page has information about the school board election and the candidates who will be on the ballot on Tuesday, May 3.

North student, Michelle El-Hosni, has just been awarded a scholarship from Discover Card.

The South Jazz Band earned a First Division rating at MSBOA State Jazz Festival. The jazz band was given first division ratings by all three adjudicators and was invited to perform at the prestigious Montreux-Detroit Jazz Festival at Hart Plaza.

Andrea Deck, a senior at South, was selected as a state finalist by the Michigan School Vocal Music Association, one of twelve singers in the state who will compete for the top soloist in the State of Michigan. Austin Chrzanowski, also a senior at South, is the alternate.

The Pointe Singers scored a perfect score on sightreading on the ratings for the State Solo and Ensemble, as did the South Bells. Austin Chrzanowski, Andrea Deck, David Richardson-Rossbach and Peter Stevens scored a perfect score in performance, while Tripp

Kennedy and Jackie Vesey scored a perfect score on sightreading. The Advanced Women and the Freshman Mixed Ensemble received second division ratings.

The South Band and Orchestra will be presenting the Art of Music at the D.I.A. on Wednesday, April 13, 2005 at 7:30 p.m. with soloists Julie Anderle deSylor, Taylor Hubor, and Suzanne Wrobel.

The Michigan Department of Treasury has released information about expanded eligibility requirements for the Michigan Merit Award. The resolution requires each Michigan Merit Award recipient in the high school graduating Class of 2006 and after to perform 40 hours of community service before graduation.

Grosse Pointe Community Education is holding a workshop on ACT Preparation on Monday, May 2, 2005 from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at Barnes in Room 207.

Tony Fadell, a 1987 South graduate, is speaking to students at South on Thursday, April 14. Tony is a Vice President at Apple Corporation and the inventor of the iPod.

Dr. Klein mentioned that the school calendar for 2005-2006 and 2006-2007 is available on the district website.

The Superintendent's Report proceeded as Mrs. Vreede's commented about the 21st Distinguished Volunteer Awards and the selection process. The Distinguished Volunteer Committee consisting of Mrs. Vreede, Mr. Ismail and Mrs. Kennedy worked diligently to select those volunteers most deserving of the golden apple awards.

President Richardson and Trustee Vreede joined Dr. Klein up front to recognize outstanding volunteers: Susan Brown, Mary Anne Cafagna, Don DeLaura, Linda Kubacki, Jill Leone, Jan McGraw, Patricia Rivera, Tony Valentine and Mary Wolking. Christine Cullen was also honored but unable to attend.

III. Public Comments on Non-Action Items

Helen Srebernak, 1024 Maryland, Grosse Pointe Park, addressed the Board regarding custodial privatization.

Cindy Pangborn, 403 Moran, Grosse Pointe Farms, shared her thoughts on Community Education.

Sherri Dedeyne, 1840 Roslyn, Grosse Pointe Woods, addressed the board about a handicap accessible restroom at Mason.

Leigh Anne Puleo, 1180 N. Renaud, Grosse Pointe Woods, also addressed the board about a handicap accessible restroom at Mason.

Sue Steiger, 721 Pemberton, Grosse Pointe Park, spoke about the library board vacancy.

D. Minutes of the Regular Board Meetings of March 7 and 14, 2005, Work Session Minutes of March 7, 2005, and Closed Session Minutes of March 10, 2005

The Board is asked to approve the minutes of March 7 and 14, 2005, work session minutes of March 7, 2005, and closed session minutes of March 10 and 14, 2005 as presented.

E. Reappointment of BDO Seidman as Auditors

The Board is asked to approve the contract with BDO Seidman for a one year extension as the district's auditors for the 2005-2006 school year at a fee of \$20,000.

F. Bids

1) Gym Dehumidifiers for Trombly, Poupard and Kerby

The Board is asked to award the contract for the HVAC projects to Denny's Heating, Cooling, and Refrigeration Services, Inc. for \$254,621, to be paid out of the bond issue and the sinking fund.

2) North Transformer

The Board is asked to award the bid for transformer replacement at North High School to Transformer Inspection Retrofill for \$198,518, to be paid out of the sinking fund.

3) North Univent Replacement

The Board is asked to award the bid for unit ventilator replacement at North High School to R.W. Mead & Sons for \$364,900, to be paid out of the energy bond and the sinking fund.

4) North Gym Dehumidifier

The Board is asked to award the bid for the North High School dehumidifier project to Long Mechanical, Inc. for \$208,000, to be paid out of the bond issue.

5) Roofing

The Board is asked to award the roof project bids for Pierce Middle School and Monteith Elementary School to Schena Roofing for \$463,394, to be paid from the bond issue.

6) Administration Building Parking Lot

The Board is asked to award the bid for the Administration Building parking lot project to Pro-Line Asphalt for \$62,000, funded by the sinking fund.

7) Barnes Parking Lot

The Board is asked to award the bid for the Barnes School parking lot project to Pro-Line Asphalt for \$292,738, to be paid from the sinking fund (resurfacing) and the bond issue (new construction).