



**Grosse Pointe Board of Education**  
**Minutes of the May 9, 2005 Regular Board Meeting**  
**Wicking Library, Grosse Pointe South High School**  
**11 Grosse Pointe Blvd. Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236**

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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 8:04 p.m.

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

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

**Absent:** Trustee Vreede

The pledge of allegiance was led by Trustee Ismail.

**II. Superintendent's Report**

Dr. Klein offered her congratulations to the Honors Band and Orchestra students for their outstanding concert held at Parcels auditorium on Friday evening to an audience of standing room only. She thanked the staff of Jim Cadotte, Dean Doss, Liz Pamerleau, John Donnellon, and David Cleveland, and parents for their continued help and support of their students' music instruction.

Dr. Klein also mentioned the many upcoming events in the months of May and June: vocal, instrumental, and jazz band concerts, one act plays across the district, an art show at North, and outdoor concerts.

Dr. Klein invited board members and the audience to stop and view upon exiting tonight's meeting a variety of student projects on display brought by Ken Ginger, Industrial Technology teacher. A number of students were award winners at both the regional and state level for their projects, including 7 regional winners with 5 of the 7 receiving 1<sup>st</sup> through 4<sup>th</sup> place ribbons.

Dr. Klein stated that unofficial election results had been received from the Board of Education election held on Tuesday, May 2. Dr. Klein thanked the 3 candidates, Margaret Beck, Joan Dindoffer, and Alice Kosinski for their willingness to contribute a large share of volunteer time to the school district.

Dr. Klein congratulated Joan Dindoffer on her return to the board, and welcomed Alice Kosinski who will replace Mr. Brennan in July and begin her term as a member of the Board of Education. She also thanked Mr. Brennan for his service.

Dr. Klein mentioned that a committee was presently being established to study the district's early childhood programs, preschool transition, and kindergarten. She invited parents and staff to contact Mr. Warras' office, the superintendent's office, or email an interest on the district website.

Dr. Klein commented that summer school 2005 information was presently available on the district website: [www.gpschools.org](http://www.gpschools.org). with limited copies of the brochure also available in various school locations. She urged as many online applications be made as possible as a cost saving method to the district, as well as being readily accessible to parents.

Dr. Klein also recognized Wayne County RESA teacher of the year, Jessica Roman from North High School. Mr. Tom Teetaert, Assistant Principal at North joined Dr. Klein in the award presentation. Dr. Klein noted that Jessica not only taught at North High School, but was also an active member in North's school improvement work and is one of the founders of the Willow Group. A project that mentors older students with younger students. And now includes North students mentoring middle school students.

Mr. Teetaert stated that Jessica was truly a great educator and a wonderful math teacher.

Dr. Klein extended everyone's congratulations, and thanked Jessica for all she does in the classroom, inviting the community in tonight's audience to congratulate Jessica with their applause.

Dr. Klein also updated the board on questions that were brought to the microphone the previous week regarding school residency. She stated that Mr. Fenton's office has continued over the last several years to revise residency procedures, and would continue to do so looking at the process and the enrollment of students. With the help of Mark McInerney, school attorney, they have made some changes to our enrollment process during the course of this year, which will continue as we plan for the next school year. Mr. McInerney has reviewed our enrollment forms and is working with us on the review of the residency process. He is considering all of the legal issues, as well as how we want to array a process that we can walk people through with the use of a flow chart which will result in a more centralized process as we open school in the fall. Mr. McInerney continues his work with us on this, and plans to attend the June 6 board meeting having ready all the pieces of the enrollment process, and residency checking process for your review and comments.

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

Frank Joyce, 1155 Lakepointe, Grosse Pointe Park, shared thoughts on being a candidate for the Grosse Pointe Public Library Board.

Sue Steiger, 721 Pemberton, Grosse Pointe Park, who commented on the upcoming Public Library Board forum.

Patricia Ament, 1432 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods, spoke against custodial and cafeteria privatization in the schools.

Darlene Ferguson, spoke against cafeteria privatization.

Kevin Flaherty, 270 Kerby, Grosse Pointe Farms, spoke about privatization.

Linda Peebles, 982 Washington Road, Grosse Pointe, shared her thoughts on privatization.

John Guleserian, 1022 Yorkshire, Grosse Pointe Park, shared his thoughts on residency procedures in the school district.

Tom Zaglaniczny, 820 Beaconsfield, Grosse Pointe Park, spoke against privatization.

Eddie Tajaka, 462 Renaud, Grosse Pointe Woods, shared his concerns on privatization.

Catherine Kelly, 798 Balfour, Grosse Pointe Park, and South High School student, shared her thoughts on privatization.

Cindy Pangborn, 403 Moran Road, Grosse Pointe Farms, shared concerns about the curriculum and the budget process.

Dan Schulte, Hampton, Road, Grosse Pointe Woods, expressed concern regarding the Board's response to community concerns.

Tom Coyle, 278 Merriweather, Grosse Pointe Farms, spoke about residency concerns.

Marlene Smith, 15 Woodland Shore, Grosse Pointe Shores, shared her thoughts on residency procedures.

David Bourbeau, 818 Lochmoor, Grosse Pointe Woods, spoke on residency issues.

Cheryl Maniaci, 1859 Littlestone, Grosse Pointe Woods, shared concerns about residency procedures.

Fred Minturn, 50 Renaud, Grosse Pointe Shores, shared concerns about residency.

Joan Gresell, 19950 W. Clairview, Grosse Pointe Woods, shared her thoughts about residency.

Les Day, 56 Lakeshore Lane, Grosse Pointe Shores, spoke on residency issues.

Rob Brown, 1901 Broadstone, Grosse Pointe Woods, asked the board why they were not responding to the residency issues raised by the community.

Mark Zohrub, 1523 S. Renaud, Grosse Pointe Woods, came forward but stated he would decline comments at this time.

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

No came forward to comment.

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

No one came forward to comment.

**VI. Consent Agenda Action Items**

Dr. Klein noted that the following were contained in the Consent Agenda for vote:

**A. Human Resources Report**

The Human Resources Report included the retirement of Dr. Susan Nowosad after thirteen years of service; the appointment of one classroom assistant and the resignations of one instructional staff member and one custodial engineer.

**B. Business Items: Accounts Payable**

The Business Items were presented for Board approval.

**C. Meeting Minutes of April 4 and 11, 2005, Work Session Minutes of April 11, 14, 25, and 28, 2005, and Special Meeting Minutes of April 20, 2005**

The Board is asked to approve the minutes of April 4 and 11, 2005, work session minutes of April 11, 14, 25, and 28, 2005, and special meeting minutes of April 20, 2005 as presented.

**D. Schools of Choice Resolution**

Schools of Choice is part of the current School Aid Act under Section 105. by law, a school board must determine whether or not it will opt-in to schools of choice for the 2005-2006 school year by June 1, 2005.

The Board is asked to approve the resolution which meets the timeline required under the Schools of choice provision of Public Act 300, and resolve to opt-out of the School of Choice provisions of PA 300 noting Board Policy JBC which traditionally provides two exceptions to the school board's residency policy.

**E. G.A.A.A. #4**

The Board is asked to approve the General Appropriations Act Amendment #4 to the General fund as presented.

**F. Approval of Overnight Field Trips to St. Catherine's, Ontario, Canada**

The Board is asked to approve the request from the crew team of Grosse Pointe North and South to attend the regatta and the Royal Canadian Henley in St. Catherine's, Ontario and waive the "Study Warning" on student foreign travel.

**G. Approval of Day Field Trip to Ontario, Canada**

The Board is asked to waive the “Study Warning” for student foreign travel and approve the request for the south High School Honors Earth Science field rip to Ontario, Canada on May 12, 2005.

**H. Bids**

**1. Mason Gym Floor**

The Board is asked to award the Mason School gym floor replacement to Star School Flooring Corporation for \$29,485.

**2. South High School Water Main**

The Board is asked to award the bid to replace the South High School water main to A.G. Excavating, Inc. for \$139,000.

**I. Approval of Earobics Literacy Launch**

Earobics© is a computer-based instructional program that focuses on phonemic awareness, in addition to vocabulary, fluency, phonics, and comprehension. Materials are individualized to meet student needs. The Board is asked to approve Earobics materials for the 2005-2006 school year.

**It was Moved by:** Trustee Dindoffer

**Supported by:** Trustee Brennan

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

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

**Nays:** None

**Absent:** Trustee Vreede

**Motion carried.**

**VII. Regular Agenda Action Items**

**A. Retirement Resolution**

The Retirement Resolution honors the service of the following staff members who are retiring: Charles Erikson, Parcels; Helen Finkelman, Ferry; Rodger Hynan, North; Pamela Lemerand, Student Services; Margaret Monaghan, North; Susan Nowosad, Maire; Janet Watt, Ferry; and Thomas Williams, Brownell.

The Board is asked to approve this resolution.

**It was Moved by:** Trustee Brennan

**Supported by:** Trustee Dindoffer

**THAT the Board Approve the Retirement Resolution as presented.**

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

**Nays:** None

**Absent:** Trustee Vreede

**Motion carried.**

**B. Resolution on WCRESA Budget for 2005-2006**

Not later than June 1 of each year, each local school board must review the WCRESA General Fund Operating Budget for 2005-2006. Section 380.624 of the Revised School Code included language requiring each constituent school board of Wayne RESA to participate in RESA's budget development process. The Board is asked to adopt a resolution to support the WCRESA General Fund Operating budget for 2005-2006.

**It was Moved by:** Trustee Dindoffer

**Supported by:** Trustee Broderick

**THAT the Board Table the Resolution to support the WCRESA General Fund Operating Budget for 2005-2006.**

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

**Nays:** None

**Absent:** Trustee Vreede

**Motion carried to table this item.**

**C. Approval of Contract with the Grosse Pointe Administrator's Association**

The administration and administrator's union (GPAA) has negotiated a successor agreement through August, 2007. The new contract includes language changes, benefit changes, and pay increases.

**It was Moved by:** Trustee Broderick

**Supported by:** Trustee Kennedy

**THAT the Board accept and ratify the 2004-2007 successor labor agreement with the Grosse Pointe Administrator's Association.**

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

**Nays:** None

**Absent:** Trustee

**Motion carried.**

**VIII. Items for Information and Discussion**

**A. Project Oversight Committee Update**

Trustee Broderick gave an update report on the proposal for South site projects, which

include the pool, the multi-purpose room as well as other ancillary moves that are required because of the proposal. He also commented on future projects: Brownell science renovations, and multipurpose room. The committee is presently working on a summary presentation which will discuss the current state of the funding of the projects scheduled for the board work session on June 6, 2005.

**B. Revenue Enhancement Committee Update**

Mrs. Kennedy reported that the district has contracted with Richner and Richner and were currently in the feasibility phase, and would have more to report in two to three months.

**C. Policy Committee Update**

Mrs. Dindoffer noted that the board had before them the first draft of the community service policy, stating that the Michigan Merit Award Board recently adopted a resolution requiring that high school students wishing to qualify for a Michigan Merit Award complete 40 hours of community service. This is a requirement for students graduating in 2006 wishing to qualify for a Michigan Merit Scholarship Award.

**D. Library Board Trustees**

President Richardson announced the names of those who submitted their names for consideration for the open seat on the library board:

- Harvey Weaver, Grosse Pointe City
- Edwin C. Frederickson, Grosse Pointe
- Toni Gibson, Grosse Pointe Park
- Frank Joyce, Grosse Pointe Park
- Michael A. Trudel, Grosse Pointe Park
- Stuart Pettit, Grosse Pointe Park
- Jenny Nolan, Grosse Pointe Farms
- Jon B. Gandelot, Grosse Pointe Farms

Mary Adzgian from Grosse Pointe Woods withdrew her name for consideration.

There will be a special meeting of the board next Monday, June 16, 2005 conducted by the League of Women Voters.

**E. Policy on Community Service Requirements for Michigan Merit Award Recipients**

This policy was discussed in the policy committee update item.

**F. Wage and Benefit Modifications for Non-Instructional Supervisors**

Dr. Klein explained that the successor agreement with the Non-Instructional Supervisors is being brought to the board for information and discussion with changes in language, benefits and the pay schedule which will be effective through August 2007.

**G. Wage and Benefit Modifications for Paraprofessional and (Non-NIS) Technology Personnel**

Dr. Klein noted that the successor agreement with the paraprofessional and technology staff is similar to the non-instructional agreement in that it provides changes in language, benefits and the pay schedule which will be effective through August 2007.

**IX. Future Meetings**

A Conference Meeting of the Board will be held on Monday, June 6, 2005 at 8:00 p.m. in Wicking Library of Grosse Pointe South High School followed by a Regular Meeting of the Board on Monday, June 13, 2005.

There will also be Board Work Sessions: Thursday, May 12 at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Room at 389 St. Clair; Monday, May 16 at 6:00 p.m. in Room 198 at South High School followed by a special meeting at 7:30 p.m. to present public library board candidates; Monday, June 13, a special budget hearing; and June 20 a meeting to adopt the final budget.

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

Trustee Ismail thanked everyone for their good thoughts while he was in the hospital and was glad to be back. He also noted that the DSO youth conference gave students incentive to get more involved.

Trustee Kennedy had no comment.

Trustee Broderick had no comment.

Trustee Dindoffer echoed Mr. Ismail's comments about student being involved in events and congratulated Mr. Ismail for completing his Board certification in such a short time. She also said she was looking forward to another four years on the board and welcomed Mrs. Kosinski on board.

Trustee Brennan had no comment.

Trustee Richardson congratulated Alice Kosinski and welcomed her as a new board member.

Trustee Vreede shared comments that "Into the Woods" at Grosse Pointe South was a sophisticated show and highlighted the talents of Dan Vicary.

Dr. Klein reminded the community about the events taking place at the elementary, middle, and high schools throughout the district. She hoped to see many people join the district at the upcoming graduations.

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Board Secretary