



Grosse Pointe Board of Education
Brownell Multipurpose Room
Minutes of the Regular Session
May 24, 2021

Enclosure: V. A.

CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/ROLL CALL

Vice President Weertz called the regular meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Board members present: Trustees: Brumbaugh, Ismail, Lee, Papas, Weertz and Worden

Absent: President Herd

Late Arrival: none

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by all in attendance.

Also present: Superintendent Gary Niehaus, Deputy Superintendents Dr. Jon Dean and Mrs. Amanda Matheson

II. APPROVAL OF THE BOARD REGULAR AGENDA FOR MAY 24, 2021

It as moved by: Trustee Worden

Supported by: Trustee Lee

Trustee Ismail asked that the consent agenda for future meetings be determined after discussion and not before. Dr. Niehaus advised that moving forward, the consent agenda would be determined after discussion.

THAT the Board approve the Regular agenda for May 24, 2021 as presented

Ayes: Trustee Brumbaugh, Ismail, Lee, Papas, Weertz and Worden

Nays: none

Absent: President Herd

Motion carried 6 - 0 vote

III. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT - 7:05 pm

A. Poupard Elementary Redevelopment Presentation

Ty Hinton from Harper Woods introduced Adam Cook, who would review their presentation this evening and also introduced the Mayor, Valerie Kindle and City Manager, John Szymanski.

Mr. Cook presented some scenarios for the Poupard Elementary property.

B. Good News Report

Mary Ann Brush presented the good news of the staff and students throughout the school system.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT ON REGULAR AGENDA ACTION ITEMS FOR MAY 24, 2021, 7:54 pm

No comments

V. CONSENT AGENDA ACTION ITEMS FOR MAY 24, 2021 - 7:54 pm

A. Approval of consent agenda for:

A. Regular Meeting Minutes of April 28, 2021, Regular Meeting Minutes of May 10, 2021 and Special Meeting Minutes of May 11 and 12, 2021

B. Approval of Human Resources Report for May 24, 2021

Dr. Dean noted the new Athletic Director, Brandon Wheeler at South and the Special Education Supervisor, Emily Hiser.

C. Approval of Resolution Recognizing Retirees

D. Approval of WRESA 2021-22 Budget

E. Approval of Chartwells Contract

It as moved by: Trustee Ismail

Supported by: Trustee Papas

THAT the Board approve the consent agenda for May 24, 2021 as presented

Ayes: Trustee Brumbaugh, Ismail, Lee, Papas, Weertz and Worden

Nayes: none

Absent: President Herd

Motion carried 6 - 0 vote

VI. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS FOR JUNE 14, 2021 7:59 pm

A. Approval of Special and Regular Meeting Minutes of May 24, 2021

B. Approval of Policy Revisions

1. BOE Policy 6320 Purchasing - Delete
2. BOE Policy 6440 Cooperative Purchasing - Delete
3. BOE Policy 6321 New School Construction, Renovation - Delete
4. BOE Policy 6325 Procurement - Federal Grants/Funds - Delete
5. BOE Policy 6320 General Purchasing - New
6. BOE Policy 6321 Construction - New
7. BOE Policy 6325 Purchasing with Federal Funds - New

Our attorney, Dana Abrahams, brought to the attention of Administration a deficiency in consortium type purchasing. She recommended the changes for the board to consider. These changes will align with the current practices.

C. Approval of G.A.A.A. #2

Mrs. Matheson noted that the total revenues and unappropriated fund balance estimated to be available for appropriation in the general fund of the school district for fiscal year 2020-2021 is as follows:

Revenues

Local \$ 25,103,778
State 64,445,919
Federal 9,704,564
Other Local Revenue 2,746,000
Incoming Transfers 1,458,495
Total Revenues \$ 103,458,756
Fund balance, July 1, 2020 18,383,032
Total available to appropriate \$ 121,841,788

Expenditures

Basic Programs \$ 54,286,236
Added Needs 8,750,823
Pupil Services 6,713,606
Instructional Staff 5,155,730
General Administration 1,217,207
School Administration 7,043,573
Business Services 2,017,346
Operation & Maintenance 13,829,234
Transportation 1,149,500
Central 3,795,597
Athletics 1,890,843
Community Services 896,583
Other Financing Uses 1,295,727
Total Expenditures \$ 108,042,004
Fund balance projection, June 30, 2021 \$ 13,799,784
Total Appropriated \$ 121,841,788

D. Approval of District Copiers

Chris Stanley, Director of Instruction Technology asked the Board to approve Toshiba Copiers, Print Management Solution, and Fax Solution for an amount not to exceed \$586,720 on June 14, 2021

E. Approval of French Ehresman Amendment #5

Mrs. Matheson explained that French Associates has agreed to continue the strategic alliance with Ehresman Architects to provide architectural/engineering services for sinking fund projects at a rate of 6.25% of the cost of work or the previously Board of Education approved hourly rates. At this time, we have eleven sinking fund projects identified for the French/Ehresman team to be engaged.

F. Approval of Ehresman Contract

Mrs. Matheson provided the Board with information on the sinking fund project team that has identified a project list and proposed that we engage Ehresman Architects to provide architectural/engineering services for the projects that are independent of our bond program. The largest project planned are the turf field improvements at the North and South ball fields; the cost of this work is estimated to be \$3,788,000 and Ehresman has proposed a fee for their professional services of 4.85% or \$183,718 plus reimbursable expenses.

As noted in their proposal, future services provided on sinking fund projects would be provided at a rate of 6.25% plus reimbursable expenses.

She also noted that a proposal for the Monteith ceiling fan replacement project that is estimated to cost \$82,500; the Ehresman fee of 6.25% or \$5,156 plus reimbursable expenses would be charged for this project.

G. Approval of Trinity Bus Contract

Mrs. Matheson provided the Board with information for Trinity Transportation that provides student transportation for our special education, athletics, field trips, summer programs and one general education route. Our current contract expires June 30, 2021. Trinity Transportation has proposed to maintain all services for the 2021-2022 school year with a fee increase of 2.0%. This fee increase is comparable to other contracted services we purchase that have already been negotiated for next year.

H. Approval of Corrigan Moving Systems Amendment #1

Deputy Superintendent Matheson, explained that Corrigan's original contract was awarded in the amount of \$161,000. Amendment #1 increases the contract by \$56,824 plus contingency of \$5,683. Mrs. Matheson noted that items for the Board to review are the Plante Moran Cresa recommendation letter, Corrigan proposal for move management at South High School and Corrigan proposal for mobile carts at North High School.

VII. AGENDA ACTION ITEM FOR JUNE 14, 2021

A. Approval of Series II Bond Sale Resolution

Mrs. Matheson and Amanda VanDusen from Miller Canfield briefly explained that on November 6, 2018 the qualified electors of our District voted in favor of our bond proposal for \$111,040,000. On February 26, 2019 the Board of Education issued series I of our 2018 bonds in the principal amount of \$65,760,000, of which \$58,465,000 was issued to finance the projects authorized in the 2018 bond proposal. The 2019 bonds were sold with an original issue premium of \$9,489,109.75, which is counted against the total bond authorization. In order to complete the remainder of the bond program, we are requesting the Board of Education approve the resolution to sell series II of our 2018 bonds in the aggregate, not to exceed the principal amount of \$43,085,000.

VIII. INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION 8:32 pm

A. GPPSS Extended COVID-19 Learning Plan Update

COVID numbers are going in the right direction and we are back to face to face.

B. Check Register

Mrs. Matheson noted that there is nothing out of the ordinary.

Monthly Financials

Mrs. Matheson pointed out the General Fund that the April State Aid payment is our seventh of eleven payments.

C. Elementary Program of Studies Update

Mr. Howell updated the Board of the recent changes to the Elementary Program of Studies in their board packet.

D. OneGP Virtual 2021-2022 Update

Mrs. Delgado and Mr. Stanley updated the board on Virtual 2021-2022. They did a survey to see if there is an interest for virtual classrooms and that there is an interest in moving forward with virtual learning, but would it be viable? We are looking at offering our Y5 to Grade 8 virtual. Enrollment will make the determination. May 26th will start the open enrollment process.

E. Board Requests

No outstanding requests

IX. FUTURE MEETINGS OF THE BOARD

A. BOE Facilities Committee, Thursday, June 3, 2021, 6:00 pm, 389 St. Clair, Board Room
Trustee Lee noted that June 3 is the same night as the Grosse Pointe Foundation for Public Education Gala and that the Facilities Committee meeting will be held on Thursday, June 10, 2021 at 6:00 pm. Dr. Dean advised that June 10th is the rain date for GP North graduation. Please note that this meeting could be cancelled.

B. Regular Meeting of the Board, Monday June 14, 2021, 7:00 pm, Brownell Multipurpose Room

C. Regular Meeting of the Board, Monday June 28, 2021, 7:00 pm, Brownell Multipurpose Room

D. BOE Facilities Committee, Thursday, July 1, 2021, 6:00 pm, 389 St. Clair, Board Room

X. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-ACTION ITEMS - 8:57 pm

Theresa Vogler, Pemberton, GPP questions the structure of the Grosse Pointe Public School System.

Terence Collins, 1222 Harvard, GPP questioned the deficit of 6.5 million dollars, unhappy with the Poupard discussion this evening and questioned equity and inclusion in Grosse Pointe schools.

XI. OTHER COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS AND SUPERINTENDENT - 7:40 pm

Trustee Brumbaugh, no comment

Trustee Papas, no comment

Trustee Ismail, no comment

Deputy Superintendent Dean, publicly thanked the Board of Education for selecting him as the new Superintendent of Grosse Pointe Public Schools. He noted that he has already started working on a Listening Plan that he had shared with the Board.

Trustee Worden congratulated the board and thanked the administration, in looking at the latest covid tracker, we are the closest to normal we have been in over a year to return to school. Our steadfast commitment to return to school has been wildly successful. We are starting to see some normalcy.

Trustee Lee, thanked Mrs. Brush for doing a great job with the good news report. He noted that it is nice to see that we explore different ways of learning. He expressed his congratulations to Mr. Steve Zaranek on his pending retirement.

Superintendent Niehaus, thanked Mrs. Weertz for leading the meeting this evening.

President Herd, absent

Vice President Weertz agreed with Trustee Worden comments. It is wonderful to be at the place we are at now. Administration has lead us through a very difficult year. We are a lighthouse district!

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Vice President Weertz adjourned the meeting at 9:12 p.m..

Christopher Lee, Secretary