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Grosse Pointe Board of Education
Minutes of the Work Session of March 28, 2011
South High School, Wicking Library
11 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236

MEETING MINUTES	President Steininger called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.
CALL TO ORDER	Board members present: Trustees Dindoffer, Gafa, Jakubiec, Minturn, Pangborn, Steininger and Walsh Absent: None Also Present: Superintendent Klein; Assistant Superintendents Beels, Fenton and Harwood; and Executive Director Warras
SECONDARY SCHOOL BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS	Dr. Klein noted the administration is carefully following events as the Governor and legislature complete the budget for state school funding. Mr. Fenton then discussed the process by which the district's Budget Council used the Board of Education's Budget Development Parameters to propose cuts presented in \$1 million increments. Budget discussions for this evening's work session will include the secondary and special education budgets. Each middle and high school principal had provided information to the Board detailing their staffing positions and recommended FTE's for each as well as a reduction at their respective buildings if needed. Listed were the proposed budgets with total staffing costs based on student enrollment, staffing, sub costs, staff development, supplies, textbooks, student transportation and various other operational costs. Board members then posed questions and made suggestions regarding lecture classes in the high schools, clerical position reductions, athletic reduction proposals, copier reduction proposals, curriculum specialist reduction proposals, low elementary class size, and multi-age program suggestions.
SPECIAL EDUCATION BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS	The special education budget proposal was then discussed which included federal, country and local revenues for those areas applicable as well as staffing FTE's and student enrollment predictions. Use of non-mandated classroom assistants was discussed as well as other program considerations.
RECOMMENDATIONS FOR BUDGET REDUCTIONS FOR 2011-2012	Recommendations for 2011-12 were then shared by Mr. Fenton and included: - The first line of cuts was to increase secondary class size by 1 student for a total of \$996,000. - The second line of cuts included reinstatement of last year's cuts to classroom assistants (5.0), secretarial (4.0), technology (1.0), and custodial; reduce 1.0 FTE elementary music and 1.0 FTE elementary multi-age; textbook freeze; commensurate reduction in athletics; and removal of more printers/copiers for a total of \$1,058,000.

	- The third line of cuts reduces curriculum specialists to 1.6; increases class size averages by .5 FTE at secondary; increases class size averages at elementary by .5 FTE; and reduces non-mandated classroom assistants for special education. - The fourth line of cuts reduces two teachers in the elementary resource room and EPED for Department Chairs; increases class size by an additional .5 FTE at secondary; and increases elementary class size by an additional .5 FTE at elementary for a total of \$1,144,000. - The fifth line of cuts restructures the high school day for a total of \$1,088,000 as it would be extremely difficult to implement this change for fall, 2011. Future reductions included the possibility of reorganizing district school building use or closing a building and realigning administration for a total of \$600,000.
PUBLIC COMMENTS	There were no public comments at this time.
ADJOURNMENT	President Steininger adjourned the meeting at 7:55 p.m.

Board Secretary