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Grosse Pointe Board of Education
Minutes of the Work Session of January 23, 2012
Wicking Library, South High School
11 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236

MEETING MINUTES	President Gafa called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.
CALL TO ORDER	Board members present: Trustees Dindoffer, Gafa, Jakubiec, Pangborn, Roeske, Valente and Walsh Also Present: Superintendent Harwood; Assistant Superintendent Beels and Fenton; Executive Director Warras
DISCUSSION OF STRATEGIC PLAN	Discussion of Strategic Plan Dr. Harwood spoke on his direction for the Strategic Planning document beginning with the Mission and Vision Statement; beliefs and values; goals for the district; school improvement plans; and budget plans. He followed that with how each could be executed, assessed, evaluated, analyzed and reported. Dr. Harwood's framework for Guiding Practices in setting goals and establishing continuous improvement in the district are: The School System will utilize a data-driven decision making process; the School System will engage in actions, services, and decisions that are customer-oriented; and the School System will maintain and establish collaborative partnerships. He shared the strands for the State of Michigan School Improvement Framework: Teaching for Learning; Leadership; Personnel and Professional Training; School and Community Relations; and Data and Information Management. Dr. Harwood concluded with a timeline for when the following reports would be provided to the Board: Superintendent and District Goals, January; Budget Parameters, February; School Improvement Plans, May; Budget Approved, June; Report on Student Progress, July; Report on Staff Evaluation, August; Report on Facilities Planning, September; Report on Learning Environment, October; Report on Staff, Student and Community Survey, November; Mid-year update on School Improvement Plan progress, December.
BUDGET PARAMETERS FOR 2012-13	Budget Parameters for 2012-13 Dr. Harwood spoke on the anticipated impact on the budget for the 2012-13 school year. He shared with the Board that the central administration has already met with union leadership and the budget impact on existing contracts based on a salary index formula. He also shared that revenues coming in are less than what the expenditures are currently. Dr. Harwood shared his plans to provide the initial proposed Budget Parameters to the Board in February.
PUBLIC COMMENTS	Cathy Abke, Grosse Pointe Woods, shared her thoughts on the work being done on the Strategic Plan. She asked the Board to balance data with a student's ability to learn remembering to keep plans in balance as they proceed with the Strategic Plan.
MOTION TO MOVE INTO CLOSED SESSION TO REVIEW AN	It was Moved by: Trustee Pangborn Supported by: Trustee Roeske

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ATTORNEY OPINION AT 7:45 P.M.	THAT the Board moved into closed session to review and discuss an attorney opinion Ayes: Trustees Dindoffer, Gafa, Jakubiec, Pangborn, Roeske, Valente and Walsh Nays: None Motion carried by a 7 – 0 vote.
ADJOURNMENT	President Gafa adjourned the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

Board Secretary