



**Grosse Pointe Board of Education
Minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 26, 2013
Multipurpose Room, Brownell Middle School
260 Chalfonte, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236**

MEETING MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

President Dindoffer called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Board members present: Trustees Dindoffer, Gafa, Jakubiec, Pangborn, Roeske and Summerfield
(Trustee Valente arrived at 7:25 p.m.)

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Trustee Roeske.

Also Present: Superintendent Harwood; Assistant Superintendents Dean and Fenton

II. APPROVAL OF BOARD AGENDA FOR AUGUST 26, 2013

It was Moved by: Trustee Roeske

Supported by: Trustee Gafa

THAT the Board Agenda be adopted as presented for August 26, 2013.

Ayes: Trustees Dindoffer, Gafa, Jakubiec, Pangborn, Roeske and Summerfield

Nays: None

Motion carried by a 6 – 0 vote.

III. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. Good News Items

Superintendent Harwood introduced the three 8th grade students, one from each middle school, that demonstrated outstanding academic performance during all three of their years as a middle school student. From Brownell, Carson Dennis who remained on the honor roll for all 12 marking periods with a 4.0 GPA; from Parcels, Adam Schreck who entered the Parcels Academic Hall of Fame for carrying straight "A's" for all three years in middle school; and Abbey Schuetz from Pierce who also had "A's" in every class for every year of middle school. The students also participated in student performing arts activities, student government, sports and volunteer experiences. Dr. Harwood commended all three students on their outstanding achievements and wished them continued success in high school.

Superintendent Harwood congratulated the Woods/Shores Little League Team on their successful career in making to the Little League World Series.

B. Legislative Update

Dr. Harwood shared that as lawmakers return after their summer break, Education reform will be front and center as committees wrap up hearings on whether to provide funding for Common Core standards for state schools. Conservatives in the Legislature stalled funding in the state's education budget to implement the standards. Also of interest to the Legislative body will be expanding the Education Achievement Authority, a state-run system to take over struggling school districts. Revamping the way teachers are evaluated by putting more emphasis on student performance is also something the House is considering.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON REGULAR AGENDA ACTION ITEMS

There were no comments at this time.

V. AGENDA ACTION ITEMS FOR AUGUST 26, 2013

A. Approval of Human Resources Report for August 26, 2013

Dr. Dean shared information from the Human Resources Report noting the resignation of two instructional staff and one technology employee; and the retirement of one classroom assistant. He added that there were appointments of seven new instructional staff members, one teacher layoff recall and three classroom assistant recalls from layoff. There were also three new hire appointments in the classroom assistant category; three office clerk appointments; and three plant positions that were new hires. All appointments were replacements or within the 2013-14 budget allocations.

It was Moved by: Trustee Gafa

Supported by: Trustee Roeske

THAT the Board approve the Human Resources Report for August 26, 2013 as revised.

Ayes: Trustees Dindoffer, Gafa, Jakubiec, Pangborn, Roeske and Summerfield

Nays: None

Motion carried by a 6 – 0 vote.

B. Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of August 19, 2013

It was Moved by: Trustee Gafa

Supported by: Trustee Summerfield

THAT the Board approve the both sets of Regular Meeting Minutes of August 19, 2013 as presented.

Ayes: Trustees Dindoffer, Gafa, Jakubiec, Pangborn, Roeske and Summerfield

Nays: None

Motion carried by a 6 – 0 vote.

C. Approval of Board Policies (second reading)

1. Policy 6320, Purchasing

It was Moved by: Trustee Roeske

Supported by: Trustee Pangborn

THAT the Board approve Policy 6320, Purchasing.

Ayes: Trustees Dinodffer, Gafa, Jakubiec, Pangborn, Roeske and Summerfield

Nays: None

Motion carried by a 6 – 0 vote.

2. Policy 7542, Access to District Technology Resources from Personal Communication Devices

It was Moved by: Trustee Roeske

Supported by: Trustee Pangborn

THAT the Board approve Policy 7542. Access to District Technology Resources from Personal Communication Devices.

Ayes: Trustees Dindoffer, Gafa, Jakubiec, Pangborn, Roeske and Summerfield

Nays: None

Motion carried by a 6 – 0 vote.

D. Approval of Transportation Bids

1. Athletics

The School System received transportation bid proposals for athletic services on July 24, 2013 with only Servicar and Trinity Transportation submitting proposals. To provide an estimated projected cost for the 2013-14 school year, the summary of 2012-13 trips for North and South were used.

Trinity Transportation has provided bus service for the past 4 years with both Athletic Directors satisfied with their performance and willingness to honor last minute schedule changes. Although not part of the proposal, Trinity Transportation will also provide buses for field trips and overnight trips when requested.

The Board of Education was asked to renew the contract with Trinity Transportation for the transportation of athletics for the three years as outlined in information provided to the Board.

It was Moved by: Trustee Jakubiec

Supported by: Trustee Roeske

THAT the Board approve the contract with Trinity Transportation for the 2013-2014 school year.

Ayes: Trustees Dindoffer, Gafa, Jakubiec, Pangborn, Roeske and Summerfield

Nays: None

Motion carried by a 6 – 0 vote.

2. Special Education

The School System received transportation bid proposals for Special Education services on July 24, 2013 with only Servicar and Trinity Transportation submitting proposals.

The School System transports between 135 to 150 students per year, depending on the year, with approximately 16 routes. Routes are determined by the number of students, location of the school and the desire to limit the travel time for the students. The number of aids are generally determined by the IEPC for the student.

To provide an estimated projected cost for the 2013-14 school year, the current years' routes were used to estimate the annual costs.

The State of Michigan reimburses the district 70% of transportation costs related to Special Education students. The net impact to the district after taking into consideration the State revenue is approximately \$268,000, depending on final actual costs.

Both companies met the requirements of the proposal as outlined in the specification sheets. Based on the calculations provided, Trinity is the recommended choice for the bus service for Special Education Services for the 2013-14 school year.

It was Moved by: Trustee Jakubiec

Supported by: Trustee Pangborn

THAT the Board approve the contract with Trinity Transportation for Special Education Services for the 2013-2014 school year.

Ayes: Trustees Dindoffer, Gafa, Jakubiec, Pangborn, Roeske and Summerfield

Nays: None

Motion carried by a 6 – 0 vote.

VI. AGENDA ACTION ITEMS FOR SEPTEMBER 23, 2013

- A. Approval of Human Resources Report for September, 2013**
- B. Approval of Closed and Regular Meeting Minutes of August 26, 2013**
- C. Approval of Federal Program Funding**

Dr. Harwood said that this information will be presented at the regular meeting in September and will include Title I and II and Special Education Funding through IDEA, Flowthrough and Preschool Grants.

D. Approval of Superintendent's Evaluation Process and Goals for 2013-2014

The Superintendent's Evaluation Process and Goals will also be provided at the September regular meeting. The instrument suggested for evaluating the Superintendent is taken from the Michigan Association of School Administrators (MASA) Advanced Education instrument for evaluating school administrators.

VII. INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

A. Monthly Financial Report/Health Care Report

Mr. Fenton shared information about the Monthly Financial Report and Dr. Dean reported on the Health Care Report. Documents on both topics are provided on the district website.

B. Enrollment Update/Class Size/ Staff Allocation

Mr. Fenton noted that the 2013-2014 Fall estimated actual enrollment projections anticipate 3,058 students for the elementary level; 2,014 students for middle school and 2,942 for high school for a total of 8,014 students starting school in the fall. Special Education enrollments numbers of 280 bring the grand total to 8,294 FTE. This anticipated total will change somewhat as parents continue to verify residency and early fall enrollments are added.

C. Board Policies (first reading)

Trustee Roeske said that there are policies that need review as NEOLA continues to make updates according to state law and regulations. The Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education Policy Committee conducted a meeting on August 22, 2013 to review updated and/or new NEOLA policies. Several policies were reviewed with associated edits. At this time, seven policies were reviewed as a first reading:

1. Policy 7530.01, Board-Owned Personal Communication Devices
2. Policy 7530.02, Staff Use of Personal Communication Devices
3. Policy 8321, Criminal Justice Information Security
4. Policy 8800, Religious/Patriotic Ceremonies and Observances
5. Policy 7540.07, Personal Internet Account Privacy for Students
6. Policy 7540.08, Personal Internet Account Privacy for Staff
7. Policy 4162, Controlled Substance and Alcohol Policy for Commercial Motor Vehicle (CMV) Drivers

D. Facilities Audit and Project Report

Mr. Fenton provided a draft list of projected Sinking Fund Projects as presented to the Board at a recent Board Technology committee.

The list originates with the fiscal year 2014-15 with the assumption of renewing the Sinking Fund five year millage. An inventory of projects that need to be done but are not assigned to a particular year and currently do not have a funding source are listed separately in the construction plans. If the sinking fund millage is not

renewed, the projects listed are still viable projects to be considered, whether through the Sinking Fund, General Fund or Building and Site Fund.

Items not included in the report provided:

1. Energy Management Systems, new or upgraded currently proposed in the Technology Bond
2. Security hardware currently proposed in the Technology Bond
3. Any other infrastructure related items currently proposed in the various projected Technology Bond projects
4. Playground equipment
5. Trucks or maintenance vehicles or large pieces of equipment
6. Any air conditioning HVAC related items for the buildings/rooms that currently do not have air conditioning. These include South HS main building, portions of Brownell, Parcels and Pierce and the elementary schools Poupard, Mason, Monteith, Kerby and Trombly
7. Potential South High School fund raising projects for outside lighting improvements; cafeteria renovation; brass doors in Cleminson Hall; athletic field press box renovations; and main office renovations
8. Potential North High School fund raising project for building entrance improvements
9. Potential Pierce Middle School fund raising project for auditorium seat replacements
10. Any other potential fund raising projects by various PTO and Booster groups or outside groups

E. School Accountability Scorecards

Curriculum Directors, Aaron Johnson and Maureen Bur, shared results of the district's School Accountability Scorecards. Overall results of the 2012-13 MEAP and MME scores indicate that, as a whole, scores are high and show that the district is headed in the right direction. The new evaluation system highlighted areas of focus for the coming year.

The Grosse Pointe Public School System has two schools identified as red through Michigan's newly revised school scorecard, which replaced AYP (adequate yearly progress). Both North and South High Schools were identified because of subgroup enrollments, meaning not enough students within a particular subgroup (such as African American, special education, bottom 30%, economically disadvantaged) took the test. Ethnic groups are self-identified by the students themselves. Students with an IEP (individualized Educational Plan) are included in the special education category. Any students receiving free and reduced lunch are included in the economically disadvantaged category.

A subgroup is created when there are 30 or more students in a school with that designation. This low number, compared to the overall population, means individual student scores can drastically impact the subgroup score. Since 95% participation is required, with small subgroups 1-2 students not participating can mean this target is not met and the school receives a red score.

When it comes to the bottom 30% group, all students' scores in the school are ranked high to low. The average of the bottom 30% of those scores must meet the AYP goal for the school. This goal differs by school.

The Grosse Pointe Public School System also has one orange school, Pierce Middle School. All the other schools were designated yellow. This designation does not necessarily correlate with the Focus and Reward School designation. That is also based on MEAP/MME scores, but deals particularly with the gap between the scores of the school's top 30% and bottom 30%. The Focus Schools listed on the scorecards are Ferry, Defer, North, Parcels, Pierce, and Poupard. The Reward Schools listed are Kerby, Maire, Richard, Monteith and Brownell.

It is important to note that MEAP/MME scores are only one measure of student achievement. Overall, the scores for all schools, including North, South and Pierce, are high and above State average.

All district schools continuously update their school improvement plans, and monitor progress by student, grade, school and subgroups. Professional development and specific school improvement goals will target these identified concerns. A group of GPPSS administrators and teachers will attend the fall Bureau of Assessment and Accountability (BAA) Conference and come back to share additional information gleaned on how schools are scored and how to read the scorecards.

VIII. FUTURE MEETINGS

President Dindoffer announced a Regular Meeting of the Board on Monday, September 16, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. in the Brownell MultiPurpose Room following by the second Regular Meeting on September 23, 2013, also at 7:00 p.m. at Brownell in the MultiPurpose Room.

There was a Board Policy Committee Meeting scheduled on Thursday, September 5, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Room at 389 St. Clair, which has been cancelled.

IX. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-ACTION ITEMS

Shawn McCrindle, Grosse Pointe Farms, spoke about the north-end Grosse Pointe Farms students having a choice of attending North or South High School.

Mark McCrindle, Grosse Pointe Farms, shared also about Farms students in the north-end having a choice of which high school in Grosse Pointe to attend.

Becky Edwards, Grosse Pointe Farms, spoke in agreement with other speakers and the option for high school-age students to attend either North or South.

Tracy Gusmano, Grosse Pointe Farms, spoke on re-zoning of the residents in the north-end of Grosse Pointe Farms.

Brett Mitchell, Grosse Pointe Farms, shared his thoughts on uniting the Farms residents with all students going to Grosse Pointe South.

Gina Liverpool, Grosse Pointe Farms, spoke about the Unite the Farms campaign to allow all students a choice of attending either North or South High School.

Daryl Jackson, Grosse Pointe Farms, agreed with other speakers about rezoning and allowing the choice for high school students to attend either high school in the community..

Michael Goode, Grosse Pointe Farms, asked for a policy change to allow Grosse Pointe Farms students the right to have a choice in which high school they attend.

Alan Grams, Grosse Pointe Park, spoke about transparency on the Board of Education.

In response to requests from speakers surrounding re-zoning and/or open enrollment for north-end Farms students, President Dindoffer provided information on the history of district boundaries and when they were established. She also presented facts on school transfers for students.

X. OTHER COMMENTS FROM BOARD AND SUPERINTENDENT

Trustee Pangborn thanked the residents who spoke this evening.

Trustee Jakubiec also thanked those who spoke as well as the elementary and middle school staffs who prepared the students who were honored this evening for their high academic achievements in middle school, preparing them for their high school careers.

Trustee Summerfield thanked the administration for instituting the new Middle School Recognition Program launched this evening. He congratulated those students.

Trustee Gafa welcomed students and staff back to a new school year.

Trustee Valente had no comment.

Trustee Roeske welcomed everyone back to school next week and wished everyone a safe Labor Day Weekend.

Superintendent Harwood thanked the middle school students and parents for attending this evening's Board meeting sharing their accomplishments and future plans, providing a wonderful start to the 2013-2014 school year. He thanked the Policy Committee for their hard work and diligence on updating policies. Dr. Harwood said he looks forward to the upcoming school year.

President Dindoffer congratulated those middle school students who were recognized this evening. She also welcomed everyone back to a new school year.

XI. MOTION TO MOVE INTO CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS NEGOTIATIONS

It was Moved by: Trustee Pangborn

Supported by: Trustee Roeske

THAT the Board convene into Closed Session to Discuss Negotiations at 8:54 p.m.

In a roll call vote,

Trustee Dindoffer, Yes

Trustee Gafa, Yes

Trustee Jakubiec, Yes

Trustee Pangborn, Yes

Trustee Roeske, Yes

Trustee Summerfield, Yes

Trustee Valente, Yes

Motion carried to convene into closed session by a 7 – 0 vote.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting will be adjourned after the closed session.

Board Secretary