



Grosse Pointe Board of Education
Regular Meeting - August 25, 2025
MINUTES
Brownell Middle School - MPR
260 Chalfonte, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236

Meeting Minutes

Encl: 5.1.

1. CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/ROLL CALL

President Worden called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm

Board members present: Trustees: Worden, St. John, Klepp, Derringer, Jeup, Cotton, Hull

Absent: None

Late Arrival: None

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by all in attendance.

Also Present: Superintendent Dr. Andrea Tuttle, Deputy Superintendent Dr. Roy Bishop, Mr. Moussa Hamka, Dr. Sara Delgado, SRO John Ross

2. APPROVAL OF THE MEETING AGENDA FOR AUGUST 25, 2025

Trustee St. John mentioned that we are adding minutes from two Sessions Item 5.7. and 5.8. to approve the Closed Session Minutes from August 11, 2025 and the Special Session Minutes from August 13, 2025.

Trustee Jeup stated that she would like to add to Item 3.B. to recognize all of the great teachers and staff who have left the district.

It was Moved by: Trustee St. John

Supported by: Trustee Hull

THAT the Board approve the amended Agenda for August 11, 2025, as presented.

Ayes: Trustees: Worden, St. John, Klepp, Derringer, Jeup, Cotton, Hull

Nays: None

Motion carried 7-0 vote

3. SUPERINTENDENT DR. TUTTLE

A. District Updates

Paul Theriault from Plante Moran provided information on the Sinking Fund, followed by Dr. Tuttle and Dr. Bishop, who provided the District updates. Item 6.2. Was moved up to this portion of the meeting so that we could allow the speakers to leave earlier.

6.2. Approval of North Boys Hockey Team Cooperative Agreement

Athletic Director Jim Ellis spoke about the North Boys Hockey Team Cooperative Agreement.

Trustee St. John motioned that Item 6.2. be voted on as an Action Item

It was Moved by: Trustee St. John

Supported by: Trustee Hull

THAT the Board approve the Grosse Pointe North Boys Hockey Team Cooperative Agreement, as presented

Ayes: Trustees: Worden, St. John, Klepp, Derringer, Jeup, Cotton, Hull

Nays: None

Motion carried 7-0 vote

B. Recognition of Nick Symonette and all of the other staff who have left the district.

Trustee Hull motioned to move Item 5.4. up in the agenda to be voted on

5.4. Approval of Special Ed Supervisor

It was Moved by: Trustee Hull

Supported by: Trustee Jeup

THAT the Board approve the Special Ed Supervisor, as presented

Ayes: Trustees: Worden, St. John, Klepp, Derringer, Jeup, Cotton, Hull

Nays: None

Motion carried 7-0 vote

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ACTION ITEMS FOR AUGUST 25, 2025 (FOR ITEMS LISTED UNDER SECTIONS 5 AND 6) AND 2025-2026

Ken Mokray, GPW, discussed his opinion of the board.

Kevin Nugent, PFAE, talked about Policy 8.13.

Frank Joyce, GPP, talked about transparency with the board.

Terry Collins, GPP, spoke about errors in the meeting minutes

Beth Pellegrini, GPW, talked about Mr. Symonette and diversity

Lisa Papas, GPC, questioned several public comments that were not agenda action items and the OMA.

5. AGENDA ACTION ITEMS FOR AUGUST 25, 2025

5.1. Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes for August 11, 2025

Trustee Cotton wanted the minutes amended to state that Trustee Cotton made a motion that public comments statement read instead, that “Public Comment forms must be turned in by the end of the Superintendent’s Report.” The motion was not acted upon.

It was Moved by: Trustee St. John

Supported by: Trustee Klepp

THAT the Board approve the amended Regular Meeting Minutes for August 11, 2025, as presented

Ayes: Trustees: Worden, St. John, Klepp, Derringer, Jeup, Cotton, Hull

Nays: None

Motion carried 7-0 vote

5.2. Approval Award Recommendation for Roofing Consultant, as presented

It was Moved by: Trustee Derringer

Supported by: Trustee St. John

THAT the Board approve the Award Recommendation for Roofing Consultant, as presented

Ayes: Trustees: Worden, St. John, Klepp, Derringer, Jeup, Cotton, Hull

Nays: None

Motion carried 7-0 vote

5.3. Approval to Rescind Policy 8.13 - Posting of Board Electronic Communication, as presented

Numerous comments and observations were shared by board members.

There was a motion to call the question to rescind Policy 8.13.

Roll Call:	Trustee Jeup	No
	Trustee Klepp	Yes
	Trustee Hull	Yes
	Trustee Cotton	No
	Trustee Derringer	Yes
	Trustee St. John	Yes
	Trustee Worden	Yes

It was Moved by: Trustee St. John

Supported by: Trustee Hull

THAT the Board approve to Rescind Policy 8.13 - Posting of Board Electronic Communication, as presented

Roll Call: Trustee Klepp Yes

Trustee Hull	Yes
Trustee Cotton	No
Trustee Derringer	Yes
Trustee Worden	Yes
Trustee St. John	Yes
Trustee Jeup	No

Motion Passed 5-2

5.5. Approval of Closed Session Minutes for August 13, 2025

Trustee Derringer made a motion to make two corrections. The public comment section should reflect comments made by Mr. Collins for the Closed Session on August 13, 2025, and Item 5.7 should reflect the public comments by Mr. Schroeder.

It was Moved by: Trustee Derringer

Supported by: Trustee Worden

THAT the Board approve the amended Closed Session Minutes, as presented

Ayes: Trustees: Worden, St. John, Klepp, Derringer, Jeup, Cotton, Hull

Nays: Trustee Jeup

Motion carried 6-1 vote

5.6. Approval of HR Report

Questions and discussion were held among Board members.

It was Moved by: Trustee Klepp

Supported by: Trustee St. John

THAT the Board approve the HR Report, as presented

Ayes: Trustees: Worden, St. John, Klepp, Derringer, Jeup, Cotton, Hull

Nays: None

Motion carried 7-0 vote

5.7. Approval of Special Session Minutes for August 13, 2025

Trustee Cotton motioned to table Items 5.7. Special Session Minutes and 5.8. Closed Session Minutes until the September 8, 2025 meeting.

It was moved by: Trustee St. John

Supported by: Trustee Klepp

THAT the Board table the vote for Items 5.7. and 5.8. until the September 8, 2025 meeting

Ayes: Trustees: Worden, St. John, Klepp, Derringer, Jeup, Cotton, Hull

Nays: None

Motion carried 7-0 vote

6. AGENDA ACTION ITEMS FOR SEPTEMBER 8, 2025

- 6.1.** Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes for August 25, 2025
- 6.2.** Approval for Grosse Pointe North Boys Hockey Team Cooperative Agreement - Mr. Ellis

7. FUTURE MEETINGS

- 7.1.** BOE Regular Meeting, Monday, September 8, 2025, 7:00 pm, Brownell MPR
- 7.2.** BOE Regular Meeting, Monday, September 22, 2025, 7:00 pm, Brownell MPR

8. INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

Several comments were made by multiple board members

- 8.1.** Monthly Financials/Check Register/Health Care Report - July, 2025

9. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-ACTION ITEMS

Juan Ruiz, HW, spoke about transportation for Harper Woods residents.
Terence Collins, GPP, discussed the hockey teams and concerns with the auditorium at North
Kevin Nugent, PFAE, questioned the long-term plan and strategic planning.
Beth Pelligrini, GPW, discussed technology and registration.
Lisa Papas, GPC, discussed an award for a retiring teacher and concerns with programs in the district.

10. BOARD MEMBER / SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

Trustee Jeup discussed the many successful teachers who have retired and how they need to be recognized. She also talked about the upcoming school year.
Trustee Klepp Spoke about employees who are leaving the district and commended them for their dedicated service.
Trustee Hull talked about all of the exciting items starting at the beginning of this year.
Dr. Delgado discussed the new teachers coming into our district and the plans we have for the upcoming year.
Mr. Hamka talked about the opening day for tomorrow and the hard work our engineers and grounds crew have been doing to start this school year. He also recognized South for its high ranking in state of Michigan and how hard our HR department and business office have been working.

Trustee Derringer thanked Dr. Tuttle for all she's done for opening day and thanked her for inviting the board. He also gave kudos to the Hockey Cooperative Agreement and clarified that he tries not to point fingers. He closed by speaking about Nick Symonette.

Trustee St. John gave a shout-out to the plant crew. She discussed her spouse and the challenges of being with a spouse who is deployed, and thanked this amazing community for all the assistance they had given her.

Trustee Bishop thanked all of the staff who worked to open the schools for this upcoming year. He also discussed all the opportunities available to our students.

Dr. Tuttle talked about the months of preparation for the upcoming year. She also thanked the board for their leadership and our business office team for all they have done and touched on the exciting New Teacher Orientation that took place this week.

President Worden thanked our administration and our board and thanked the families in our district. She also discussed the meeting's key points and how exciting this meeting was for our students.

11. ADJOURNMENT

President Worden adjourned the meeting at 9:28 pm.

Valarie St. John, Secretary