



Grosse Pointe Board of Education
Regular Meeting - March 31, 2025
MINUTES
Brownell Middle School
260 Chalfonte, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236

Meeting Minutes

Encl: 6.1.

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, Cotton, Jeup, Klepp, Hull, Derringer

Absent: Trustees: None

Late Arrival: None

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by all in attendance.

Also Present: Superintendent Dr. Andrea Tuttle, Dr. Roy Bishop, Dr. Chris Stanley, Shelbi Frayer and DeeAnn Irby

2. APPROVAL OF THE MEETING AGENDA FOR MARCH 31, 2025

It was Moved by: Trustee St. John

Supported by: Trustee Hull

THAT the Board approve the Agenda for March 31, 2025, as presented.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried 7-0 vote

3. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT - STUDENTS AND SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

Dr. Tuttle introduced our new CFO DeeAnn Irby.

A. Presentation by Kerby Elementary

Principal Vernier introduced Kelly Morawski and Ryan Boyd, to speak about the Peer Pals program.

B. Budget Revision #1 - CFO Frayer

CFO Frayer gave a presentation of the Budget Revision. Multiple questions and comments from board members followed this.

C. MI 80/20 Publicly Funded Health Insurance Contribution Act

Frayer gave a detailed description of what this involves and offered options of what the vote would mean.

D. Plante Moran Contract

Frayer presented the Plante Moran Contract and offered her analysis. Several members from Plante Moran were there to answer questions and hear comments from board members.

E. Trombly Survey Update–Dr. Stanley

Dr. Stanley delivered a comprehensive presentation on the Trombly Survey that had been distributed. Several questions and comments from board members followed this.

F. Preschool/Young 5/Kindergarten Marketing Materials

G. Cognia

H. Strategic Plan

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ACTION ITEMS FOR MARCH 31, 2025

None

5. AGENDA ACTION ITEMS FOR MARCH 3, 2025

5.1. APPROVAL OF REGULAR MEETING MINUTES FOR MARCH 3, 2025

It was Moved by: Trustee Hull

Supported by: Trustee St. John

THAT the Board approve the Regular Meeting Minutes for March 3, 2025.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried 7-0 vote

5.2. APPROVAL OF SPECIAL SESSION MINUTES FOR MARCH 3, 2025

It was Moved by: Trustee St. John

Supported by: Trustee Worden

THAT the Board approve the Special Session Minutes for March 3, 2025

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

Nays: None

Motion carried 7-0 vote

5.3. APPROVAL OF HR REPORT FOR MARCH 3, 2025

It was Moved by: Trustee St. John

Supported by: Trustee Jeup

THAT the Board approve the HR Report for March 31, 2025.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried 7-0 vote

5.4. APPROVAL OF SOUTH FIELD TRIP TO PERU

It was Moved by: Trustee Hull

Supported by: Trustee St. John

THAT the Board approve the South Field Trip to Peru

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

Nays: None

Motion carried 7-0 vote

5.5. APPROVAL OF MI 80/20 PUBLICLY FUNDED HEALTH INSURANCE CONTRIBUTION ACT

It was Moved by: Trustee St. John

Supported by: Trustee Worden

THAT the Board approve the MI 80/20 Publicly Funded Health Insurance Contribution Act

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

Nays: None

Motion carried 7-0 vote

5.6. APPROVAL OF SPECIAL SESSION MINUTES FOR MARCH 18, 2025

It was Moved by: Trustee St. John

Supported by: Trustee Worden

THAT the Board approve the Special Session Minutes for March 18, 2025

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

Nays: None

Motion carried 7-0 vote

5.7. APPROVAL OF SPECIAL SESSION MINUTES, MASB TRAINING, FOR MARCH 18, 2025

It was Moved by: Trustee St. John

Supported by: Trustee Hull

THAT the Board approve the Special Session Minutes, MASB Training, for March 18, 2025

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

Nays: None

Motion carried 7-0 vote

6. AGENDA ACTION ITEMS FOR MARCH 31, 2025

6.1. Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes for March 31, 2025

6.2. Approval of Revision of Policy 3.26 - Compliance with Michigan Sex Education Statute

Trustee St. John gave a detailed explanation of why the language was updated on this policy.

6.3. Approval of Reinstatement Procedures for Expelled Students Policy 4.11

Trustee St. John and Dr. Bishop gave a detailed explanation of this policy.

6.4. Approval of Plante Moran Contract

Several comments and questions were made by board members.

6.5. Approval of Budget Revision #1

6.6. Approval of STEAAM Foundation AI Camp Grant

Dr. Stanley provided an in-depth explanation of the grant and its components.

7. INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

7.1. Monthly Financials/Check Register/Health Care Report

8. BOARD NORMS & UPDATES OF MASB BOARD TRAINING

President Worden gave an overview of the MASB Training that took place and what it entailed. This was followed by multiple comments from other board members.

9. FUTURE MEETINGS

- 9.1.** Facilities Meeting, Monday, April 7, 2025, 5:30 pm, North Library
- 9.2.** Policies Meeting, Monday, April 7, 2025, 6:30 pm, Central Office Board Room
- 9.3.** Bond Advisory Committee, Wednesday, April 9, 2025, 6:00 pm, North Library
- 9.4.** BOE Regular Meeting, Monday, April 14, 2025, 7:00 pm, Brownell MPR
- 9.5.** BOE Regular Meeting, Monday, April 28, 2025, 7:00 pm, Brownell MPR

10. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-ACTION ITEMS

Wendy Soubel, GPF, talked about multiple items including enrollment decline in the district
Matt Kahl, GPP, talked about the capture rate in the district.
Kevin Nugent, GP, thanked Dr. Tuttle and continued to talk about the board and the budget.
Terence Collins, GPP, discussed board norms and budget concerns.
Kelly Seagram, GPW, discussed the board norms and issues that should be addressed.
Ian Seamen, GPW, talked about being harassed and threatened one of the board members.
Lisa Papas, GPC, discussed the budget and board norms.
Jeannine Eckert, GPP, talked about Trombly.
Blagica Bottiglierio, GPW, talked about Trombly.
LaKeytria Felder, GPW, talked about social media, special needs students, and multiple subjects.

11. BOARD MEMBER / SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

Trustee Jeup wished everyone a good night.

Trustee Klepp talked about the Budget Update.

Trustee Hull thanked Kerby for their presentation.

Dr. Stanley wished everyone a great night.

Trustee Cotton gave accolades to Officer LeBeaux and proceeded to discuss a threatening comment that was made towards him, and how grateful he is for our resource officers.

Trustee Derringer emphasized that veiled threats are unacceptable and should never occur, underscoring the need for improved communication. He went on to express his appreciation for differing viewpoints among board members, noting that such disagreements often lead to constructive solutions.

Trustee St. John praised the numerous student athletic programs and district-wide activities currently underway.

Dr. Bishop provided updates on Young 5's and kindergarten enrollment. He also highlighted the upcoming Community Luncheon and concluded by recognizing April as Autism Awareness Month.

Dr. Tuttle expressed her deep discouragement regarding the public speaker who made the threat towards Trustee Cotton, emphasizing how unacceptable the behavior was. She shared her shock that the issue was not addressed and conveyed her sincere appreciation for the support and presence of our police officers.

President Worden stated that threats are intolerable and have no place in discourse. She also reflected on the success of Reading Month, describing it as a positive experience for the Administration and all of the board members.. In closing, she acknowledged the difficult decisions ahead and emphasized the importance of adhering to board norms.

12. ADJOURNMENT

President Worden adjourned the meeting at 10:11 pm.

Valarie St. John, Secretary