



Grosse Pointe Board of Education
Regular Meeting - February 10, 2025
MINUTES
Brownell Middle School
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 7:06 pm

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

Absent: Trustee St. John

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, Moussa Hamka and Shelbi Frayer

2. APPROVAL OF THE MEETING AGENDA FOR FEBRUARY 10, 2025

It was Moved by: Trustee Klepp

Supported by: Trustee Hull

THAT the Board approve the Agenda for February 10, 2025, as presented.

Ayes: Trustees: Worden, Cotton, Jeup, Klepp, Hull, Derringer

Nays: None

Motion carried 6-0 vote

3. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT - STUDENTS AND SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

A. South Presentation – Principal Parravano introduced GP South's Culinary Arts Teachers Chef Lopez and Assistant Chef Tori. The students prepared a special treat for the Board. Chef Lopez noted the great job his students have been doing and explained that they are currently getting ready to compete at the Pro Start Competition that is held throughout the United States. The students placed first in last year's State competition.

B. Poupard Update - Dr. Tuttle updated the Board on the Closing which has been pushed back

to Friday or Monday for various reasons.

C. CFO Update - 1. Dr. Tuttle advised the application process brought in eight applications, four of which met some/or all of the requirements. After interviewing the four candidates, it was determined that GPPSS needed to repost for this position. She noted how important this position is for the District and that we should not settle. She also noted that Interim Frayer will be with the District until the end of March 2025. She did ask her if she would be willing to extend the contract to the end of June if no viable candidate is hired prior to March. And yes, she would consider.

2. CFO Frayer gave a quick overview on her area of focus for the District. There are some areas that are underspent and some that are overspent, as well as third party vendors.

Dr. Tuttle asked to move up **Item #E**, CFO Frayer has to leave early.

E. School Finance Training - A finance training session will take place on March 3, 2025 prior to the regular scheduled Board meeting from 5-7 pm. This will be a broad overview for the Board.

D. Bond Update - Superintendent Tuttle noted that a facilities committee meeting was held on Monday. Dr. Tuttle has a list from Plante Moran of the needs for the District and the Administration Team will be reviewing this week. She also spoke about an application process for individuals who are interested in serving on the Bond Advisory Committee with President Worden, as well as a timeframe.

F. Cognia Accreditation - Dr. Bishop advised that there is a company that goes across all of the United States looking for schools that are meeting and exceeding expectations. Deadline is May 7th where the Cognia Team will give feedback on how the district has done on the accreditation process.

G. Special Education Update - Dr. Bishop announced that the District has been able to fill many open positions, noting that there are still several more, but is encouraged by the number of applicants. He is working with Ms. Loder to start a Parent Advisory Committee to help meet the needs of our community.

H. Closed Session Update - President Worden provided an update on the Closed Session meeting this evening with our Attorney on the release of the "Report". The Board did vote this evening to release the report with a 4-2 vote.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ACTION ITEMS FOR FEBRUARY 10, 2025

Matt Kahl, GPP - spoke to the RFP for the Trombly windows

Ken Mokray, GPW - Highlights his thoughts on the Bond Issue

Terry Collins, GPP - Shared his thoughts on the Budget Parameters, the Public Comment Guidelines and the release of the report.

Juan Ruiz, HW - Thanked the Board for their work and thanked Dr. Bishop for his support of the Harper Woods residents.

5. AGENDA ACTION ITEMS FOR FEBRUARY 10, 2025

5.1. APPROVAL OF REGULAR MEETING MINUTES FOR JANUARY 21, 2025

It was Moved by: Trustee Klepp

Supported by: Trustee Hull

Trustee Jeup questioned the meeting minutes of January 21, 2025, stating the minutes are very different than normal. She asked that the minutes be amended to reflect what was actually said at that meeting.

Trustee Derringer noted that procedurally the minutes need to be amended before voting and would like to table the vote till the next Regular Meeting of the Board.

It was Moved by: Trustee Derringer

Supported by: Trustee Cotton

THAT the Board table the Regular Meeting Minutes for January 21, 2025.

Ayes: Trustees: Worden, Cotton, Jeup, Klepp, Hull, Derringer

Nays: None

Motion carried 6-0 vote

5.2. APPROVAL OF OUT OF COUNTRY FIELD TRIP

It was Moved by: Trustee Hull

Supported by: Trustee Jeup

THAT the Board approve the Out of Country Field Trip, as presented

Ayes: Trustees: Worden, Cotton, Jeup, Klepp, Hull, Derringer

Nays: None

Motion carried 6-0 vote

6. AGENDA ACTION ITEMS FOR FEBRUARY 24, 2025

6.1. Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes for February 10, 2025

6.2. Approval of MASB Board of Directors Election (Zone 8)

6.3. Approval of Budget Parameters

Trustee Klepp noted that he submitted to the Board in their packet the parameters to be voted on at the next Regular meeting of the Board.

6.4. Approval to pursue RFP for Trombly windows

Dr. Tuttle made a recommendation to the Board to utilize part of the Bond Funds to put in windows at

Trombly. If we are not going to sell properties we need to maintain. The building does need to be structurally safe.

6.5. Approval of Nomination Form for Wayne County Parent Advisory Committee

Superintendent Tuttle noted that the District needs to appoint someone to the Wayne County Parent Advisory Committee. Mrs. Loder has worked with her team and would like to appoint Ms. Connor, who is willing to accept the position.

6.6. Approval of Public Comment Guidelines

Trustee Hull spoke on behalf of Trustee St. John that the Public Comment Guidelines should have easy access and be user-friendly. We will continue to offer online forms and open the opportunity to comment during both Action and NonAction periods. They would also like to change the timeline of when the public can submit their request. Trustee Jeup commented that this item should remain in the Policy Committee and that it is not ready to be voted on.

7. FUTURE MEETINGS

7.1. BOE Regular Meeting, Monday, February 24, 2025, 7:00 pm, Brownell

7.2. BOE Regular Meeting, Monday, March 3, 2025, 7:00 pm, Brownell

8. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-ACTION ITEMS

Kevin Nugent, GPF - Invited the Board to the Pointers for Academic Excellence Awards at the Yacht Club on May 18th.

Lisa Papas, GP - Shared her concerns on the location of the committee meetings, District liability, ability of the trustees to speak and G.A.A.A. #1

Michelle White, GPP - Agreed with the importance of the Budget, thanked the board for releasing the report and the online speaker form.

9. BOARD MEMBER / SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

Trustee Cotton - Thank you and goodnight.

Trustee Derringer - Spoke about the Budget Amendment #1 and gave a shout out to the Winter Sports Athletes and Coaches.

Trustee Jeup - Noted that there is no Board Request/New Business item on the Agenda this evening. She also noted that the hard stop at 10:30 pm has been removed. Everyone have a great night and a good break.

Trustee Klepp - Agreed with Trustee Derringer regarding our athletes. He appreciated the feedback on the budget parameters.

Trustee Hull - Thanked the South students for their presentation this evening. She asked the public to send in their good news about their students. She gave a shout out to the Kerby and Maire students at the Ford House and Ms. Neely, who did a presentation on the Dr. King Speech.

Dr. Bishop - It was a great opportunity to start the meeting this evening with our students. Happy Black History Month and that it is CTE Month. He reminded everyone that we are getting ready for a break.

Superintendent Tuttle - No comment

President Worden - She complimented the Board for the civil conversations this evening. She noted how impressed she is with the Black History teaching in the District. She thanked Dr. Tuttle and Dr. Bishop for their work on the Bond. She also noted that she is glad they did the hard work on the Report and that maybe now we can move past this.

10. ADJOURNMENT

President Worden adjourned the meeting at 9:18 pm.

Valarie St. John, Secretary