



**Grosse Pointe Board of Education  
Minutes of the  
GROSSE POINTE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
April 10, 2023**

**Enclosure: 5.1**

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

President Ismail called the meeting to order at 6:32 pm

**Board members present:** Trustees: St. John, Jeup, Worden, Cotton, Ismail, Brumbaugh and Papas

**Absent:** None

**Late Arrival:** None

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by all in attendance.

**Also Present:** Superintendent Dr. M. Jon Dean and Deputy Superintendent Dr. Roy Bishop, Jr. and Deputy Superintendent Amanda Matheson

**2. APPROVAL OF THE BOARD AGENDA FOR APRIL 10, 2023 - 6:32 pm**

President Ismail addressed the students in the audience and offered that they could speak at the beginning of the meeting. No students chose to speak.

**It was moved by:** Trustee Jeup

**Supported by:** Trustee Papas

**THAT the Board approve the Agenda for April 10, 2023 as presented.**

**Ayes:** Trustees: St. John, Jeup, Worden, Cotton, Ismail, Brumbaugh and Papas

**Nays:** None

**Motion carried 7 - 0 vote**

**3. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT - 6:33 pm**

**3.1. WRESA Paraprofessional to Teacher Program 2023**

Stefanie Hayes mentioned Paraprofessional Week and gave a shout-out to all of the Paraprofessionals in our district and congratulated them on all of the amazing work that they do. She then introduced the five Parapros who were selected to participate in the WRESA Paraprofessional to Teacher program: Alexandra O'Dell, Keaira Vest, Jill Martin, Christine Kline and Kathleen Barber-Muccioli

**3.2. Pierce Future City Team**

Principal Sara Dirkse introduced teacher Carrie Morris and Mike O'Brien, who gave a brief overview of the Pierce School Future City Team and their attendance to the Nationals in Washington D.C. This was followed by several student presenters who explained the details of the competition.

### **3.3. Budget 2023 - 2024**

Deputy Superintendent Bishop gave a detailed presentation of the 2023-24 Budget related to board parameters 7 and 12, with comprehensive highlights. This was followed by multiple questions from board members.

#### **4. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ACTION ITEMS FOR APRIL 10, 2023 - 7:25 pm**

There were no comments

#### **5. AGENDA ACTION ITEMS FOR APRIL 10, 2023 - 7:26 pm**

##### **5.1. Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of March 20, 2023**

**It was Moved by:** Trustee St. John

**Supported by:** Trustee Brumbaugh

**THAT that the Board approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of March 20, 2023**

**Ayes:** Trustees: St. John, Jeup, Worden, Cotton, Ismail, Papas and Brumbaugh

**Nays:** None

**Motion carried 7-0 vote**

##### **5.2. Approval of Field Trip to Germany for Grosse Pointe North**

**It was Moved by:** Trustee Brumbaugh

**Supported by:** Trustee Jeup

**THAT the Board approve the Field Trip to Germany for Grosse Pointe North**

**Ayes:** Trustees: St. John, Jeup, Worden, Cotton, Ismail, Papas and Brumbaugh

**Nays:** None

**Motion carried 7-0 vote**

##### **5.3. Approval of the Kerby Playscape**

Deputy Superintendent Matheson gave a brief overview of the details on the Kerby Playscape. This was followed by Principal Fitzpatrick who introduced the Kerby parents who were vital in putting this project together.

**It was Moved by:** Trustee Papas

**Supported by:** Trustee Worden

**THAT the Board approve the Kerby Playscape**

**Ayes:** Trustees: St. John, Jeup, Worden, Cotton, Ismail, Papas and Brumbaugh

**Nays:** None

**Motion carried 7-0 vote**

**6. AGENDA ACTION ITEMS FOR APRIL 24, 2023 - 7:31 pm**

**6.1. Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of April 10, 2023**

**6.2. Approval of Human Resources Report for April 24, 2023**

Dr. Dean asked Dr. Bishop to give a brief overview of the hiring process for the Parcels Middle School principal position. This was followed by several questions from multiple board members.

**7. INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION - 7:40 pm**

**7.1. Board Requests**

President Ismail shared that they are waiting for budget information.

Trustee St. John asked if anything further had taken place with the Facilities and Finance Committee, to find alternate funding sources for mental health services for the students.

**8. FUTURE MEETINGS - 7:42 pm**

**8.1.** BOE Special Meeting, Tuesday, April 11, 2023, 6:00 pm, Barnes PLS

**8.2.** BOE Policy & Contracts Meeting, Monday, April 17, 2023, 6:00 pm, Barnes PLS

**8.3.** BOE Finance & Facilities Meeting, Tuesday, April 18, 2023, 6:00 pm, Barnes PLS

**8.4.** BOE Community Engagement Meeting, Wednesday, April 19, 2023, 6:00 pm, Barnes PLS

**8.5.** BOE Closed Session, Monday, April 24, 2023, 5:00 pm, Brownell Library

**8.6.** BOE Regular Session, Monday, April 24, 2023, 6:30 pm, Brownell Multipurpose Room

**8.7.** BOE Training Class, Thursday, April 27, 2023, 6:00 pm, Morningside Board Room

**8.8.** BOE Curriculum Meeting, Monday, May 1, 2023, 6:00 pm, Barnes PLS

**8.9.** BOE Finance & Facilities Meeting, Tuesday, May 2, 2023, 6:00 pm, Barnes PLS

**9. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-ACTION ITEMS - 7:43 pm**

Gina Francis, GPW, talked about the budget cuts and the Brownell pool for our autistic population.

Judith Burkhardt, GPW, invited the board and public to attend a weekly vigil for gun control.

Allison Grojean, teacher at Pierce, talked to the board about keeping the support staff.

Maureen Krasner, GPF, talked about mental health funding.

Jodie Mellos, GPP, discussed the pool at Brownell and supported her two paraprofessionals.

**10. OTHER COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS AND SUPERINTENDENT - 7:38 pm**

**Trustee St. John** talked about how much she appreciates all of the public feedback regarding the budget considerations. She also mentioned how much she liked hearing about all of the amazing opportunities for our kids.

**Trustee Worden** discussed how nice it was to see the multiple teachers speak tonight. She thanked the teachers who came up and talked about the budget cuts and the real impact they will have on our students. She appreciated the students who came in tonight to tell us how they feel. She closed by talking about how we are in the midst of our budget cuts but we shouldn't forget about what happened at Michigan State and that it's imperative that we come up with another plan for mental health.

**Trustee Jeup** thanked the teachers who got up and spoke tonight. She also talked about the budget cuts and thanked everyone for all of their hard work. She mentioned that there are further cuts that should be made.

**Trustee Cotton** talked about how difficult the budget cuts will be to make. He read a portion of Parameter 8 and mentioned how impactful he feels this is.

**Deputy Superintendent Dr. Bishop** thanked our community for all of the great things that are going on.

**Trustee Brumbaugh** echoed Worden's comments and thanked everyone for speaking tonight. He mentioned how incredible the Pierce Future City presentation was. He spoke about the budget and how it really needs to be looked at before making any decisions, and explore the impact for each of these cuts before any regrettable decisions are made. He closed with mentioning the large reports that are being requested of Central Office and make sure that the data being asked for is justified.

**Trustee Papas** congratulated the Future Cities Team and expounded on what an amazing experience this was for these students. She also mentioned the overseas field trip and the Kerby playscape. She talked about how many people selflessly gave of themselves to provide these opportunities. She mentioned the budget cuts and how critical our papapros are for the students and our teachers with all that they do.

**Superintendent Dean** talked about how we can help teachers and how parents should be sure their kids attend school on the days of assessments.

**President Ismail** commented on how polite and respectful the kids were in the audience tonight. He asked them to stand up and explain why they were in attendance.

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

President Ismail adjourned the meeting at 8:16 pm.

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Ginny Jeup, Secretary