



**Grosse Pointe Board of Education  
Minutes of  
GROSSE POINTE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
March 20, 2023**

**Enclosure: 5.1**

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

President Ismail called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm

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

**Absent:** Trustee Papas

**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 MARCH 20, 2023 - 6:31 pm**

**It was moved by:** Trustee Brumbaugh

**Supported by:** Trustee Worden

**THAT the Board approve the Board Agenda for March 20, 2023 as presented.**

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

**Nays:** None

**Motion carried 6-0 vote**

**3. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT - 6:32**

**3.1. Report from the Superintendent**

**3.2. DAR Youth Citizenship Awards**

Elise Thompson, DeAnn Newman and Barb Davis from the Louisa St. Clair Chapter National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution, who introduced the award winners of the 2023 DAR Youth and Education Award Recipients. Several groups of students were honored with awards.

### **3.3. Good News Report**

Mary Anne Brush discussed that March is National Reading Month. She then gave an overview of the district events taking place throughout the district to promote this special event. She talked about Women's History Month and Performing Arts news. She concluded with reviewing the Kids Heart Challenge, Pi day and Fishissippi Coney Island at Ferry.

### **3.4. 2023-2024 Budget Update**

Deputy Superintendent Matheson and Dr. Roy Bishop, provided the budget update. This was followed up with questions from multiple board members.

## **4. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ACTION ITEMS FOR FEBRUARY 27, 2023 - 7:51 pm**

James Joseph, GP, discussed Agenda Item 3.4. regarding budget cuts.  
Maureen Krasner, GPF, read a letter from her husband about the IA Building and enrollment.  
Joshua Neds-Fox, GPW, discussed the IA Building and athletic issues.  
Terrence Collins, GPP, talked about the IA Building and the boiler.

## **5. AGENDA ACTION ITEMS FOR FEBRUARY 27, 2023 - 8:07 pm**

### **5.1. Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of March 13, 2023**

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

**Supported by:** Trustee Jeup

**THAT the Board approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of February 13, 2023 as presented.**

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

**Nays:** None

**Motion carried 6-0 vote**

### **5.2. Approval of Human Resources Report for March 20, 2023**

**It was Moved by:** Trustee Cotton

**Supported by:** Trustee St. John

**THAT the Board approve the Human Resources Report for March 20, 2023 as presented.**

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

**Nays:** None

**Motion carried 6-0 vote**

### **5.3. Approval of Field Trip for Grosse Pointe South**

**It was Moved by:** Trustee Brumbaugh

**Supported by:** Trustee Jeup

**THAT the Board approve the Field Trip for Grosse Pointe South as presented.**

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

**Nays:** None

**Motion carried 6-0 vote**

**5.4. Approval of IA Program Relocation, Boiler Replacement and Counseling Area HVAC GMP**

**It was Moved by:** Trustee Worden

**Supported by:** Trustee Brumbaugh

**THAT the Board approve the IA Program Relocation, Boiler Replacement and Counseling Area HVAC GMP as presented.**

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

**Nays:** None

**Motion carried 6-0 vote**

Robert Stempien of Plante Moran, gave a full description of the scope of this project, and answered questions from multiple board members.

**5.5. Approval of North Commercial Foods Kitchen Improvements**

**It was Moved by:** Trustee Brumbaugh

**Supported by:** Trustee Worden

**THAT the Board approve the North Commercial Foods Kitchen Improvements as presented.**

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

**Nays:** None

**Motion carried 6-0 vote**

**5.6. Approval of Secondary Buildings Large AV**

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

**Supported by:** Trustee Cotton

**THAT the Board approve the Secondary Buildings Large AV as presented.**

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

**Nays:** None

**Motion carried 6-0 vote**

**6. AGENDA ACTION ITEMS FOR APRIL 10, 2023 - 8:28 pm**

**6.1. Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of March 20, 2023**

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

Susan Sipos gave a brief overview of the field trip proposal that she is seeking approval for. This was followed by questions from multiple board members.

**7. INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION - 8:38 pm**

**7.1. Monthly Financials/Check Register/Health Care Report**

Matheson discussed the details of the data being presented.

## 7.2. Board Requests

Brumbaugh asked for any requests to the Finance and Facilities Committee be submitted by Wednesday.

## 8. FUTURE MEETINGS - 8:40 pm

- 8.1. BOE Community Engagement Meeting, Wednesday, March 22, 2023, 6:30 pm, Barnes PLS
- 8.2. BOE Policy & Contracts Meeting, Wednesday, March 22, 2023, 7:00 pm, Barnes PLS
- 8.3. BOE Regular Session, Monday, April 10 2023, 6:30 pm, Brownell Multipurpose

Room

## 9. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-ACTION ITEMS - 8:41 pm

Christina Michaud, Sherry Martin and Holly Kubek, GPPSS, read a letter regarding the elimination of library positions.

Sherry Betcher, GPP, gave a story about STEAM and two different students growing up in the GP District.

Jane Plieth, GPW, talked about the importance of STEAM and EPED..

JeDonna Dinges, GPW, discussed the comments made at the previous meeting regarding Dr. Martin Luther King and the newly formed committees.

Shannon Byrne, GPF, discussed the WeGP organization.

Maria Simon, GPF, talked about several items from the recent committee meetings and the BOE.

Michelle White, GPP, discussed how all conversation on the health clinic has stopped.

Kelly Seagram, GPW, discussed the health clinic postponement.

Terrence Collins, GPP, talked about South's swim team, the budget cuts and enrollment.

## 10. OTHER COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS AND SUPERINTENDENT - 9:10 pm

**Trustee St. John** talked about her experience reading in the classroom and all of the creative ideas that teachers and parent volunteers have been exploring to get the kids excited about reading. She appreciates how involved everyone gets with our students and programs. She encouraged community feedback towards the budget proposals that were given. She discussed the Elliott Larsen Civil Rights Act that was passed back in 1977.

**Trustee Worden** discussed her concern with some of the cuts that were presented tonight and how she feels we need to take a very hard look at how these will actually affect our students. She gave a shout out to Ben Henri and the Quiz Bowl team who are heading to the Nationals in Atlanta. She closed with recognizing all of the teachers and so many others who assist in encouraging reading with all of our young students.

**Trustee Jeup** talked about how happy she was that the small engine repair program would be offered. She also discussed the Fishissippi event she attended that was put on by James Fisher's class.

**Trustee Cotton** talked about the fact that we have declining enrollment and how this needs to be investigated and taken seriously. The budget cuts are required in order to get out of this financial crisis.

**Deputy Superintendent Bishop** discussed the reasons as to why we are here and doing what we do. He gave a shout out to our Administrators and teachers, because they are the ones listening to our students. He reinforced the belief that we need to show positivity.

**Trustee Brumbaugh** expressed how board service offers difficult choices. He echoed his fellow trustees comments about being smart with these cuts and talked about how we need to keep our mission, our staff and our kids at the center of our discussions. He thanked all of the committee members for their time and efforts to get the job done.

**Superintendent Dean** discussed the language used when talking about the budget reductions and how the word easy should not be part of the vocabulary. Making any kind of cuts is not easy and therefore the word easy should not be the language that is used.

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

President Ismail adjourned the meeting at 9:24 pm.

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Ginny Jeup, Secretary