



**Grosse Pointe Board of Education  
Minutes of the  
GROSSE POINTE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
February 13, 2023**

**Enclosure: 4.1**

**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 FEBRUARY 13, 2023 - 6:33 pm**

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

**Supported by:** Trustee Cotton

**THAT the Board approve the Agenda for February 13, 2023 as presented.**

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

**Nays:** None

**Motion carried 7 - 0 vote**

**3. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ACTION ITEMS FOR FEBRUARY 13, 2023 - 6:35 pm**

Taryn Loughlin, GPP, spoke to the board as the GPEA co-president regarding the budget parameters.

Wendy Soubel, GPF, discussed mental health as part of the budget parameters.

Joshua Neds-Fox, GPF, talked about multiple items regarding the budget parameters.

Blagica Bottiglierio, GPW, talked about concerns she has about keeping our teachers in the district.

Brendan Walsh, GPS, discussed the budget parameters and our declining enrollment.

**4. AGENDA ACTION ITEMS FOR FEBRUARY 13, 2023 - 6:49 pm**

**4.1. Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of January 23, 2023**

**It was Moved by:** Trustee Brumbaugh

**Supported by:** Trustee Papas

**THAT that the Board approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of February 13, 2023**

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

**Nays:** None

**Motion carried 7-0 vote**

**4.2 Approval of Special Meeting Minutes of January 25, 2023**

Trustee Jeup noted that her name was misspelled and needed to be corrected.

**It was Moved by:** Trustee Jeup

**Supported by:** Trustee St. John

**THAT that the Board approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of January 9, 2023**

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

**Nays:** None

**Motion carried 7-0 vote**

**4.3 Adoption of 2023-2024 Budget Parameters**

**It was Moved by:** Trustee Cotton

**Supported by:** Trustee Brumbaugh

**THAT that the Board approve the Adoption of 2023-2024 Budget Parameters**

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

**Nays:** Trustee St. John

**Motion carried 6-1 vote**

**5. AGENDA ACTION ITEMS FOR FEBRUARY 27, 2023 - 6:57 pm**

**5.1 Approval of Regular Session Minutes of February 13, 2023**

**5.2 Approval of Human Resources Report for February 27, 2023**

**5.3 Adoption of Network Electronic Firewall**

Chris Stanley presented information regarding the purchase of a district-wide Network Electronic Firewall.

**5.4 Approval of BOE Legal Counsel**

Trustees Cotton and Brumbaugh gave an overview of the resolution for separate BOE Legal Counsel. This was followed by a discussion with multiple board members.

**It was moved by:** Trustee Worden

**Supported by:** Trustee St. John

**THAT the Board postpone the vote for BOE Legal Counsel to March 13, 2023, due to Trustee Brumbaugh's absence on February 27, 2023.**

<b>Roll Call:</b>	Trustee St. John	Y
	Trustee Worden	Y
	Trustee Jeup	N
	Trustee Cotton	N
	Trustee Ismail	N
	Trustee Papas	N
	Trustee Brumbaugh	Y

**Motion failed 3-4 vote**

**6. INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION - 7:42 pm**

**6.1. Board Requests**

President Ismail discussed an Ethics Code violation from Trustee St. John regarding Trustee Papas. Trustee Worden questioned the Confidentiality Agreement. Trustee St. John introduced a Resolution to Strengthen Ethical Guidelines to be voted on at the next meeting.

**7. FUTURE MEETINGS - 7:48 pm**

- 7.1. BOE Policy/Contracts Committee Meeting, Wednesday, February 15, 2023, 6 p.m., Barnes PLS
- 7.2. BOE Finance/Facilities Committee Meeting, Wednesday, February 15, 2023, 7 p.m., Barnes PLS
- 7.3. BOE Curriculum Committee Meeting, Thursday, February 16, 2023, 6 p.m., Barnes PLS
- 7.4. BOE Community Engagement Meeting, Thursday, February 16, 2023, 7 p.m., Barnes PLS
- 7.5. BOE Regular Session, Monday, February 27, 2023, 6:30 pm, Brownell Multipurpose Room
- 7.6. BOE Regular Session, Monday, March 13, 2023, 6:30 pm, Brownell Multipurpose Room

**8. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-ACTION ITEMS - 7:49 pm**

Michelle White, GPP, read a letter from a resident, who was not present, regarding the clinic and legal counsel. She discussed her thoughts on the clinic and legal counsel.

Shannon Byrne, GPF, discussed the proposal for legal counsel.

Wendy Soubel, GPF, discussed the proposal for legal counsel.

Laura Dewey, GPW, discussed the proposal for legal counsel.

Jackie Shelton, GPEA, discussed the selection process for the committees.

Taryn Loughlin, GPEA, discussed the proposal for legal counsel.

Rosie Knapp, GPF, discussed the proposal for legal counsel  
Chris Scipione, GPC, discussed the proposal for separate legal counsel.  
Terrence Collins, GPP, discussed the proposal for separate legal counsel.  
Maria Simon, GPF, discussed actions taken by a board member.  
Pamela Barnwell, GPW, discussed actions taken by a board member.  
Joshua Neds-Fox, GPF, discussed the proposal for separate legal counsel  
Blagica Bottiglierio, GPW, talked about the word progressive being used in the past BOE meeting.  
Lisha Kilgus, GPP, talked about FEC.  
Maureen Krasner, GPF, discussed the proposal for separate legal counsel and the committees.  
Brian Stackpoole, GPP, discussed the application process for the committees.  
Andrea Pietrowski, GPW, talked about her concerns of trust and transparency with the BOE.  
Stefanie Watkins, GPF, discussed the application process for the committees and FEC.  
LaKeytria Felder, GPP, discussed the application process and transparency for the committees.  
Maurya Kay, GPP, talked about diversity, equity and inclusion in the district.  
Jenny Mark, GPW, talked about the clinic, our teachers and separate legal counsel.

#### **10. OTHER COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS AND SUPERINTENDENT - 9:01 pm**

**Trustee Brumbaugh** discussed the concerns regarding the proposal for BOE legal counsel. He shared his apprehension about the selection process for the new committees. He also brought up Board Ethics and Sound Practices and asked that everyone stand together as strong advocates for public education.

**Trustee Papas** talked about the middle school musical and the arts program. She elaborated on the reason that FEC came about. She also discussed her frustration with unions, the shut down and learning loss with our students, along with multiple other items.

**Trustee St. John** discussed the misrepresentation on the new committees. She also talked about the perception of chaos with this new board and the resolution that she presented. She read a paragraph from the leader of FEC and discussed how hurtful his words are for young people. She closed by elaborating on mental health for our kids and how important it is for everyone to be careful with their language.

**Trustee Worden** talked about how disappointed she is that her emails regarding separate legal counsel continue to be ignored and how she hopes that her questions are answered before this is voted on in two weeks. She also discussed the makeup of the members of these committees and how skewed it is with such a lack of transparency. She talked about how the Strategic Plan committee came about and expounded on the fact that there are no current teachers on the Curriculum Committee. She closed by talking about the Open Meetings Act and these committees.

**Trustee Jeup** brought up the positive things that are taking place in this district. She also mentioned that she is looking forward to the Community Engagement committee that she is chairing.

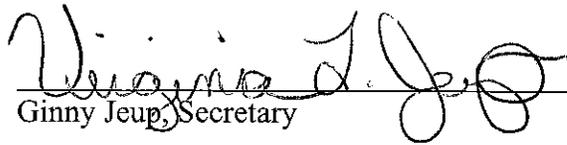
**Trustee Cotton** elaborated on how the BOE is who will vote and not the committees. He also thanked everyone who is volunteering for the committees and giving up their free time.

**Superintendent Dean** talked about the shooting at MSU and discussed how everyone needs to find a way to support our kids at this time.

**President Ismail** talked about the committees and how surprised he is with the negativity about the members who were chosen.

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

President Ismail adjourned the meeting at 9:48 pm.

  
Ginny Jeup, Secretary

