



**Grosse Pointe Board of Education**  
**Regular Meeting - December 12, 2023**  
**MINUTES**  
**Brownell MPR**  
**260 Chalfonte, Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236**

**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, Worden, Jeup, Cotton, Papas, Collins, and Ismail

**Absent:** None

**Late Arrival:** None

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by all in attendance.

**Also Present:** Superintendent Christian Fenton, Deputy Superintendent Dr. Roy Bishop, Jr.

**2. APPROVAL OF THE BOARD AGENDA FOR DECEMBER 12, 2023**

President Ismail made a motion to move agenda items 5.1.-5.9. into a consent agenda.

**It was Moved by:** Trustee Papas

**Supported by:** Trustee Worden

**THAT the Board approve the amended Board Agenda for December 12, 2023, as presented.**

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

**Nays:** None

**Motion carried 7-0 vote**

**3. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

**3.1. DAR Grant Award - John Kernan**

Barb Davis, from the Louisa St. Clair Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR), presented the DAR Legacy Grant, to Dr. John Kernan.

#### **4. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ACTION ITEMS FOR DECEMBER 12, 2023**

None

#### **5. CONSENT AGENDA ACTION ITEMS FOR DECEMBER 12, 2023**

**It was Moved by:** Trustee Papas

**Supported by:** Trustee Collins

**THAT the Board approve the Consent Agenda for December 12, 2023, as presented.**

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

**Nays:** None

**Motion carried 7-0 vote**

- 5.1. Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes for November 28, 2023
- 5.2. Approval of Closed Session Meeting Minutes for November 28, 2023
- 5.3. Approval of Special Session Meeting Minutes for November 29, 2023
- 5.4. Approval of Closed Session Minutes for December 7, 2023
- 5.5. Approval of HR Report for December 12, 2023
- 5.6. Approval of Pierce Elevator
- 5.7. Approval of Special Meeting Minutes for December 6-7, 2023
- 5.8. Approval of Special Meeting Minutes for December 9, 2023
- 5.9. FCS course offerings (Combine Interior Design with Fashion Design)
  - 5.9.1. ■ Memo to EPLC BOE - FCS- Principles of Interior and Fashion Design.pdf
  - 5.9.2. ■ FCS- Principles of Interior and Fashion Design EPLC BOE Presentation 2...
  - 5.9.3. ■ Principles of Interior and Fashion Design I-IV.pdf
  - 5.9.4. ■ Principles of Interior and Fashion Design I-IV POS Updates 2023.pdf

#### **6. MASB - SUPERINTENDENT CANDIDATE FINAL INTERVIEWS**

- 6.1. Interview - Andrea Tuttle
- 6.2. Interview - AJ Staniszewski
- 6.3. Motion to Enter into Closed Session pursuant to MCL 15.268(f)
- 6.4. Return to Open Session
- 6.5. Public Comment on Superintendent Candidate Interviews

Kelly Larson, GP, talked about the survey and the selection process for the new superintendent.

Wendy Soubel, GPF, discussed the parameters set up to find the right candidate.

James Clevenger, GPP, talked about the survey and the selection process for the new superintendent.

Tony Gatliff, GPP, discussed the parameters set up to find the right candidate.

#### **6.6. Board Discussion**

Trustee Collins talked about the positive attributes of both candidates and what experience is necessary for the next superintendent. He supported Dr. Tuttle.

Trustee Papas expressed how she appreciated the process that the board had gone through with this search. She expounded on the level of experience that is needed for this position and that her support is with Dr. Tuttle.

Trustee Cotton discussed the intensity of this search and what it took to come to this decision. He stated that his preference is for Dr. Tuttle.

Trustee Jeup talked about how both candidates were very qualified and what a difficult decision this was for her to make. Her vote goes with Dr. Tuttle.

Trustee Worden expressed how both candidates interviewed very well, and discussed all of the attributes that Dr. Tuttle brings to the table. She explained what she feels is important for the next superintendent. Her support is with Dr. Tuttle.

Trustee St. John discussed both candidates and expounded on the positive ideas that she heard in each interview. She gave a detailed account of what she found impressive with both candidates and concluded by stating that she supports Dr. Tuttle for this position.

President Ismail gave a brief overview of the interview process and stated his support is with Dr. Tuttle.

#### 6.7. Board Motion and Vote

**It was Moved by:** Trustee Papas

**Supported by:** Trustee Worden

**THAT the Board vote on moving forward with Dr. Tuttle to become the new superintendent, as presented.**

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

**Nays:** None

**Motion carried 7-0 vote**

### 7. AGENDA ACTION ITEMS FOR JANUARY 9, 2024

7.1. Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes for December 12, 2023

7.2. Organizational Items

7.2.1. Election of Officers

7.2.2. Declaration of Board Member Compensation

7.3. Approval of Regular Board Meeting Calendar for 2024

7.4. Approval of Resolution of Continuance of Funds and Designation of Signatories on Accounts

### 8. INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

8.1. Monthly Financials/Check Register/Health Care Report

## **9. FUTURE MEETINGS**

- 9.1. BOE Regular Meeting, Tuesday, January 9, 2024, 6:30 pm, Brownell MPR
- 9.2. BOE Regular Meeting, Tuesday, January 16, 2024, 6:30 pm, Brownell MPR
- 9.3. BOE Policy-Contracts Meeting, Tuesday, January 30, 2024, 5 pm, Barnes PLS
- 9.4. BOE Finance & Facilities Meeting, Tuesday, January 30, 2024, 6:30 pm, Barnes PLS
- 9.5. BOE Curriculum Meeting, Wednesday, January 31, 2024, 5:00 pm, Barnes PLS
- 9.6. BOE Community Engagement Meeting, Wednesday, January 31, 2024, 6:30 pm, Barnes PLS
- 9.7. BOE Regular Meeting, Tuesday, February 6, 2024, 6:30 pm, Brownell MPR

## **10. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-ACTION ITEMS**

None

## **11. BOARD MEMBER/SUPERINTENDENT DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS AND YEAR-END FAREWELL COMMENTS**

**Trustee St. John** talked about the upcoming concerts, thanked everyone for all of their hard work through all of this, and wished everyone a happy holiday.

**Trustee Worden** gave a shout-out to the Parcels and Pierce Robotics teams for their awards in the competition. She concluded by thanking multiple staff members for all of their hard work and for what they have done in these past months. She concluded with wishing everyone a happy holiday.

**Trustee Jeup** discussed how it's been a full year since she started this journey with the BOE. She talked about how this has strengthened her dedication to this district and hopes that everyone has a restful holiday. She concluded by thanking all of the candidates who went through this process.

**Trustee Cotton** thanked the community for voting him into office, trusting him with his fiduciary duties, and how proud he is for what has been accomplished this past year. He wished everyone a happy holiday season.

**Deputy Superintendent Dr. Bishop** thanked multiple people for what has been accomplished and hoped that everyone has a wonderful break.

**Trustee Collins** talked about his appreciation for the support he has received from this board. He mentioned the figure skating team and how happy he is that we offer this as a high school sport. He congratulated the Gators swimming program and mentioned the upcoming North/South tournament this weekend.

**Trustee Papas** thanked Dr. Bishop for all that he has done along with many other staff members and talked about how they couldn't do what they do without the support of all these people. She thanked Chris Fenton that he came back to help when we needed him. She expressed how happy she was that they had a 7-0 vote for the new superintendent and concluded by wishing everyone a merry Christmas.

**Superintendent Fenton** talked about the multiple holiday events coming up this next week and hoped that everyone has a restful holiday.

**President Ismail** reflected on how fast this year has gone and thanked the many people in the community for their support. He also thanked his fellow board members for their support and patience as well as the central office staff for all that they have done to assist him. He thanked the school staff and the committee members. He concluded with thanking his wife for all that she has done to support him.

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

President Ismail adjourned the meeting at 11:09 pm.

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Ginny Jeup, Secretary