



**Grosse Pointe Board of Education**  
**Minutes of the**  
**GROSSE POINTE BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**January 23, 2023**

**Enclosure: 4.1**

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

President Ismail called the meeting to order at 7:00 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 JANUARY 23, 2023 - 7:01 pm**

**It was moved by:** Trustee Worden

**Supported by:** Trustee Papas

**THAT the Board approve the Agenda for January 23, 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 - 7:02**

**3.1 GPEA Good News Report**

Jackie Shelson provided an update of the GPEA and what has taken place in the last month.

**3.2 Good News Report**

Mary Anne Brush gave a presentation of the 2023 Year in a Glance for GPPSS which was put onto a calendar and given to the Board members for Board Appreciation month.

**3.3 Budget Update**

Deputy Superintendent Matheson presented an extensive powerpoint of the GPPSS Finance Historical Review as part of the kickoff to our budget season. This was followed by questions and comments from several BOE members.

**4. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ACTION ITEMS FOR JANUARY 4, 2023 - 7:39 pm**

Joshua Neds-Fox, GPF, talked about board meeting times and the details within the minutes.  
Rosie Knapp, GPF, talked about the board meeting times.

**5. AGENDA ACTION ITEMS FOR JANUARY 23, 2023 - 7:45 pm**

**5.1. Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of December 19, 2022**

**It was Moved by:** Trustee Brumbaugh **Supported by:** Trustee Papas

**THAT that the Board approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of December 19, 2022**

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

**Nays:** None

**Motion carried 7-0 vote**

**5.2 Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of January 9, 2023**

**It was Moved by:** Trustee Brumbaugh **Supported by:** Trustee Papas

**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**

**5.3 Approval of Special Meeting Minutes of January 19, 2023**

**It was Moved by:** Trustee Brumbaugh **Supported by:** Trustee Papas

**THAT that the Board approve the Special Meeting Minutes of January 19, 2023**

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

**Nays:** None

**Motion carried 7-0 vote**

**5.4 Approval of Human Resources Report for January 23, 2023**

**It was Moved by:** Trustee Worden **Supported by:** Trustee Jeup

**THAT that the Board approve the Human Resources Report for January 23, 2023**

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

**Nays:** None

**Motion carried 7-0 vote**

## **5.5 Approval of Adjusted Start Time for Regular BOE Meetings to 6:30 pm**

**It was Moved by:** Trustee Papas

**Supported by:** Trustee Cotton

**THAT that the Board approve the Adjusted Start Time for BOE Meetings**

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

**Nays:** Trustee: St. John

**Motion carried 6-1 vote**

## **6. AGENDA ACTION ITEMS FOR FEBRUARY 13, 2023 - 7:57 pm**

### **6.1 Adoption of 2023-2024 Budget Parameters**

Trustee Cotton gave a broad overview of the 2023-2024 Budget Parameters and the background of what went into developing the ideas that are being proposed. This was followed by questions and comments from several BOE members.

A ten minute recess took place.

### **6.2 Approval of BOE Legal Counsel**

Trustee Cotton spoke about the parameters of why this would serve as a benefit to the district. This was followed up by questions and comments from several BOE members.

### **6.3 Adoption of Regular Meeting Minutes of January 23, 2023**

## **7. INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION - 9:35 pm**

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

Matheson delivered an explanation of how this report is put together and presented at the second meeting of the month. She elaborated on the data from which these reports are developed.

### **7.2. Board Requests**

Trustee St. John asked about the board committees that were discussed at the meeting on January 9 and where things stand with appointing board members and the survey that went out to the community. She also asked if all board members would be notified of the responses from any legal firms that had been solicited.

## **8. FUTURE MEETINGS - 9:41 pm**

- 8.1.** BOE Workshop - Onboarding Roles/Relations, Wednesday, January 25, 2023, 6:00pm, Morningside
- 8.2.** BOE Regular Session, Monday, January 23, 2023, 6:30 pm, Brownell Multipurpose Room

## 9. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-ACTION ITEMS - 9:42 pm

Joshua Neds-Fox, GPF, spoke about the Budget Parameters 2, 1 and 8 and the BOE legal counsel.

Wendy Soubel, GPF, talked about the Budget Parameters.

Dr. Christopher D'Angelo, GPP, talked about quality and leadership and how to measure this.

LaKeytria Felder, GPP, talked about mental health care and the budget parameters.

Chris Scipione, GPC, discussed his concerns with budget cuts and separate legal counsel.

Shannon Byrne, GPF, talked about her concerns with separate legal counsel.

Rosie Knapp, GPF, talked about Budget Parameter 2 and mental health care for our students along with ECC.

Clint Derringer, GPC, discussed the legal counsel, Budget Parameters and the general fund equity.

JeDonna Dinges, GPW, talked about her concerns with budget cuts and separate legal counsel.

## 10. OTHER COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS AND SUPERINTENDENT - 10:06 pm

**Trustee Brumbaugh** mentioned that he agreed with the public comment about adding mental health as a topic of discussion. He also elaborated on the Budget Parameters and how it made him think about how important communication is and all the work that the communication team has done. He concluded with touching on the search for additional legal counsel.

**Trustee Papas** thanked all who had worked on the Budget Parameters. She mentioned the growing pains that a new board goes through and how all the work that goes on behind the scenes cannot be taken lightly. She brought up some thoughts on school resource officers.

**Trustee St. John** thanked the communications team for all they do, and the community for all of their input and mentioned that she hoped this new board could earn their trust and help the board to know how they can serve the public.

**Trustee Worden** talked about several events taking place in the community. She thanked Matheson for all of the hard work that she put into her report. She also gave thanks to Trustee Cotton for all of his effort with the budget parameter report. She concluded with discussing the search for legal counsel, the appointment of the committees and mental health.

**Trustee Jeup** discussed the low enrollment and our budget. She thanked Trustee Cotton for the great job he did. She brought up that we live in a great community and the responsibility we have to set clear expectations for the district.

**Trustee Cotton** thanked the administration for what they put together and that it was a collaborative effort to complete the Budget Parameters. He closed by mentioning the tough job ahead to meet all of these parameters.

**Superintendent Dean** mentioned that we do not do any kind of active shooter drills with our students. He thanked Trustees Cotton and Ismail for meeting with him, Dr. Bishop and Mrs. Matheson and allowing them the opportunity to weigh in.

**President Ismail** agreed with all of the comments made about the Budget Parameters and the input that went into this. He talked about the collaborative nature that was needed to get everyone's input and how it gives the administration guidelines to be proactive with what we are doing.

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

President Ismail adjourned the meeting at 10:26 pm.

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Ginny Jeup, Secretary