



Grosse Pointe Board of Education
Regular Meeting - November 14, 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 5:00 pm

Board members present: Trustees: St. John, Worden, Cotton, Papas, Collins, and Ismail

Absent: Trustee Jeup

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 NOVEMBER 14, 2023

Trustee Worden made a motion to discuss the policy change regarding board member comments. Comments were made by multiple board members. This motion was not voted on.

Trustee St. John made a motion to discuss Board Bylaw 1.40.9.1. which was voted on in July and put it on tonight's agenda. A roll call vote was called for.

Roll Call:	Trustee St. John:	Yes
	Trustee Worden:	Yes
	Trustee Cotton:	No
	Trustee Papas	No
	Trustee Collins	No
	Trustee Ismail	No

Motion failed 2-4 vote

It was Moved by: Trustee Cotton

Supported by: Trustee Papas

THAT the Board approve the Board Agenda for November 14, 2023, as presented.

Roll Call:	Trustee St. John:	No
	Trustee Worden:	No
	Trustee Cotton:	Yes
	Trustee Papas	Yes
	Trustee Collins	Yes
	Trustee Ismail	Yes

Motion passed 4-2 vote

3. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

3.1. Recognition of Scott Cooper

Superintendent Fenton and President Ismail introduced Scott Cooper and discussed his distinction with the district for the past 31 years. This was followed by a 10-minute recess.

3.2. Plante Moran Audit Review

Laura Claeys and Lisa Vargo of Plante Moran gave a comprehensive report of the financial audit for the district. This was followed by comments and questions from several BOE members.

3.3. MASB - Superintendent Search

Jay Bennett, MASB, gave a detailed review of where the Superintendent Search stands at this point. This was followed by comments and questions from multiple BOE members.

- 3.3.1. Review Stakeholder Input
- 3.3.2. Develop Selection Criteria
- 3.3.3. Review Rubric
- 3.3.4. Develop Questions
- 3.3.5. Timeline Review

3.4. Committee Chair Updates

Trustee Cotton gave an update on the progress being made with the Policy Committee.

Trustee Papas gave an update on the progress made with the Curriculum Committee.

Trustee Cotton gave an update on the Branding Subcommittee and the Budget Committee.

Trustee Collins gave an update on the Finance and Facilities Committee.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ACTION ITEMS FOR OCTOBER 24, 2023

Wendy Soubel, GPF, talked about the finances and brought up the importance of our instructional staff.

5. AGENDA ACTION ITEMS FOR NOVEMBER 14, 2023

5.1. Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes for October 24, 2023

It was Moved by: Trustee St. John

Supported by: Trustee Papas

THAT the Board approve the Regular Meeting Minutes for November 14, 2023, as presented.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried 6-0 vote

5.2. Approval of the HR Report for November 14, 2023

There were several comments made by multiple board members regarding the HR report.

It was Moved by: Trustee Collins

Supported by: Trustee Papas

THAT the Board approve the HR Report for November 14, 2023, as presented.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried 6-0 vote

5.3. Approval of 2023 Audit Report

There were several comments made by multiple board members regarding the 2023 Audit Report

It was Moved by: Trustee Worden

Supported by: Trustee Papas

THAT the Board approve the 2023 Audit Report as presented.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried 6-0 vote

5.4. Approval of Civil RFP for Parking Lots

Ben Matteson and Paul Theriault, of Plante Moran, presented the background for both the Civil RFP and the Playground RFP that is up for approval.

It was Moved by: Trustee St. John

Supported by: Trustee Cotton

THAT the Board approve the Civil RFP for Parking Lots as presented.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried 6-0 vote

5.5. Approval of Playground RFP for ADA-Compliant Structures

It was Moved by: Trustee Worden

Supported by: Trustee Cotton

THAT the Board approve the Playground RFP for ADA-Compliant Structures as presented.

This was followed by several questions from BOE members.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried 6-0 vote

5.6. Approval of Special Meeting Minutes for October 26, 2023

It was Moved by: Trustee St. John

Supported by: Trustee Worden

THAT the Board approve the Special Meeting Minutes for October 26, 2023, as presented.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried 6-0 vote

6. AGENDA ACTION ITEMS FOR NOVEMBER 28, 2023

6.1. Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes for November 14, 2023

6.2. Approval of Consent Agenda for Curriculum

6.2.1. Approval of British Lit

6.2.2. Approval of Anatomy and Physiology

6.2.3. Approval of Middle School / High School Program of Studies

Keith Howell gave a presentation of the Curriculum being presented for approval. This was followed by questions and comments from several board members.

7. FUTURE MEETINGS

- 7.1. BOE Regular Meeting, Tuesday, November 28, 2023, 5:00 pm, Brownell MPR
- 7.2. BOE Training, Wednesday, November 29, 2023, 5:30 pm, Barnes PLS
- 7.3. BOE Policy-Contracts Meeting, Monday, December 4, 2023, 5 pm, Barnes PLS
- 7.4. BOE Finance & Facilities Meeting, Monday, December 4, 2023, 6:30 pm, Barnes PLS
- 7.5. BOE Curriculum Meeting, Tuesday, December 5, 2023, 5:00 pm, Barnes PLS
- 7.6. BOE Community Engagement Meeting, Tuesday, December 5, 2023, 6:30 pm, Barnes PLS
- 7.7. BOE Superintendent Interviews, Wednesday, December 6, 2023, 6:30 pm, Brownell MPR
- 7.8. BOE Superintendent Interviews, Thursday, December 7, 2023, 6:30 pm, Brownell MPR
- 7.9. BOE Regular Meeting, Tuesday, December 12, 2023, 6:30 pm, Brownell MPR

9. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-ACTION ITEMS

Maureen Krasner, GPF, talked about how important voice is and the importance of board comments at the end of a meeting.

Maria Simon, GPF, thanked Keith Howell and all of our administrators. She also touched on the Branding Committee and public comment.

Jan Ryndress, GPW, discussed the chaos being caused by the BOE at this time and the lack of administrators.

10. OTHER COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS AND SUPERINTENDENT

Trustee Collins talked about the girls' swim team /divers, and their competitions and accomplishments.

Trustee Papas encouraged everyone to look out for the holiday performances in the district.

Trustee St. John expounded on the Pops and Pastries concert and how wonderful our musical programs are here in the district. She also talked about South volleyball and all of the other sports that have had so much success. She closed by mentioning the Sponge Bob musical and thanked everyone for filling out the survey.

Trustee Worden talked about the Pops and Pastries at North and how beautiful it was to attend. She welcomed our new athletic director at South and mentioned the Sponge Bob musical. She closed by expounding on what Amanda Matheson did for our district along with her team.

Trustee Cotton thanked Dan Griesbaum for stepping in as the South Athletic Director and spoke about multiple sports that have done outstanding in this district.

Superintendent Fenton thanked Dan Griesbaum for all that he has done. He talked about the upcoming performances and wished everyone happy holidays coming up.

Deputy Superintendent Dr. Bishop highlighted the staff and their dedication to our students.

President Ismail discussed Scott Cooper and Dan Griesbaum along with so many of our other teachers who are rock stars. He expressed the amount of gratitude he has for all of these people.

11. ADJOURNMENT

President Ismail adjourned the meeting at 8:21 pm.

Ginny Jeup, Secretary