



Grosse Pointe Board of Education
Regular Meeting - November 28, 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 5:30 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.

President Ismail asked for a moment of silence to recognize several deaths that had taken place in our community this week.

2. APPROVAL OF THE BOARD AGENDA FOR NOVEMBER 28, 2023

President Ismail discussed adding Item 3.4. To the agenda.

Trustee Worden made a motion to extend the time period for public comments to be turned in on action agenda action items until after Item 3.4. and public comments on non-agenda action items until after Item 7.1.

It was Moved by: Trustee Worden

Supported by: Trustee St. John

THAT the Board approve the motion to extend the time period for public comment, as presented.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried 7-0 vote

Trustee St. John made a motion that the agenda be amended to move Item 3.4. to become Item 5.4. as it would need to be voted on for approval.

It was Moved by: Trustee St. John

Supported by: Trustee Worden

THAT the Board approve the modified Board Agenda for November 28, 2023, as presented.

3. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

3.1. Grosse Pointe Foundation for Public Education - Gifts

Cynthia Sohn, president of the Grosse Pointe Foundation for Public Education, provided information to the board on the grants the Foundation is gifting with a total gift of \$76,273.00 this cycle.

The board gratefully accepted **16 new grants from the Grosse Pointe Foundation for Public Education**. These included 14 gifts through their regular grant cycle:

- Ferry Destination Imagination Team (Grades K-3) Ferry (\$200)
- Monteith Destination Imagination Team (Grades K-3) Monteith (\$200)
- DI at Defer (Grades 1-4) Defer (\$1,000)
- Pierce Destination Imagination (Grades 5-7) Pierce (\$400)
- Baggie Books for Second Grade (Grade 2) Ferry (\$5,000)
- Ukuleles for General Music (Grade 5) Brownell, Parcels and Pierce (\$6,660)
- Floreo (Grades 5-8) Brownell (\$2,450)
- CommuniToys: Bridging Community Through Play (Birth-3 years and grade 5-8) Barnes and Parcels (\$2,000)
- General Assistance for the Gearheads (Grade 9-12) North and South (\$2,500)
- Sphero BOLT Coding Robotics (Grades 5-8) Parcels (\$6,227)
- Digital Drawing Tablets (Grades 5-8) Brownell, Parcels and Pierce (\$4,000)
- High Accuracy Electronic Balances for the Chemistry Program (Grades 1012) South (\$2,800)
- Screen Printing Equipment (Grades 9-12) South (\$18,000)
- Wheel Chair Potter's Wheel for Ceramics (Grades 9-12) South (\$4,700)
- South Art IA Consolidation General Fundraising Effort (Grades 9-12) South (\$20,000)

These 2 gifts from the GPFPE SEED (Social Emotional Encouragement and Development) grant funds also were gratefully accepted:

- No Place For Hate/Bridge Club (Grades 5-8) Parcels (\$2,000)
- BeaTWEEN the Books Therapy Dog Program (Grades 5-8) Pierce (\$586)

Total SEED Grants \$2,586.00

Fall Grants Grand Total \$76,273.00

It was moved by: Trustee Worden

Supported by: Trustee Jeup

THAT the Board approve the Grosse Pointe Foundation for Education gifts as presented

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

Nays: none

Motion carried 7-0 vote

3.2. MASB - Superintendent Search

Jay Bennett, MASB, gave a detailed review of where the Superintendent Search stands at this point and explained how the interview process will take place next week. This was followed by BOE members casting votes for their top 8 candidates to move forward,

3.3. Continuity of Service Plan

Keith Howell gave a detailed presentation of the Continuity of Services Plan for the district. This was followed by comments and questions from multiple BOE members.

There was a 10 minute recess

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ACTION ITEMS FOR NOVEMBER 28, 2023

None

5. AGENDA ACTION ITEMS FOR NOVEMBER 28, 2023

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

It was Moved by: Trustee St. John

Supported by: Trustee Collins

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

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

Nays: None

Motion carried 7-0 vote

5.2. Approval of the HR Report for November 28, 2023

It was Moved by: Trustee Jeup

Supported by: Trustee Papas

THAT the Board approve the HR Report for November 28, 2023, as presented.

Trustee St. John asked that she receive information on the multiple resignations that took place in the middle of the school year.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried 7-0 vote

5.3. Approval of Consent Agenda for Curriculum

- 5.3.1. Approval of British Lit
- 5.3.2. Approval of Anatomy and Physiology
- 5.3.3. Approval of Middle School/High School Program of Studies

It was Moved by: Trustee Papas

Supported by: Trustee Jeup

THAT the Board approve the Consent Agenda for Curriculum as presented.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried 7-0 vote

5.4. Approval of Modification of Budget Committee Makeup

Interim Superintendent Fenton gave the reasoning for this recommendation to add Keith Howell and Chris Stanley to this committee.

It was Moved by: Trustee Papas

Supported by: Trustee Jeup

THAT the Board approve the Modification of Budget Committee Makeup as presented.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried 7-0 vote

6. AGENDA ACTION ITEMS FOR DECEMBER 12, 2023

- 6.1. Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes for November 28, 2023

7. INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

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

8. FUTURE MEETINGS

- 8.1. BOE Training, Wednesday, November 29, 2023, 5:30 pm, Barnes PLS
- 8.2. BOE Policy-Contracts Meeting, Monday, December 4, 2023, 5 pm, Barnes PLS
- 8.3. BOE Finance & Facilities Meeting, Monday, December 4, 2023, 6:30 pm, Barnes PLS
- 8.4. BOE Curriculum Meeting, Tuesday, December 5, 2023, 5:00 pm, Barnes PLS
- 8.5. BOE Community Engagement Meeting, Tuesday, December 5, 2023, 6:30 pm, Barnes PLS

8.6. BOE Superintendent Interviews, Wednesday, December 6, 2023, 6:30 pm, Brownell MPR

8.7. BOE Superintendent Interviews, Thursday, December 7, 2023, 6:30 pm, Brownell MPR

9. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-ACTION ITEMS

None

10. OTHER COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS AND SUPERINTENDENT

Trustee Collins talked about the girls' swim team, the winter sports that are coming up and the recent play at North. He also talked about the upcoming concerts.

Trustee Papas thanked the Grosse Pointe Foundation and talked about all of the holiday performances in the district.

Trustee St. John discussed the multiple fundraisers taking place at our schools, and thanked the GPFPE for all that they have done to help our kids.

Trustee Worden thanked the GPFPE for the amazing grants that they have provided. She talked about the South concert this weekend. She announced that Parcels has their Holiday Bazaar and how remarkable it is. She closed with extending her condolences to everyone who had lost someone in the past week.

Trustee Cotton called out the amazing athletes from North and South. He also mentioned the 150 Thanksgiving meals that were prepared by our students for the Motor City Mission.

Deputy Superintendent Dr. Bishop highlighted the Communities Unite in Diversity Meeting that will be coming up.

Superintendent Fenton thanked the Foundation for their wonderful contributions. He also mentioned multiple performances that will be coming up and gave a reminder that this Thursday is the 2nd anniversary of the Oxford tragedy.

President Ismail thanked the GP Foundation and the many generous donors in our community. He also mentioned the North play and the amazing bazaar at Parcels. He closed with talking about the upcoming South choir concert and expressed his sorrow for the families who lost family members this past week.

11. ADJOURNMENT

President Ismail adjourned the meeting at 7:36 pm.

Ginny Jeup, Secretary