



Grosse Pointe Board of Education
Regular Meeting - October 24, 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 and Ismail

Absent: None

Late Arrival: None

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by all in attendance.

Also Present: Deputy Superintendent Dr. Roy Bishop, Jr.

2. APPROVAL OF THE BOARD AGENDA FOR OCTOBER 24, 2023

It was moved by: Trustee St. John

Supported by: Trustee Jeup

THAT the Board approve the Agenda for October 24, 2023 as presented.

Trustee Worden made a motion to extend the time period for this meeting due to the fact that there are conferences tomorrow night.

It was moved by: Trustee Worden

Supported by: Trustee St. John

THAT the Board approve to extend the meeting as long as needed as presented.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried 6 - 0 vote

3. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

3.1. Recognition of the 2024 National Merit Semifinalists and Commended Students

Dr. Roy Bishop and President Ismail introduced the National Merit Semifinalists and Commended Students and presented them with certificates.

Commended students are: B. Graham, J. Liagre, A. Nagori, M. Todesco, V. Bresser, J. Conn, S. DeGrand, D. Jewell, P. Kaminski, L. Raether, C. Woolums

Semi Finalists are: M. Kitchen, A. Link, S. Porter

National African American Recognition Award students are: G. Lloyd and K. Overton

3.2. 2023-2024 Enrollment Update

Dr. Bishop gave a brief overview of enrollment update.

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

Renee Stroebel, GPS, spoke about her support for a BOE candidate.

Jackie Shelson, GPEA, discussed the budget committee resolution and the board candidates.

Richard Schroeder, GPP, spoke about his support for a BOE candidate.

Barbara Cottingham, GPP, spoke about her support for a BOE candidate.

5. AGENDA ACTION ITEMS FOR OCTOBER 24, 2023

5.1. Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of October 10, 2023

It was Moved by: Trustee Jeup

Supported by: Trustee Papas

THAT the Board approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of October 10, 2023 as presented.

Trustee St. John brought up several issues with the meeting minutes. President Ismail asked if all were in favor of approving the Regular Meeting Minutes of October 10, 2023 with the following changes:

Under Item 2 - No actual vote was taken

We are going to add item 5.3.a. That a motion was made by Trustee St. John to suspend legal counsel pending clarification. Mr. Cotton called for the Orders of the Day and Trustee Papas ruled Out of Order.

Under Item 9 the spelling of Maureen Krasner is corrected from a C to a K.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried 6-0 vote

5.2. Approval of Special Session Meeting Minutes of October 10, 2023

It was Moved by: Trustee St. John

Supported by: Trustee Worden

THAT the Board approve the Special Session Meeting Minutes of October 10, 2023 as presented.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried 6-0 vote

5.3. Approval of District Budget Committee Resolution

It was Moved by: Trustee Papas

Supported by: Trustee Jeup

THAT the Board approve the District Budget Committee Resolution.

Trustee Cotton gave a brief description of this resolution. This was followed with comments from multiple board members.

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

Motion passed 4-3 vote

5.4. Approval to Waive Privilege on Attorney-Client Memo

It was Moved by: Trustee Worden

Supported by: Trustee Papas

THAT the Board approve to Waive Privilege on Attorney-Client Memo.

Trustee Cotton gave a brief description of this resolution, and read the memo from Clark Hill. This was followed with comments from multiple board members.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried 6-0 vote

5.5. Review of Board Member Candidate Applications and Finalists Determination

President Ismail gave a brief overview of the process in selecting the next board member.

Trustee Worden made a motion to interview all candidates who applied.

It was Moved by: Trustee Worden

Supported by: Trustee St. John

THAT the Board approve to Interview All Candidates who Applied as presented.

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

Motion failed 2-4 vote

5.5.1. Board Member Candidate Finalist Sponsorships

President Ismail asked if any board members wished to sponsor a candidate.

Trustee St. John sponsored candidate 5

Trustee Worden sponsored candidate 11 and gave reasons for her choice.

Trustee Jeup sponsored candidate 10 and gave reasons for her choice.

Trustee Papas sponsored candidate 6 and gave reasons for her choice.

Trustees Cotton and Ismail did not sponsor any candidate.

5.5.2. Board Member Candidate Finalists Interview Consensus

President Ismail asked each board member who they would like to move forward in addition to the candidates who were sponsored.

Trustee St. John asked to interview all candidates.

Trustee Worden asked to interview candidates 3 and 9.

Trustee Jeup did not want to add any other candidates.

Trustee Cotton asked to interview candidate 3.

Trustee Papas asked to interview candidate 3.

President Ismail asked to interview candidate 3.

6. AGENDA ACTION ITEMS FOR NOVEMBER 14, 2023

6.1. Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of October 24, 2023

7. INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

7.1. Monthly Financials/Check Register/Health Care Report

7.2. Board Requests

Trustee St. John asked if the applications would be made public.

8. FUTURE MEETINGS

- 8.1.** Board Member Appointment Interviews, Thursday, October 26, 6:30 p.m.
Parcells Auditorium
- 8.2.** BOE Policy-Contracts Meeting, Tuesday, November 7, 2023, 5 pm, Barnes PLS
- 8.3.** BOE Finance & Facilities Meeting, Tuesday, November 7, 2023, 6:30 pm, Barnes PLS
- 8.4.** BOE Curriculum Meeting, Wednesday, November 8, 2023, 5:00 pm, Barnes PLS
- 8.5.** BOE Community Engagement Meeting, Wednesday, November 8, 2023, 6:30 pm Barnes PLS
- 8.6.** BOE Regular Meeting, Tuesday, November 14, 2023, 5:00 pm, Brownell MPR
- 8.7.** BOE Regular Meeting, Tuesday, November 28, 2023, 5:00 pm, Brownell MPR

9. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-ACTION ITEMS

Kay Thomas, HW, talked about an issue with her son at school.

Terry Collins, GPP, discussed the need for more data with student count and the check register.

10. OTHER COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS AND SUPERINTENDENT

Trustee St. John discussed how our administration is overwhelmed. She also clarified how concerned she is about the safety of our kids and that sometimes things are out of our control. She closed with encouraging parents to please continue writing to the board with any concerns.

Trustee Worden congratulated our National Merit students for all of their hard work. She also thanked the teachers for all of the time they will be spending on conferences. She talked about the upcoming vote for the board member replacement and concluded with reiterating that she has no intention in leaving her job and running for judge.

Trustee Jeup congratulated the National Merit students and stated how thrilled she was with the enrollment numbers. She extended her thanks to the 11 applicants who applied and that she is looking forward to the in-person interviews this Thursday.

Trustee Cotton expressed that he was sorry to the mother who spoke about her son tonight.

Trustee Papas echoed her sympathy to the mother regarding her son. She also congratulated the National Merit students and talked about the North/South game. She thanked everyone who applied for the board vacancy and concluded with talking about how we cannot strike out at people publicly.

Deputy Superintendent Dr. Bishop expounded on how wonderful the North/South game was and what went into putting it together. He also reiterated that the enrollment numbers that he shared were tentative.

President Ismail apologized to Kay Thomas for what her son went through. He expressed that we have a lot coming up this week and thanked everyone.

11. ADJOURNMENT

President Ismail adjourned the meeting at 8:04 pm.

Ginny Jeup, Secretary