



**Grosse Pointe Board of Education**  
**Regular Meeting - October 10, 2023**  
**MINUTES**  
**Brownell MPR**  
**260 Chalfonte, Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236**

**Enclosure: 5.1.**

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

Vice President Papas called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm

**Board members present:** Trustees: St. John, Worden, Jeup, Cotton, Brumbaugh, Papas

**Absent:** Trustee Ismail

**Late Arrival:** None

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by all in attendance.

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

**2. APPROVAL OF THE BOARD AGENDA FOR OCTOBER 10, 2023**

**It was moved by:** Trustee St. John

**Supported by:** Trustee Worden

**THAT the Board approve the Agenda for October 10, 2023 as presented.**

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

**Nays:** None

**Motion carried 6 - 0 vote**

**3. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

**3.1. District-wide Special Education Update**

Lily Loder introduced her team and gave an update on the status of the Special Education Department and the direction it is headed in the future.

**3.2. Recognition of Dr. Roy Bishop and Trustee David Brumbaugh**

Interim superintendent Chris Fenton introduced Dr. Roy Bishop to honor him for his service to our district and to recognize him for the Leadership in Education award that he recently received.

Vice President Papas introduced David Brumbaugh and explained that this would be his last meeting with the Grosse Pointe Board of Education due to his relocation to the East Coast.

***A 10-minute recess was taken at 6:50 pm***

**4. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ACTION ITEMS FOR OCTOBER 10, 2023**

Taryn Loughlin, GPEA co-president, congratulated Bishop and Brumbaugh. She also discussed the legal resolution.

Joshua Neds-Fox, GPP, talked about his concerns with Item 5.3. if it were not to pass.

**5. AGENDA ACTION ITEMS FOR OCTOBER 10, 2023**

**5.1. Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of September 26, 2023**

**It was Moved by:** Trustee Worden

**Supported by:** Trustee Jeup

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

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

**Nays:** None

**Motion carried 6-0 vote**

**5.2. Approval of HR Report for October 10, 2023**

**It was Moved by:** Trustee Brumbaugh

**Supported by:** Trustee Worden

**THAT the Board approve the HR Report for October 10, 2023 as presented.**

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

**Nays:** None

**Motion carried 6-0 vote**

**5.3. Approval of Amended Independent Legal Counsel Resolution**

Trustee Worden gave a detailed description of how this resolution came to be. This was followed by Trustee St. John who offered several thoughts regarding this resolution.

**It was Moved by:** Trustee Worden

**Supported by:** Trustee St. John

**THAT the Board approve the Amended Independent Legal Counsel Resolution as presented.**

<b>Roll Call:</b>	<b>Trustee St. John:</b>	<b>Yes</b>
	<b>Trustee Worden:</b>	<b>Yes</b>
	<b>Trustee Jeup:</b>	<b>No</b>
	<b>Trustee Cotton:</b>	<b>No</b>
	<b>Trustee Brumbaugh</b>	<b>Yes</b>
	<b>Trustee Papas</b>	<b>No</b>

**Motion failed 3-3 vote**

**6. AGENDA ACTION ITEMS FOR OCTOBER 24, 2023**

**6.1. Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of October 10, 2023**

**6.2. Approval of District Budget Committee Resolution**

Trustee Cotton gave a detailed description of this resolution. This was followed by questions and comments from multiple board members.

**7. INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION**

**7.1. Board Requests**

Trustee Cotton noted that he has asked our administration to ask our legal counsel to look into invoices that are paid to the Grosse Pointe News and paid to the district and look into this as a conflict of interest.

Trustee St. John mentioned that she has been asked by several community members as to the appointments to the Branding Committee.

**7.2. Online Board Request for Information Form**

Trustee Cotton read a detailed description of the Board Request for Information Form that was written by President Ismail This was followed by multiple comments and questions from board members.

**7.3. Board Member Appointment Timeline**

Trustee Cotton read the timeline for the new board member appointment.

**8. FUTURE MEETINGS**

- 8.1.** BOE Regular Meeting, Tuesday, October 24, 2023, 6:30 pm, Brownell MPR
- 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, 6:30 pm, Brownell MPR

**9. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-ACTION ITEMS**

Rosie Knapp, GPF, congratulated Dr. Bishop on his award and thanked Trustee Brumbaugh for his service. Kelly Rossi, GPP, congratulated Dr. Bishop on his award and thanked Trustee Brumbaugh for his service. Maureen Crasner, GPF, congratulated Dr. Bishop on his award and thanked Trustee Brumbaugh for his service.

Clint Derringer, GP, thanked Trustee Brumbaugh for his service and congratulated Dr. Bishop. He also discussed his thoughts with the board

**10. OTHER COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS AND SUPERINTENDENT**

**Deputy Superintendent Dr. Roy Bishop** thanked Trustee Brumbaugh for his service and talked about an employee, Doug Roby, who was recently deceased. He also talked about the upcoming North/South Football game and how we all need to come together as a district.

**Trustee Brumbaugh** thanked everyone for all of their kind words and discussed the successes and challenges that he has faced while being a member of the board. He talked about the success in our district during covid. He went on to talk about the challenges our district is facing in the future. He closed with thanking the people who have helped make him successful during his term on the board.

**Trustee St. John** discussed all of the many different activities and programs that take place in the district. She expounded on how she feels the board should support all of these programs. She closed with discussing the accolades of David Brumbaugh and went on to discuss the value of Dr. Bishop in our district.

**Trustee Worden** congratulated Dr. Bishop for his award and expounded on how amazing she feels he is for our district. She also discussed David Brumbaugh's success and all of the positive attributes that he brought to the board, and to our district.

**Trustee Jeup** thanked everyone who attended this meeting. She discussed the upcoming board member appointment as well as the search for our new superintendent.

**Trustee Cotton** congratulated Dr. Bishop and echoed how David Brumbaugh would be missed.

**Trustee Papas** discussed the great loss of Doug Roby. She also congratulated Dr. Bishop on his award and for all of his hard work and kindness. She concluded by describing the past few years with David Brumbaugh on the board together with her, and how much he will be missed.

**Mr. Fenton** talked about the upcoming North/South game, the Fall Follies, and all of the great talent we have in this district. He mentioned the upcoming public meetings with Jay Bennett. He closed with discussing the future budget conversations and how much he wants to avoid controversy and focus on the goal to work together.

## 11. ADJOURNMENT

Vice President Papas adjourned the meeting at 8:38 pm.

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Ginny Jeup, Secretary