



**Grosse Pointe Board of Education**  
**Regular Meeting - September 26, 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, Cotton, Brumbaugh, Papas and Ismail

**Absent:** None

**Late Arrival:** Trustee Jeup arrived at 5:38 pm

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by all in attendance.

**Also Present:** Interim Superintendent Chris Fenton, Deputy Superintendent Dr. Roy Bishop, Jr. and Jay Bennett (MASB)

President Ismail asked that there be a moment of silence out of respect for the passing of one of our previous students Honor Wallace,

**2. APPROVAL OF THE BOARD AGENDA FOR SEPTEMBER 26, 2023**

**It was moved by:** Trustee Papas

**Supported by:** Trustee Cotton

**THAT the Board approve the Agenda for September 26, 2023 as presented.**

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

**Nays:** None

**Motion carried 6 - 0 vote**

**3. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Interim Superintendent Fenton talked about all of the activities and sports that we have going on in our district. He also discussed several positions that are in the process of being interviewed and the building tours that are currently taking place.

President Ismail realized that Item 2.1. had been missed and moved the meeting back to the Board Member Workshop.

**2.1. MASB - SUPERINTENDENT SELECTION - BOARD MEMBER WORKSHOP**

Jay Bennett, with the MASB, conducted a Board Member Workshop for the Superintendent Selection which involved questions and comments from board members and was followed up with a detailed presentation regarding the Superintendent selection process.

*A 5-minute break was taken at 6:25 pm*

**4. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ACTION ITEMS FOR SEPTEMBER 26, 2023**

LaKeytria Felder, GPP, talked about the Board Member Appointment Questionnaire

**5. AGENDA ACTION ITEMS FOR SEPTEMBER 26, 2023 - 6:32 pm**

**5.1. Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of September 12, 2023**

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

**Supported by:** Trustee Worden

**THAT the Board approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of September 12, 2023 as presented.**

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

**Nays:** None

**Motion carried 7-0 vote**

**5.2. Approval of Closed Session Meeting Minutes of September 12, 2023**

**It was Moved by:** Trustee Papas

**Supported by:** Trustee Jeup

**THAT the Board approve the Closed Session Meeting Minutes of September 12, 2023 as presented.**

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

**Nays:** None

**Motion carried 7-0 vote**

**5.3. Approval of Special Session Meeting Minutes of September 20, 2023**

**It was Moved by:** Trustee Papas

**Supported by:** Trustee Jeup

**THAT the Board approve the Special Session Meeting Minutes of September 20, 2023 as presented.**

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

**Nays:** None

**Motion carried 7-0 vote**

#### **5.4. Approval of Human Resources Report for September 26, 2023**

**It was Moved by:** Trustee Brumbaugh

**Supported by:** Trustee Papas

**THAT the Board approve the Human Resources Report for September 26, 2023 as presented.**

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

**Nays:** None

**Motion carried 7-0 vote**

#### **5.5. Approval of Election Representative**

Interim Superintendent Fenton gave a brief overview of the process for this appointment.

**It was Moved by:** Trustee Brumbaugh

**Supported by:** Trustee Papas

**THAT the Board approve the Election Representative as presented.**

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

**Nays:** None

**Motion carried 7-0 vote**

#### **5.6. Approval of FOIA Coordinator**

Trustee Worden asked a question regarding the work involved with this position.

**It was Moved by:** Trustee Worden

**Supported by:** Trustee Jeup

**THAT the Board approve the FOIA Coordinator as presented.**

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

**Nays:** None

**Motion carried 7-0 vote**

#### **5.7. Approval of Designated Asbestos Coordinator**

**It was Moved by:** Trustee Papas

**Supported by:** Trustee Jeup

**THAT the Board approve the Designated Asbestos Coordinator as presented.**

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

**Nays:** None

**Motion carried 7-0 vote**

**5.8. Approval of Homeless Liaison Coordinator**

Dr. Bishop gave an overview of what this position would entail. This was followed by comments from multiple board members.

**It was Moved by:** Trustee Brumbaugh

**Supported by:** Trustee Cotton

**THAT the Board approve the Homeless Liaison Coordinator as presented.**

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

**Nays:** None

**Motion carried 7-0 vote**

**5.9. Approval of the Naming for the Grosse Pointe North Library**

President Ismail gave a brief overview of the background of Dr. Klein and why the library should be named after her.

**It was Moved by:** Trustee Papas

**Supported by:** Trustee Jeup

**THAT the Board approve the Naming for the Grosse Pointe North Library**

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

**Nays:** None

**Motion carried 7-0 vote**

**5.10. Approval of the Amended Board Member Appointment Questionnaire**

Trustee Cotton gave a detailed description as to the reasoning behind how this questionnaire was put together.

President Ismail reminded board members of the prior work session during which the methodology for establishing these questions was discussed.

Several board members made additional comments or voiced their concerns or support with the questionnaire and made some points on changes that should be made. This was concluded with an amendment to the questionnaire.

**It was Moved by:** Trustee Papas

**Supported by:** Trustee Jeup

**THAT the Board approve the Amended Board Member Appointment Questionnaire**

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

<b>Trustee Cotton:</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Trustee Ismail:</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Trustee Brumbaugh</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Trustee Papas</b>	<b>Yes</b>

**Motion passed 6-1 vote**

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

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

**7. INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION**

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

Trustee Worden asked for a legal opinion about several checks on the report.

**7.2.** Board Requests

Trustee St. John asked a question regarding an email she had sent regarding an attorney/client privileged communication.

**8. FUTURE MEETINGS**

- 8.1.** BOE Policy-Contracts Meeting, Tuesday, October 3, 2023, 5 pm, Barnes PLS
- 8.2.** BOE Finance & Facilities Meeting, Tuesday, October 3, 2023, 6:30 pm, Barnes PLS
- 8.3.** BOE Curriculum Meeting, Wednesday, October 4, 2023, 5:00 pm, Barnes PLS
- 8.4.** BOE Community Engagement Meeting, Wednesday, October 4, 2023, 6:30 pm Barnes PLS
- 8.5.** BOE Regular Meeting, Tuesday, October 10, 2023, 6:30 pm, Brownell MPR

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

Terrence Collins, GPP, spoke about Back to School night at South and teachers leaving the district. Michelle White, GPP, talked about an event for suicide prevention.

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

**Trustee St. John** talked about her appreciation for all of the hard work the administration is doing. She also brought up the superintendent search and the board member appointment questionnaire. She concluded with mentioning that this search needs to be very transparent and respect the will of the community.

**Trustee Worden** talked about the GP Foundation event coming up this Thursday and that she hopes they can be supported. She also talked about the homecoming floats and how creative they are. Her final thoughts were regarding the public comment that was made regarding teachers and administrators who left for more money and how she disagrees with this.

**Trustee Jeup** discussed the upcoming search for our superintendent, a new board member and the questionnaire. She offered to have the public email her with any questions regarding this. She also discussed the importance of being a trustee and that it is a privilege and a responsibility. She closed with how heartbroken she is with the profound loss of one of our students.

**Trustee Cotton** expressed his disappointment with the statement that this board is disregarding the community. He discussed that he is happy that we are going to engage in a fair process and not just appoint one person. He announced that the branding committee has been chosen and what the process will be going forward.

**Deputy Superintendent Bishop** thanked the North staff for a very successful homecoming game and hoped that South has the same success.

**Trustee Brumbaugh** discussed that we have a lot of big decisions to be made. He hopes that everyone will put in the prep work that is necessary for this. He reiterated that the public comment that was made regarding employees leaving for better pay was incorrect. He closed with saying that we need to stay committed to the big picture.

**Trustee Papas** talked about the homecoming and how much is coming up ahead for this board. She believes that the board will do a thorough and robust process. She discussed the fund equity and how this came about. She reiterated that our school finance situation has no easy solution.

**Mr. Fenton** discussed how impressed he is with the Central Office personnel with their work ethic and depth of knowledge. He also talked about how happy he is with the naming of the North Library after Dr. Klein.

**President Ismail** echoed how happy he is with the naming of the North Library after Dr. Klein. He also brought up the GPFPE benefit that is sold out and how he would love to find tickets.

## 11. ADJOURNMENT

President Ismail adjourned the meeting at 7:48 pm.

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Ginny Jeup, Secretary