



Grosse Pointe Board of Education
Minutes of the
GROSSE POINTE BOARD OF EDUCATION
July 25, 2023

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, Jeup, Worden, Cotton, Ismail, Brumbaugh and Papas

Absent: None

Late Arrival: None

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by all in attendance.

Also Present: Superintendent Dr. M. Jon Dean, Deputy Superintendent Dr. Roy Bishop, Jr. and Deputy Superintendent Amanda Matheson

2. APPROVAL OF THE BOARD AGENDA FOR JULY 25, 2023 - 6:31 pm

President Ismail suggested to move all Agenda Action Items from the August 8, 2023 Agenda to tonight's Agenda and to cancel the regular Board of Education meeting originally scheduled for August 8, 2023.

Trustee St. John requested to amend the Agenda and add Item 8.3. Parcels Pool Memo.

It was moved by: Trustee St. John

Supported by: Trustee Papas

THAT the Board approve the amended Agenda for July 25, 2023 as presented.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried 7 - 0 vote

3. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT - 6:32 pm

3.1. The Power of Branding Presentation

Ted Coutilish gave a presentation on the Power of Branding. This was followed by multiple questions and comments from board members.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ACTION ITEMS FOR JULY 25 2023 - 7:07 pm

Taryn Loughlin, teacher, talked about the GPEA negotiations.
Jackie Shelson, teacher, talked about the GPEA negotiations.
Beth Bornoty, teacher, talked about the value of our teaching staff in this district.
Joshua Neds-Fox, GPF, discussed the motion to change public comments.
Mary Rouleau, spoke on behalf of Rosie Knapp, GPF, regarding multiple issues with the BOE.
Laura Hull, teacher, talked about the teachers who are leaving the district.
Katie Parent, teacher, talked about the GPEA negotiations.
Kelly Larson, GPC, talked in support of the GPEA and the contract negotiations.
Julie Nurse, teacher, talked about the premier teachers in our district.
Natalie Zoufal, teacher, talked about the GPEA negotiations.
Pam Albrecht, teacher, talked about the GPEA negotiations.
Dorothy Heitjan, teacher, talked about the GPEA negotiations.
David Martin, teacher, talked about the GPEA negotiations.
Kevin Nugent, GPF, talked about the GPEA negotiations.
Jack S., student, talked about the exceptional teachers in our district and the BOE.
Eric Frakes, GP, talked about the loss of teachers and administrators in the district.
Blagica Bottigliero, GPW, talked about the inequities with the formula in this district.
Maureen Krasner, GPF, talked about Item 6.5. on the agenda.
LaKeytria Felder, GPP, thanked the teachers and discussed the policy changes.

5. CONSENT AGENDA ACTION ITEMS FOR JULY 25, 2023 - 8:01 pm

- 5.1. Approval of Policy 4.02.06 Revision - Children of Staff Members
- 5.2. Approval of Designated Agent
- 5.3. Approval of Debit/Credit Card Users
- 5.4. Approval of Homeless Liaison Coordinator
- 5.5. Approval of Election Representative
- 5.6. Approval of Freedom of Information Act Coordinator
- 5.7. Approval of Appointment of Representatives to MAISL Joint Risk Management Trust
- 5.8. Approval of Fidelity and Treasurer's Bonds
- 5.9. Approval of Designated Asbestos Coordinator
- 5.10. Approval of Indemnification of Asbestos Operation and Maintenance Employees
- 5.11. Approval of Resolution on Liability Indemnification
- 5.12. Approval of Michigan High School Athletic Association Membership
- 5.13. Approval of MASB Membership
- 5.14. Approval of Resolution to Decline School of Choice
- 5.15. Approval of 2023-2024 Tuition Rates

It was Moved by: Trustee Brumbaugh

Supported by: Trustee Papas

THAT the Board approve the Consent Agenda Action Items as presented.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried 7-0 vote

6. AGENDA ACTION ITEMS FOR JULY 25, 2023 - 8:02 pm

6.1. Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of June 20, 2023

It was Moved by: Trustee St. John

Supported by: Trustee Jeup

THAT the Board approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of June 20, 2023 as presented.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried 7-0 vote

6.2. Approval of Closed Session Minutes of June 20, 2023

It was Moved by: Trustee St. John

Supported by: Trustee Jeup

THAT the Board approve the Closed Session Minutes of June 20, 2023 as presented.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried 7-0 vote

6.3. Approval of Human Resources Report for July 25, 2023

It was Moved by: Trustee St. John

Supported by: Trustee Jeup

THAT the Board approve the Human Resources Report for July 25, 2023 as presented.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried 7-0 vote

6.4. Approval of Policy 1.40.9 Revision - Public Participation at Open Board Meetings

Multiple questions and comments were made by several board members.

It was Moved by: Trustee Papas

Supported by: Trustee Jeup

THAT the Board approve the Policy 1.40.9 Revision - Public Participation at Open Board Meetings as presented.

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

Motion passed 4-3 vote

A five minute recess was taken at 8:27 pm.

6.5. Approval of Policy 2.02 Revision - Duties of the Superintendent

Multiple questions and comments were made by several board members.

It was Moved by: Trustee St. John

Supported by: Trustee Worden

THAT the Board amend the Policy 2.02 Revision - Duties of the Superintendent, that the Superintendent shall inform the Board and announce publicly all administrative guideline changes, but that those changes do not need to be approved by the Board.

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

Motion failed 3-4 vote

It was Moved by: Trustee Cotton

Supported by: Trustee Papas

THAT the Board approve the Policy 2.02 Revision - Duties of the Superintendent as presented.

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

Trustee Papas: Yes
Trustee Brumbaugh: No
Trustee Ismail: Yes

Motion passed 4-3 vote

6.6. Approval of Policy 2.07 Revision - Councils, Cabinets and Committees

Multiple questions and comments were made by several board members.

It was Moved by: Trustee Papas

Supported by: Trustee Jeup

THAT the Board approve the Policy 2.07 Revision - Councils, Cabinets and Committees as presented.

Roll Call:

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

Motion passed 4-3 vote

6.7. Approval of New Board Bylaw 1.40.9.1 - Other comments by Board Members and Admin.

It was Moved by: Trustee Brumbaugh

Supported by: Trustee St. John

THAT the Board approve the New Board Bylaw 1.40.9.1 - Other comments by Board Members and Admin. as presented

Roll Call:

Trustee St. John:	Yes
Trustee Worden:	Yes
Trustee Jeup:	Yes
Trustee Cotton:	Yes
Trustee Papas:	Yes
Trustee Brumbaugh:	Yes
Trustee Ismail:	Yes

Motion passed 7-0 vote

6.8. Approval of Taher as FSMC vendor

Matheson gave a detailed explanation of the process that took place to obtain this vendor contract. This was followed up with multiple questions and comments from several board members.

Ayes: Trustees: St. John, Jeup, Worden, Cotton, Ismail, Papas and Brumbaugh
Nays: None

Motion carried 7-0 vote

6.9. Approval of One Year Tentative Agreements

- 6.9.1. GPAEOP
- 6.9.2. GPEPA
- 6.9.3. GPPA
- 6.9.4. GPAA
- 6.9.5. Non-Instructional Staff and Technology Employment Agreements
- 6.9.6. Executive Administrators

It was Moved by: Trustee Brumbaugh **Supported by:** Trustee Papas

THAT the Board approve One Year Tentative Agreements as presented

Ayes: Trustees: St. John, Jeup, Worden, Cotton, Ismail, Papas and Brumbaugh
Nays: None

Motion carried 7-0 vote

7. AGENDA ACTION ITEMS FOR AUGUST 8, 2023 - 9:11pm

These items were moved into this agenda for approval.

7.1. Approval of South Field Trip to Italy

George Formicola gave a detailed overview of this proposed trip. This was followed by multiple questions and comments by several board members.

It was Moved by: Trustee Brumbaugh **Supported by:** Trustee Worden

THAT the Board approve the South Field Trip to Italy as presented.

Ayes: Trustees: St. John, Jeup, Worden, Cotton, Ismail, Papas and Brumbaugh
Nays: None

Motion carried 7-0 vote

7.2. Approval of 2023-2024 Grosse Pointe Theatre Lease Agreement

Matheson gave a detailed explanation of of the Lease Agreement with the Grosse Pointe Theatre

It was Moved by: Trustee Papas **Supported by:** Trustee Worden

THAT the Board approve the Grosse Pointe Theatre Lease Agreement as presented.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried 7-0 vote

7.3. Approval of Mason Playground Naming

Matheson gave a detailed explanation of of the Mason Playground Naming and the background behind this. She introduced the Mason PTO who backed this project to explain the fund-raising process that allowed this to happen.

It was Moved by: Trustee Worden

Supported by: Trustee Papas

THAT the Board approve the Mason Playground Naming as presented.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried 7-0 vote

8. INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION - 9:22 pm

8.1. Check Register/Health Care Report

Matheson gave an overview of the Check Register for the month of June and the Health Care Report through April of 2023.

8.2. Board Requests

Superintendent Dean gave an explanation of the memo that went out today regarding the Parcels pool. Trustee St. John asked for further details regarding this.

8.3. Parcels Pool Memo

Trustee St. John read the memo that was sent out by President Ismail in regards to the committees.

9. Future Meetings

9.1. BOE Curriculum Meeting, Monday, July 31, 2023, 6:00 pm, Barnes PLS

~~**9.2.** BOE Regular Meeting, Tuesday, August 8, 2023, 6:30 pm, Brownell MPR~~

9.3. BOE Policy & Contracts Meeting, Monday, August 14, 2023, 6:00 pm, Barnes, PLS

9.4. BOE Finance & Facilities Meeting, Tuesday, August 15, 2023, 6:00 pm, Barnes PLS

9.5. BOE Community Engagement Meeting, Wednesday, August 16, 2023, 6:00 pm,
Barnes PLS

9.6. BOE Regular Meeting, Tuesday August 22, 2023, 6:30 pm, Brownell MPR

9.7. BOE Curriculum Meeting, Monday, August 28, 2023, 6:00 pm, Barnes PLS

10. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-ACTION ITEMS - 9:34 pm

Joshua Neds-Fox, GPF, discussed the SRO grants and student mental health.

Terrence Collins, GPP, discussed public comments, the GPEA contract and his support of the proposed charter school.

Lisa Carmer, GPS, discussed the signatures collected regarding the proposed field house at Barnes.

Christa Faigan, GPS, spoke on behalf of the teachers and their contract.

Maureen Krasner, GPF, talked about the public speaking policy.

Blagica Bottigliero, GPF, discussed brand marketing.

Ruta H., student, spoke about online social media and student associations and how much our teachers contribute.

11. OTHER COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS AND SUPERINTENDENT - 9:54 pm

Deputy Superintendent Bishop thanked everyone who came out to speak tonight.

Trustee Brumbaugh thanked the students, staff and teachers who came out to speak tonight. He said that he is committed to getting a contract settled for the GPEA. He mentioned that Stefanie Hayes and Dan Hartley were not here as they had moved on to other employment.

Trustee Papas talked about other districts that we are being compared to and the fund balance that we are hoping to eventually achieve. She talked about how committed we are to a strong financial future.

Trustee St. John talked about how much she appreciates everyone who came out to speak tonight and use their First Amendment rights. She expressed her disappointment in how the board has limited our First Amendment rights and Free Speech and how she feels this will drive away students from speaking. She said that she values the student's voices the most. She closed with stating the a public school cannot be run like a business and that this board will most likely never come to an agreement about this. But she hopes that this board can find a way to work together.

Trustee Worden thanked the student who spoke and commended her for her leadership skills. She thanked all of the teachers who got up to speak, and gave a shout out to the different summer programs that this district offers. She concluded with saying that she hopes that we can settle the issues with the Administrators contracts before we lose more of our Administration to other districts. She also stated how disappointed she is that this majority board is trying to limit public comment.

Trustee Jeup discussed how this board is focused on the hard work ahead and that they are committed to making good long term decision for our teachers. She concluded with thanking everyone who attended this meeting both in person and online.

Trustee Cotton thanked everyone.

Superintendent Dean talked about how we are back and getting ready for the students to return. He also brought up how difficult it is when there is not a finalized contract to a bargaining unit. He thanked

President Ismail for agreeing to cancel the meeting on August 8th. He concluded with recognizing Stefanie Hayes and Dan Hartley for their service to our district.

President Ismail gave accolades to the student who spoke and our Administration for all of the work they are putting in to resolve the contract negotiations.

12. ADJOURNMENT

President Ismail adjourned the meeting at 10:07 pm.

Ginny Jeup, Secretary