



Grosse Pointe Board of Education
Minutes of the
GROSSE POINTE BOARD OF EDUCATION
June 12, 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 and Deputy Superintendent Dr. Roy Bishop, Jr. and Deputy Superintendent Amanda Matheson

2. APPROVAL OF THE BOARD AGENDA FOR JUNE 12, 2023 - 6:31 pm

President Ismail introduced John Gierak to answer any questions regarding the tentative reconvening of the board meeting on Wednesday, June 14, 2023. This was followed by several questions and comments from board members.

Trustee Brumbaugh motioned that the planned recess of 10:30 pm be deleted from the agenda.

It was Moved by: Trustee Brumbaugh

Supported by: Trustee Worden

THAT that the Board delete the 10:30 pm on the Agenda for June 12, 2023 as presented.

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 that the Board approve the Agenda for June 12, 2023 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 carried 4-3 vote

3. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT - 6:40 pm

3.1. Presentation of GP Foundation for STEAAM Support Donations:

- **South Scoreboard**
- **Mason Playground**
- **District-wide Musical Instrument Refresh**

President Ismail introduced Jennifer Kendall and Matt Agnone of the STEAAM Foundation, who gave a description of the donations being presented to GPPSS.

This was followed by multiple comments and questions from board members.

3.2. Acceptance of the GP Foundation for STEAAM Donations

It was Moved by: Trustee Brumbaugh

Supported by: Trustee Papas

THAT that the Board approve the GP Foundation for STEAAM Donations.

Roll Call:	Trustee St. John:	Yes
	Trustee Worden:	Yes
	Trustee Jeup:	Yes
	Trustee Cotton:	Abstaining from this vote
	Trustee Papas:	Yes
	Trustee Brumbaugh:	Yes
	Trustee Ismail:	Yes

Motion carried 6-0 vote

President Ismail called for a 5 minute break at 7:07 pm

The meeting reconvened at 7:10 pm

3.3. President/Treasurer 2023-24 Budget Process Overview

Trustee Cotton and President Ismail gave an overview on the background of the process used to create the 2023-24 Budget.

4. 2023-24 BUDGET HEARING - 7:19 pm

4.1. 2023-24 Budget Presentation

Deputy Superintendent Matheson gave a detailed presentation of the 2023-24 Budget. This was followed by multiple questions from board members.

4.2. Public Comments on 2023-24 Budget Hearing

Joshua Neds-Fox, GPF, discussed the budget cuts.

Blagica Bogligiero, GPW, talked about the marketing plan.

Mary Anne Barrett, GPP, discussed bringing more students to our district.

Terry Collins, GPP, discussed the budget cuts.

Mary Catherine Ashley, GP, discussed the elimination of a counselor at South.

Wendy Soubel, GPF, discussed the budget and the board.

Steve Warnick, GPP discussed the budget cuts.

LaKeytria Felder, GPP, discussed the budget cuts.

Sarah Schroeder, GPW, discussed the budget cuts.

Leslie Scott, GPF, discussed the budget cuts.

Kelly Rossi, GPP, discussed the budget cuts.

Brent Maynard, teacher, discussed the budget cuts.

Maureen Krasner, GPF, talked about the BOE.

Ruta H. Student, talked about the SRO agreement and staff layoffs.

Asher B. Student, discussed the budget cuts.

Christine Crowsley, GPF, discussed the budget cuts.

Natalie Zoufal, teacher, discussed the budget cuts.

JeDonna Dignes, GPW, talked about the BOE and diversity.

Joyce Wagner, GPF, discussed the budget cuts.

President Ismail called a 10 minute recess at 8:34 pm

The meeting reconvened at 8:43 pm

Asheley Ryan, GPW, discussed the contract of the Special Education Director.

Joshua Neds-Fox, discussed the minutes of the Closed Session for June 8, 2023.

Terry Collins, GPW, discussed the budget discussions and contracts.

Kelly Larson, GPC, discussed the budget cuts.

Steve Warnick, GPP, discussed the budget cuts.

Dane Winbigler, GPW, talked about his support of the new Parcels Principal.

Sarah Schroeder, GPW, discussed her support of the Brumbaugh resolution.

Mandolyn Grattan, teacher, talked about the removal of elementary Spanish from our curriculum.

Shannon Byrne, GPF, discussed the staff cuts and our students.

Maria Simon, GPF, discussed transparency with the closed session.

Judith Burkhart, GPW, discussed the budget cuts and mental health.

Rosie Knapp, GPF, discussed the wear orange resolution, the budget cuts and teacher layoffs.

Maureen Krasner, discussed her support of Trustee Brumbaugh's resolution.
Katharine Meagher, GPP, spoke about the budget cuts to the music program and DEI.
Nina Simon, GPF, discussed the budget cut and our teachers.

6. AGENDA ACTION ITEMS FOR JUNE 12, 2023 - 9:26 pm

6.1. Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of May 22, 2023

Papas noted that there were 2 typos on 5.10 and 5.11 for Trustee St. John that needed to be corrected.

It was Moved by: Trustee Papas

Supported by: Trustee Worden

THAT that the Board approve the Amended Regular Meeting Minutes of May 22, 2023

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

Nays: None

Motion carried 7-0 vote

6.2. Approval of Closed Session Meeting Minutes of June 2, 2023

It was Moved by: Trustee Papas

Supported by: Trustee Cotton

THAT the Board approve the Closed Session Meeting Minutes of June 2, 2023

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

Nays: None

Motion carried 7-0 vote

6.3. Approval of Closed Session Meeting Minutes of June 8, 2023

Trustee St. John mentioned that there were several inaccuracies in the minutes.
Dean commented on what he felt the minutes should say. An amended copy of the minutes with the noted changes will be created for the record.

It was Moved by: Trustee Papas

Supported by: Trustee St. John

THAT the Board approve the Amended Closed Session Meeting Minutes of June 8, 2023

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

Nays: None

Motion carried 7-0 vote

6.4. Approval of South IA Consolidation Exterior Doors

Matheson gave a brief explanation of the South IA Consolidation Exterior Doors

It was Moved by: Trustee St. John

Supported by: Trustee Papas

THAT the Board approve the South IA Consolidation Exterior Doors

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

Nays: None

Motion carried 7-0 vote

6.5. Approval of Resolution for Strategic Review of District Operations

It was Moved by: Trustee Brumbaugh

Supported by: Trustee Worden

THAT the Board approve the Resolution for Strategic Review of District Operations

Brumbaugh gave a brief overview of the Resolution. This was followed by multiple questions and comments from board members which were answered by Trustee Brumbaugh, Dr. Dean and Dr. Bishop.

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

6.6. Approval of the Resolution to Layoff Teaching Staff

Bishop gave a brief description of this Resolution, which was followed by several questions and comments by board members.

It was Moved by: Trustee St. John

Supported by: Trustee Cotton

THAT the Board approve the resolution to Resume to Layoff Teaching Staff

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

Motion passed 5-2 vote

6.7. Approval of Human Resources Report for June 12, 2023

Bishop gave a description of the process that took place for the interview process for the Parcels Middle School Principal. This was followed by several comments from Board members. Sarah Delgado was introduced and expressed her appreciation to the board.

It was Moved by: Trustee Worden

Supported by: Trustee Brumbaugh

THAT the Board approve the Human Resources Report for June 12, 2023

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

Nays: None

Motion carried 7-0 vote

7. AGENDA ACTION ITEMS FOR JUNE 20, 2023 - 10:22 pm

Dean gave a brief overview of each of these items.

- 7.1. Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of June 12, 2023
- 7.2. Approval of Human Resources Report for June 20, 2023
- 7.3. Approval of 2023-2024 Original Budget
- 7.4. Approval of South High School Trip to Germany
- 7.5. Approval of AP Government & Economics Textbook Adoption
- 7.6. Approval of 2023-2024 Line of Credit
- 7.7. Approval of 2023 Tax Rate Request Form, L-4029
- 7.8. Approval of the Resolution to Renew Executive Administrator Contracts
- 7.9. Approval of North Tennis Court Resurfacing Project
- 7.10. Approval of School Resource Officer (SRO) Agreement

8. INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION - 10:24 pm

8.1. Board Requests

Trustee Worden spoke about her Resolution to Renew Executive Administrator Contracts. This was followed by questions and comments by multiple board members.

Trustee Brumbaugh moved to not cut the meeting short at 10:30 pm.

It was Moved by: Trustee Brumbaugh

Supported by: Trustee St. John

THAT the Board continue the meeting of June 12, 2023

There was a Roll Call Vote to keep the meeting running at 10:36 and not to be resumed on Wednesday June 14, 2023.

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

9. FUTURE MEETINGS

- 9.1. BOE Closed Session-Superintendent’s Evaluation, Thursday, June 15, 2023, Barnes, PLS
- 9.2. BOE Policy & Contracts Meeting, Monday, June 19, 2023, 6:00 pm, Barnes, PLS
- 9.3. BOE Regular Meeting, Tuesday, June 20, 2023, 6:30 pm, Brownell MPR
- 9.4. BOE Finance & Facilities Meeting, Wednesday, June 21, 2023, 6:00 pm, Barnes PLS
- 9.5. BOE Community Engagement Meeting, Thursday, June 22, 2023, 6:00 pm, Barnes PLS
- 9.6. BOE Curriculum Meeting, Monday, June 26, 2023, 6:00 pm, Barnes PLS

The BOE Meeting was recessed on June 12, 2023 at 10:36 pm to be resumed on Wednesday, June 14, 2023.

The BOE Meeting of Monday, June 12, 2023 resumed on Wednesday, June 14, 2023 at 6:30 pm

President Ismail called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm

10. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-ACTION ITEMS - 6:32 pm

- Daniel Jensen, GPF, spoke about the School Resource Officer Agreement.
- Cecilia Palen, GPF, talked about the middle school pool closures.
- Roy Edmonds, GPP, talked about community college as an option for our students.
- Steve Warnick, GPP, talked about the Resolution to Renew Executive Contracts.
- Mandolyn Grattan, teacher, talked about the School Resource Officer Agreement.
- Jenny Mark, GPW, talked about several BOE members and her concerns.
- Julie Moe, GP, talked about her financial background and how she could benefit the district.
- Blagica Bogligiero, GPW, discussed language classes in the district.
- Christa Fegan, GPS, talked about the reduction of the library assistants.
- Joshua Neds-Fox, GPF, talked about the Resolution to Renew Executive Contracts.
- Rosy Knapp, GPF, talked about putting the students first and stop the issues that are taking place.
- Maureen Krasner, GPF, talked about the accountability with the BOE.
- Maria Simon, GPF, talked about the questions asked by board members about the new foundation.
- Terry Collins, GPP, talked about the enrollment numbers and administrative contracts.
- Wendy Soubel, GPF, talked about the different budget proposals.
- John Arnold, GPF, talked about the split between the board members.

Elise Coyle, GPF, talked about the behavior of one of the board members.
Ken McKray, GPW, talked about the agenda of certain board members and what it's doing to this district.
Shannon Byrne, GPF, discussed the LGBTQ community, WeGP, and what is happening in this district.
Richard Schroeder, GPP, talked about the tone of voice used towards the foundation the previous night.
Ryan Ermanni, GPF, talked about sending his children to a private school because of the decisions of GP.
Stacey DeRubeis, GP, talked about the amazing staff in our district.
Christine Jacobs, GPF, talked about the rudeness of members on this board.
Joe Muzingo, GPP, thanked the new board for what they are doing.
Joyce Wagner, GPF, talked about the budget cuts and the impact they will have.
Michelle White, GPP, talked about gun violence, music education and the cuts that will impact our students.
Tom Steen, GPP, talked about sound financial footing and growing enrollment.
Kelly Rossi, GPP, clarified her letter to the board regarding the board committees, and elementary Spanish.
Matt Agnone, GPF, thanked the board for taking the time and effort to resolve the structural deficit.

11. OTHER COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS AND SUPERINTENDENT - 8:05 pm

Trustee Brumbaugh talked about Mr. Arnold's comment regarding how we want to do the right thing and how difficult it is to make a change when the board cannot agree. He expressed his concern with the deep cuts that are being proposed, and hopes that a compromise can be made. He congratulated our graduates from North and South and wished everyone a wonderful summer break.

Trustee Papas thanked everyone for coming back tonight. She mentioned that while people do not always like her decisions, she respects their opinions. She talked about the 5th grade rotation and that this is not currently in the cuts and she is very concerned about this. She talked about how this is a difficult seat to be in. The large part of our budget is people and that it's tough, everyone is on edge. She doesn't want anyone to think this board is making any of these cuts with glee, but something has to be done.

Trustee St. John discussed some of the public comments stating that it's the board against the administration. She also brought up the narrative going around that the administration is against the teachers, which is not true. She mentioned that the board has violated its own bylaws in creating this budget. We are ignoring the recommendations of teachers, staff and public and that's one of the reasons why these meetings go nine hours. She said that there are serious concerns about how this board is perceived and the motives behind some of these decisions. We need a solid reason behind each of these cuts.

Trustee Worden gave a shout out to the North baseball team who are in the finals right now. She also gave kudos to everyone who planned the graduation ceremonies. She brought up that the length and quantity of these board meetings needs to be curbed. She addressed the people who scolded her and Trustee St. John for asking questions the previous night. She brought up the fact that Ed Lazar is trying to bring a fieldhouse to our district and he was asked very hard questions by other board members which was never challenged. She talked about the budget and that there is not a large difference in dollars between the two, and she wishes that Brumbaugh's initiative needs to be looked at again.

Trustee Jeup said that she was truly delighted to be part of the graduation ceremony. She brought up Monday's meeting and that the budget cuts were put together with careful review and revision. She talked about many points regarding the budget proposal including her concern with the proposal for the extension of the administrator contracts. She also brought up the STEEAM Foundation and the donations that they have given to alleviate costs and her appreciation for this.

Trustee Cotton brought up that he rejects the idea that any decisions are being made based on race, anti-semitism, sexism or discrimination of any kind. He said that this board is here to represent you, the teachers, the students and their parents.

Superintendent Dean brought up that in the excitement of graduation we forget all of the other year end events for all of the students throughout the district and the smiles on all of the kids faces. He closed with wishing for everyone to have a good summer.

President Ismail talked about his frustration with people talking about long meetings but nobody is standing up here with better ideas of what we could do with the budget. He talked about the graduation ceremony being fun but things like the budget are not a fun thing to deal with. We do the best we can. He also brought up the outstanding jobs both principals did with their speeches at the graduation ceremonies and how incredible they are, and what it says about our community. He closed by talking about the 5th grade trip to Behr Lake and thanked the STEEAM Foundation.

12. ADJOURNMENT

President Ismail adjourned the meeting at 8:30 pm.

Ginny Jeup, Secretary