



**Grosse Pointe Board of Education
Minutes of the
GROSSE POINTE BOARD OF EDUCATION
May 22, 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 MAY 22, 2023 - 6:32 pm

President Ismail made the motion to move Items 5.1. through 5.7. into a Consent Agenda

It was moved by: Trustee St. John

Supported by: Trustee Papas

THAT the Board approve the Revised Agenda for May 22, 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 - 6:33 pm

3.1. Distinguished Volunteer Resolution

The Board recognized the following individuals for their voluntary service to the district:

Stacy Hachey
Stephanie Kaslatas
Beth Lowe
Doug Luttenberger
Tracy Magee
Scott Muylaert
Marica Ostrowski

Maria Quint
Jessica Safadi
Robin Vettraigo

There was a 10 minute reception

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ACTION ITEMS FOR MAY 22, 2023 - 6:57 pm

Marissa Ford, GPW, spoke about supporting Gun Violence Awareness Day.
Mandy Gratton, GPN teacher, spoke about the importance of teachers.
Dr. Lee Benjamins, GPF, spoke about the importance of respectful exchange between BOE members.
Terrence Collins, GPP, spoke about several previous board meetings and GAAA#1.
Judith Burkhardt ,GPW, spoke about supporting Gun Violence Awareness Day.
William Broman, GPF, spoke about the budget projections and cuts.
Matt Agnone, GPF, spoke about the deficit and budget cuts.
Michelle White, GPP, spoke about supporting Gun Violence Awareness Day.
Maureen Krasner, spoke about supporting Gun Violence Awareness Day.

5. AGENDA ACTION ITEMS FOR MAY 22, 2023 - 7:17 pm

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

THAT that the Board approves Items 5.1. through 5.7. into a Consent Agenda.

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

Motion carried 7-0 vote

- 5.1. Approval of Special Meeting Minutes for May 3, 2023**
- 5.2. Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes for May 8, 2023**
- 5.3. Approval of Special Meeting Minutes for May 10, 2023**
- 5.4. Approval of Human Resources Report for May 22, 2023**
- 5.5. Approval of the Resolution to Honor District Retirees**
- 5.6. Approval to Purchase Curriculum Resources**
- 5.7. Approval of North HS Trip to Spain**
- 5.8. Approval of GAAA#2**

It was Moved by: Trustee Cotton

Supported by: Trustee Brumbaugh

THAT the Board approve the GAAA#2

There were several comments made by several board members.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried 7-0 vote

5.9. Approval of WRESA Board Election Candidates and Representative

It was Moved by: Trustee St. John

Supported by: Trustee Jeup

THAT the Board approve to not send a representative to the WRESA Board Election

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

Nays: None

Motion carried 7-0 vote

5.10. Approval of Resolution for Local District Vote on Wayne RESA Budget

Matheson gave a brief explanation of how this vote works.

It was Moved by: Trustee St. Clair

Supported by: Trustee Worden

THAT the Board approve the Resolution for Local District Vote on Wayne RESA Budget

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

Nays: None

Motion carried 7-0 vote

5.11. Approval to Wear Orange for Gun Violence Awareness Day

It was Moved by: Trustee St. Clair

Supported by: Trustee Worden

THAT the Board approve to Wear Orange for Gun Violence Awareness Day

Multiple board members gave comments on this proposal.

Roll Call Vote to Wear Orange for Gun Violence Awareness Day:

Trustee Jeup: No
Trustee Cotton: Yes
Trustee Ismail: Yes
Trustee Papas: Yes

Trustee St. John: Yes
Trustee Worden: Yes
Trustee Brumbaugh: Yes

Motion carried 6-1 vote

5.12 Approval of Special Meeting Minutes of April 24, 2023

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

THAT the Board approve the Special Meeting Minutes of April 24, 2023

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

Nays: None

Motion carried 7-0 vote

6. AGENDA ACTION ITEMS FOR JUNE 12, 2023 - 7:55 pm

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

6.2. Approval of Resolution to Revise Board Bylaw 1.18

This was discussed between multiple board members, with comments made by several members.

6.3. Approval of South IA Consolidation Exterior Doors

Matheson gave a description of the background that brought about this recommendation which was followed by comments from several board members.

6.4. Approval of School Resource Officer (SRO) Agreement

Matheson gave detailed information on the grant to provide an SRO at North.

6.5. Approval to Proceed with Permanent Heat in the IA Building

Matheson offered a broad overview of the options available for the IA Building. This was followed by questions and comments from multiple board members.

A 10 minute break was provided at 8:39 pm

6.6. Approval of Resolution for Strategic Review of District Operations - Trustee Brumbaugh

Brumbaugh gave an explanation regarding what prompted this resolution and then proceeded to read the resolution. This was followed by questions and comments from multiple board members.

6.7 Approval of Trustee-Initiated Budget Adjustments

Papas gave a full explanation of what this resolution would entail. This was followed by questions and comments from multiple board members.

A ten minute break was provided at 10:42 pm

The questions and comments regarding Item 6.7. resumed.

6.8 Approval of Resolution to Layoff Teaching Staff

6.9 Approval of Engagement Study

This item was removed from the agenda as the speaker had to leave the meeting.

7. INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION - 11:07 pm

7.1. Monthly Financials/Check Register/Health Care Report

Matheson gave an overview of the Monthly Financials and the Check Register for April, 2023 along with the Health Care Report for February, 2023.

7.2. Board Requests

St. John asked if a financial report from Collins and Blaha had been received and when it could be expected. She then asked if committees bring recommendations to the board and verified that the committees could not direct any GPPSS staff. She concluded by asking if individual board members could solicit bids for services.

8. FUTURE MEETINGS - 11:12 pm

- 8.1.** BOE Finance & Facilities Meeting, Tuesday, May 30, 2023, 6:00 pm, Barnes PLS
- 8.2.** BOE Curriculum Committee Meeting, Wednesday, May 31, 2023, 6:00 pm, Barnes PLS
- 8.3.** BOE Regular Meeting, Monday, June 12, 2023, 6:30 pm, Brownell MPR
- 8.4.** BOE Finance & Facilities Meeting, Tuesday, June 13, 2023, 6:00 pm, Barnes PLS
- 8.5.** BOE Policy & Contracts Meeting, Monday, June 19, 2023, 6:00 pm, Barnes, PLS
- 8.6.** BOE Regular Meeting, Tuesday, June 20, 2023, 6:30 pm, Brownell MPR
- 8.7.** BOE Finance & Facilities Meeting, Wednesday, June 21, 2023, 6:00 pm, Barnes PLS
- 8.8.** BOE Community Engagement Meeting, Thursday, June 22, 2023, 6:00 pm, Barnes PLS

9. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-ACTION ITEMS - 11:13 pm

Sarah, Eva and Jackie, Students, discussed the budget cuts.

Beth Ann Bayus, GPW, discussed the budget cuts.

Naima, Student, discussed the budget cuts.

Julie Moe, GPW, discussed the budget cuts.

Stephanie Westrick, GPW, discussed the budget cuts.

Peter, Student, discussed the budget cuts.

Kristen Alles, GPW, discussed the budget cuts.

Silas, Student, discussed the budget cuts.

Jeff Somers, GPW, discussed the budget cuts.

Jessica Turner, GPW, discussed the budget cuts.

Jenny Sherman, Counselor, discussed the budget cuts.

Rev. Jeffery Baker, GPP, discussed the budget cuts.

Tara Trapasso, GPW, discussed the budget cuts.

Joshua Neds-Fox, GPF, discussed the budget cuts.
Greg Wolff, Teacher, discussed the budget cuts.
Mandy Grattan, Teacher, discussed the budget cuts.
Sarah Schroeder, GPW, discussed the budget cuts.
Meredith, Student, discussed the budget cuts.
David Schroeder, GPW, discussed the budget cuts.
Dr. Margaret Hudson-Collins, GPP, discussed the budget cuts.
Michelle Davis, Asst. Principal, discussed the budget cuts.
Katy Vernier, Asst. Principal, discussed the budget cuts.
Geoffrey Young, Asst. Principal, discussed the budget cuts.
Kate Murray, Principal, discussed the budget cuts.
Jennifer Spears, Teacher, discussed the budget cuts.
Dr. Christopher Lee, GP, discussed the budget cuts.
Brian Stackpoole, Teacher, discussed the budget cuts.
Taryn Loughlin, Teacher, discussed the budget cuts.
Eric Vanston, Teacher, discussed the budget cuts.
Terrence Collins, GPP, discussed the budget cuts.
Shkina Granberry, GPW, discussed the budget cuts.
Carol Hackleman, GPW, discussed the budget cuts.
Ana Fleury, Teacher, talked about school safety and the SRO.
Kelly Rossi, GPP, discussed the budget cuts.
Beth Walsh-Sahutske, Counselor, discussed the budget cuts
Kelly Larson, GP, discussed the budget cuts.
Ted Coutilish, GPS, talked about the marketing branding campaign.
Nick Symonette, GPW, discussed the budget cuts.
Claire Pfeiffer, GPW, discussed the budget cuts.
Judy Gaffa, GPW, discussed the budget cuts.

10 Minute Break

Steve Warnick, GPP, discussed the budget cuts.
Michelle White, GPP, discussed the wear orange day, the mental health clinic, SRO's and budget cuts.
Brent Maynard, teacher, discussed the budget cuts.
Christine Jacobs, GPF, discussed the marketing branding campaign.
Maureen Krasner, GPF, discussed the inclusive holiday calendar and the budget cuts.
Richard Schroeder, GPP, discussed the budget cuts.
Maria Simon, GPF, asked the board to listen to what is being said tonight.
Andrea Joy, GPF, discussed the budget cuts.
Lesley Graham, GPW, discussed the budget cuts.
MaryBeth Nicholson, GPW, discussed the budget cuts.
Maureen Bennett, GP, discussed the budget cuts.
Wendy Richards, GPC, discussed the budget cuts.
Cheryl Denman, GPP, discussed the budget cuts.
Joyce Wagner, GPF, discussed the budget cuts.
Ben Henri, Teacher, discussed the budget cuts.
Shannon Byrne, GP, discussed the budget cuts.
Kim Golleheur, Parapro, discussed the budget cuts.
Christine Roncone, GPP, discussed the budget cuts.

Dan Jensen, GPF, discussed the School Resource Officer.
Maria Lograsso, GPS, discussed the step increase and salary schedules.
Peter Ochs, GPP, discussed the fund balance.
Mary Howlett, GPP, discussed the budget cuts.
Liz Michaels, GPF, discussed the budget cuts.
Caroline Marks, GPF, discussed the budget cuts.
Blagica Bottigliero, GPW, discussed the budget cuts.
Beth Pellegrini, GPW, discussed the budget cuts and closing the gap.
Ruta, Student, discussed the budget cuts.
Analise, Student, discussed the budget cuts.
Bradley Smith, Teacher, discussed the budget cuts.
Elisa Wagner, GPW, discussed gun violence.

10. BOARD DISCUSSION - BUDGET PROPOSALS - 3:04 am

Dean discussed how he is worried about September 5th, when the kids come back. He encouraged the Board to seek a compromise that would bring together the various versions of the budget by this Wednesday. Cotton and Brumbaugh agreed to meet with Dr. Dean.

St. John suggested that the Board eliminate the Budget Proposal discussion and to limit the board comments to 2 minutes. Ismail concurred.

11. OTHER COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS AND SUPERINTENDENT - 3:02 am

Deputy Superintendent Bishop gave a shout-out to all of the students who were here tonight. He also stated how thankful he is to be serving the Harper Woods and Grosse Pointe communities. He expressed how he would like everyone to know how much he supports each and every one of you.

Trustee Brumbaugh echoed Bishop's thoughts and congratulated the staff of North who stayed here all night and shared their thoughts. He continued to talk about the difficult choice that needs to be made on this budget and how we all need to speak with one voice on these priorities.

Trustee Papas spoke about the Distinguished Volunteers and how blessed our district is to have them. She continued to speak about the pools and how she's been speaking with members of the community who want to find a way to raise the funds to save them.

Trustee St. John talked about how grateful she is to all of the students who came tonight. She elaborated on why she ran for the board and that her goal is to make sure that our kids have the support that they need. We need to look at how successful our kids are even if our fund equity isn't where it needs to be. She closed with stating that she thought that Brumbaugh's proposal is the compromise we need.

Trustee Worden thanked our students and staff for speaking up tonight. She said that we cannot slash and burn these positions and manage to keep our district at its best. She elaborated on how our students are the most important and she supports Brumbaugh's resolution.

Trustee Jeup talked about how nobody wants to make these difficult decisions. Our job is to be fiscally responsible. Over the last years we have lost students and our past board had not been proactive enough to

face this situation. Our job now is to achieve a sound budget and that she feels these cuts will help us to meet this.

Trustee Cotton elaborated on the fact that if anyone else wants to work on this budget he wants them to reach out.

President Ismail had no more to say and adjourned the meeting.

12. ADJOURNMENT

President Ismail adjourned the meeting at 3:16 am.

Ginny Jeup, Secretary