



Grosse Pointe Board of Education
Minutes of the
GROSSE POINTE BOARD OF EDUCATION
May 8, 2023 Amended 5/19/23

Enclosure: 5.2.

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 8, 2023 - 6:31 pm

Trustee Cotton motioned to move action item 6.8., Resolution to Direct Administration to Resume Parcels Principal Search, to 5.7. as an action item to be voted on tonight.

It was moved by: Trustee Cotton

Supported by: Trustee Jeup

THAT the Board Agenda for May 8, 2023 to Move Item 6.8. as an Action Item 5.7. as presented.

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

Motion carried 4-3 vote

It was moved by President Ismail that the agenda be amended and move Action Item 5.5., Acceptance of Grosse Pointe Foundation for Public Education - Gifts, to 3.1.

It was Moved by: Trustee Ismail

Supported by: Trustee Brumbaugh

THAT that the Board Amend the Agenda and Move Action Item 5.5. To 3.1. as presented.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried 7-0 vote

President Ismail motioned for a vote to approve the amended agenda for May 8, 2023.

It was Moved by: Trustee Ismail

Supported by: Trustee Brumbaugh

THAT that the Board approve the Amended Agenda for May 8, 2023 as presented.

Ayes: Trustees: Jeup, Cotton, Ismail, Papas and Brumbaugh

Nays: Trustees: St. John and Worden

Motion carried 5-0 vote

3. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT - 6:33 pm

3.1. Grosse Pointe Foundation for Public Education - Gifts

Dr. Dean announced that the GPFPE would be awarding the Regular and SEED - Spring, 2023 grants and introduced Cynthia Sohn to present the grants.

Regular Grants

Merging Physical Education and Academics - Young 5's - 4th Grades (Defer) - \$820 Submitted by: Courtney Kliman

First Lego League, Explore and Challenge Programs - K - 4th Grades (Defer) - \$600 submitted by: Melissa Keagle and Lindsay Dorosz

Coding For Kids - K- 4th Grade (Ferry) - \$580 Submitted by: Mary Beth Coffey

Mason School Accessible Playground - Young 5's - 4th Grades (Mason) - \$25,000 Submitted by: Kristen DellaMora, Katrina Brenan, Amanda York and Kyle Monroe

Botmasterz Robotics Team - 5th - 8th Grades (Pierce) - \$600 Submitted by Jane Plieth

Setting the Table for the Parcels Jazz Band to Protect and Grow Jazz Education - 5th - 8th Grades (Parcels) - \$5,600 Submitted by: Tom Torrento

Sewing Machine / Lab Replacement Program - 9th - 12th Grades (North) - \$3,200 Submitted by: Bryan Schuerman

Boosting the Marching Band Bass - 9th - 12th Grades (North) - \$4,500 Submitted by Tom Torrento

Unified High School, All-Girls Botmasterz Robotics Team - 9th - 12th Grades (South and North) - \$2,000 Submitted by: Sherry Betcher and Jane Plieth

The Dali Museum Mural Project for District Office - 8 Art Students, 10th - 12th Grades (South) - \$600 Submitted by: Alex Finney

Total Regular Grants awarded this cycle: \$43,950

SEED (Social Emotional Encouragement and Development) Grants:

PREPaRE Training Workshop - GPPSS Mental Health Professionals and other School Crisis Team Members - \$8,200 Submitted by: Cynthia LaRue and Keith Howell

Calming Room - Young 5's - 4th Grades (Ferry) - \$800 Submitted by: Jodie Randazzo
Sensory Room - 5th - 8th Grades (Brownell) - \$2,554 Submitted by: Anne Westmeier and Jennifer Walker
Assistive Technology and Sensory General Education Kits - K-12th Grades (Districtwide) - \$2,500
Submitted by: Julia Kennedy and Lisa Newbold
TRAILS to Wellness Group - 9th - 12th Grades (South) - \$338 Submitted by: Lisa Khoury, Jennifer Vick,
Ashley Hester and Beth Walsh-Sahutske

Total SEED Grants awarded this cycle: \$14,392

President Ismail motioned to move agenda action item 5.5. to be voted on at this time.

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

THAT the Board vote on Item 5.5 at this time

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

Nays: None

Motion carried 7-0 vote

3.2. GPEA Teacher of the Year Recognition

GPEA Co-President, Jackie Shelson, introduced the GPEA Teachers of the Year 2023:

Kelly Vess, Barnes, Speech/Language
Tracey Corden, Brownell Social Studies
Stephanie Dye, Defer 1st Grade
James Fisher, Ferry 3/4 Magnet
Ryan Boyd, Kerby ASD
Shelly Maison, Maire 3rd Grade
Kari Krausmann, Mason 1st Grade
Elizabeth Wang, Monteith 1st Grade
Sue Speirs, North Biology
Noah Zogas, North Music
Michelle Orhan, Pierce 5th Grade Language Arts and Social Studies
Ean Williams, Richard 3/4 Magnet
Harry Campion, South Creative Writing, AP Literature, Mythology

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ACTION ITEMS FOR MAY 8, 2023 - 7:05 pm

Nick Symonette, GPW, teacher, spoke about the search for a Parcels principal.
Maureen Krasner, GPF, spoke about the Parcels principal position and the Open Meetings Act.
Joshua Neds-Fox, GPF, spoke about Agenda Item 5.6. and the search for a Parcels principal.
Steve Warnick, GPP, spoke about Agenda Item 5.6. and the search for a Parcels principal.
Rosy Knapp, GPF, talked about the search for a Parcels principal.
Shantrell Griffin, GPF, spoke about Agenda Item 5.6. and the search for a Parcels principal.
Shannon Byrne, GPF, spoke about Agenda Item 5.6. and the search for a Parcels principal.

5. AGENDA ACTION ITEMS FOR MAY 8, 2023 - 7:27 pm

5.1. Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of April 24, 2023

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

THAT that the Board approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of April 24, 2023

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

Nays: None

Motion carried 7-0 vote

5.2. Approval of Special Meeting Minutes for April 27, 2023

It was Moved by: Trustee Papas

Supported by: Trustee Brumbaugh

THAT the Board approve the Special Meeting Minutes for April 27, 2023

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

Nays: None

Motion carried 7-0 vote

5.3. Approval of the Athletic Trainer Contract

Deputy Superintendent Matheson gave a brief overview of the Athletic Trainer Contract with Henry Ford Health.

It was Moved by: Trustee Brumbaugh

Supported by: Trustee Papas

THAT the Board approve the Athletic Trainer Contract

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

Nays: None

Motion carried 7-0 vote

5.4. Approval of the Pupil Transportation Contract

Deputy Superintendent Matheson gave a brief overview of the process to secure the new Pupil Transportation Contract with Auxilio.

It was Moved by: Trustee Brumbaugh

Supported by: Trustee Papas

THAT the Board approve the Pupil Transportation Contract

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

Nays: None

Motion carried 7-0 vote

5.5. Acceptance of the Grosse Pointe Foundation for Public Education Gifts

This item was amended to be approved after item 3.1.

5.6. Approval of the Board of Education Ad Hoc Negotiations Committee

Several board members asked questions and voiced their opinions on this committee.

It was Moved by: Trustee Papas

Supported by: Trustee Jeup

THAT the Board approve the Board of Education Ad Hoc Negotiations Committee

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

Motion carried 4-3 vote

5.7. Approval of the Resolution to Direct Administration to Resume Parcels Principal Search

It was Moved by: Trustee Worden

Supported by: Trustee Papas

Trustee Worden gave an outline of why she came up with this resolution and the importance of finding the correct candidate for this position.

Trustee Cotton made a motion to amend the wording of the proposed amendment. This was followed by multiple comments made by Board members.

It was Moved by: Trustee Cotton

Supported by: Trustee Papas

To amend the resolution language to read, “Be it resolved that the GPPSS Administration and Superintendent shall immediately resume the Parcels Principal search and submit the candidate for the Board Approval in the next 30 days or as quickly as possible.”

Roll Call Vote to amend the language:

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

THAT the Board approve the Amended Resolution to adjust the language

Motion carried 4-3 vote

Roll Call Vote to pass the resolution to Resume the Parcels Principal Search:

Trustee Jeup: Yes
Trustee Cotton: Yes
Trustee Ismail: Yes

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

Motion carried 7-0 vote

There was a 5 minute break.

6. AGENDA ACTION ITEMS FOR MAY 22, 2023 - 8:21 pm

President Ismail motioned to add the minutes for the upcoming meeting on Wednesday, May 10, 2023 as an Agenda Action Item for May 22, 2023.

- 6.1. Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of May 8, 2023
- 6.2. Approval of Human Resources Report for May 22, 2023
- 6.3. Approval of Resolution for Distinguished Volunteers
- 6.4. Approval of Resolution to Honor District Retirees
- 6.5. Approval of 2022-2023 GAAA #2

Deputy Superintendent Matheson gave a broad overview of the 2022-2023 GAAA #2. This was followed by questions and comments from several board members.

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

Matheson gave an explanation of what this resolution entails.

- 6.7. Approval of North HS Spain Trip 2024

Dan Hartley introduced Ms. Gratton, Spanish Teacher at North, who gave a detailed overview of the proposed HS Trip to Spain in 2024.

- 6.9. Approval to Purchase Curriculum Resources - Presentation

Keith Howell and Dan Hartley gave a presentation for the Curriculum Resources that they are seeking board approval for. This was followed up with multiple comments and questions by board members.

- 6.9.1. Approval to Purchase 7-12th Grade World Language Resources
- 6.9.2. Approval to Purchase Y5-5th Math Resources
- 6.9.3. Approval of Y5-5 Word Study Program
- 6.9.4. Elementary Program of Studies (Information Only)

7. INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION - 9:35 pm

- 7.1. **Board Requests**

Trustee St. John discussed an email that she had sent regarding the Wear Orange Proclamation.

8. FUTURE MEETINGS - 9:38 pm

- 8.1. BOE Policy & Contracts Meeting, Monday, May 15, 2023, 6:00 pm, Barnes, PLS

- 8.2. BOE Finance & Facilities Meeting, Tuesday, May 16, 2023, 6:00 pm, Barnes PLS
- 8.3. BOE Community Engagement Meeting, Wednesday, May 17, 2023, 6:00 pm, Barnes PLS
- 8.4. BOE Regular Meeting, Monday, May 22, 2023, 6:30 pm, Brownell MPR
- 8.5. BOE Finance & Facilities Meeting, Tuesday, May 30, 2023, 6:00 pm, Barnes PLS
- 8.6. BOE Curriculum Committee Meeting, Wednesday, May 31, 2023, 6:00 pm, Barnes PLS
- 8.7. BOE Regular Meeting, Monday, June 12, 2023, 6:30 pm, Brownell MPR

Dr. Dean explained that there was an addition to the future meetings and a location change.

9. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-ACTION ITEMS - 9:39 pm

Blagica Bottigliero, GPW, talked about transparency, parent's calendars and tonight's meeting.

Joshua Neds-Fox, GPF, discussed safety funding and board transparency.

LaKeytria Felder, GPP, discussed trust and transparency.

Robin Hartnett, GPF, talked about the middle school pools.

Judith Burkhardt, GPW, talked about gun violence and the Wear Orange campaign.

Maria Simon, GPF, thanked all of the teachers who have provided her grandchildren with a world-class education.

Mary Rouleau, GPP, wrote a letter regarding the Open Meetings Act which was read to the board by Rosy Knapp.

Terence Collins, GPP, discussed several issues with the budget.

Richard Schroeder, GPP, discussed school resource officers and how they are an asset to schools along with protocol for board meetings.

10. OTHER COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS AND SUPERINTENDENT - 10:05 pm

Trustee Brumbaugh discussed the importance of finding a principal for Parcels. He also talked about the importance of establishing a budget and the open discussions that need to be had to ensure fiscal responsibility.

Dr. Bishop talked about National Principals Day and National School Nurses Day.

Trustee Papas discussed the Curriculum Committee and the teachers that were honored. She talked about the importance of moving an agenda item up when it is for a good reason. She talked about how this board needs to come together. She also mentioned the school resource officers and what a benefit they are for the school they are in.

Trustee St. John asked that fellow board members remember that questions are not attacks. She talked about how she wishes that all of the trustees could communicate better and discuss changes to the agenda in advance as she has asked for. She mentioned that she knows that the board is here to serve the community and we need to behave accordingly. She closed with thanking the GPFPE and all of our teachers and staff.

Trustee Worden wanted to thank all of our teachers and everyone who worked so hard on the grants that we received. She also wanted to thank the Foundation for what they have done for our district. She mentioned how grateful she was to the trustees who worked with her proposed agenda item. She concluded by explaining how important she feels transparency is within the board.

Trustee Jeup thanked the GPFPE and the teachers who were recognized. She also discussed the fiscally responsible budget goals that we still need to reach. She talked about how much she appreciates the community.

Trustee Cotton talked about the previous board and the budget issues that we have today.

Superintendent Dean discussed Teacher Appreciation Week and how what happens inside the classroom is most important. He discussed the relationship work that we still need to do, or our community and teachers will suffer. He stressed that we all need to do a better job with this so that the business part of our district succeeds.

President Ismail thanked the GPFPE for their grants to the district. He brought up how he cannot always control how certain items come up in a board meeting and that he does not have a problem with how things were brought up at this board meeting.

11. ADJOURNMENT

President Ismail adjourned the meeting at 10:28 pm.

Ginny Jeup, Secretary