



**Grosse Pointe Board of Education
Minutes of the
GROSSE POINTE BOARD OF EDUCATION
April 24, 2023**

Enclosure: 5.1

1. CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/ROLL CALL

President Ismail called the meeting to order at 6:32 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 APRIL 24, 2023 - 6:32 pm

Superintendent Dean explained that the Human Resources Report was revised on this agenda.

It was moved by: Trustee Cotton

Supported by: Trustee Papas

THAT the Board approve the Revised Agenda for April 24, 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 - 6:34 pm

3.1. Bond Oversight Committee Recognition

Dr. Dean and President Ismail presented certificates of appreciation to the 5 members of the Bond Oversight Committee: George Bailey, Matthew Jewell, Wilson Moin, Garrett Myers and David Walenga. Only Matthew Jewell was present.

3.2. Recognition of Winter Athletes

Dr. Dean introduced Brandon Wheeler (South) and Michelle Davis (North) who then joined he and President Ismail in recognizing the outstanding athletes and coaches from both Grosse Pointe South and Grosse Pointe North.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ACTION ITEMS FOR APRIL 24, 2023 - 6:49 pm

Geri LaPratt, City of Harper Woods, requested that the Board grant the extension to Robertson Brothers for the purchase of the Poupard property.

Larry Sledz, GPW, discussed the Parcels Assistant Principal position.

Ali Sledz, GPW, discussed the Parcels Assistant Principal position.

Elizabeth Buslepp, GPW, discussed the Parcels Assistant Principal position.

5. AGENDA ACTION ITEMS FOR APRIL 24, 2023 - 6:58 pm

5.1. Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of April 10, 2023

It was Moved by: Trustee Papas

Supported by: Trustee Jeup

THAT that the Board approve the Regular Meeting Minutes from April 10, 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 from April 11, 2023

It was Moved by: Trustee Papas

Supported by: Trustee Jeup

THAT the Board approve the Special Meeting Minutes from April 11, 2023

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

Nays: None

Motion carried 7-0 vote

5.3. Approval of the Revised Human Resources Report for April 24, 2023

It was Moved by: Trustee St. John

Supported by: Trustee Worden

THAT the Board approve the Revised Human Resources Report for April 24, 2023

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

Nays: None

Motion carried 7-0 vote

Several Board members voiced their approval for the revision made to the Human Resources report.

5.4. Approval of the Poupard First Amendment to the Offer to Purchase Real Estate

Deputy Superintendent Matheson gave an introduction of the Poupard First Amendment to the Offer to Purchase Real Estate with a six month extension. Several Board members voiced their approval and their opposition to this proposal.

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

THAT the Board approve the Poupard First Amendment to the Offer to Purchase Real Estate

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

Motion carried 6-1 vote

5.5. Approval of the Resolution Approving Settlement of Litigation

Deputy Superintendent Matheson gave a brief overview of this resolution.

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

THAT the Board approve the Resolution Approving Settlement of Litigation

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

Nays: None

Motion carried 7-0 vote

6. AGENDA ACTION ITEMS FOR MAY 8, 2023 - 7:10 pm

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

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

6.3. Approval of Athletic Trainer Contract

Matheson gave an overview of what the Athletic Trainer Contract with Henry Ford Health would entail, which would provide a one-year contract with the option to extend for up to two additional annual terms. This was followed up with several comments by board members.

6.4. Approval of Pupil Transportation Contract

Matheson gave an overview of the details of the new contract with Auxillo for a three-year term with two one-year extensions that would be available. This was followed by several comments and questions by board members.

7. INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION - 7:17 pm

7.1. Monthly Financials/Check Register/Health Care Report

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

7.2. Moody's Rating Change

Matheson gave a detailed description of the report from Moody's and the rating change to our district.

7.3. Treasurer's Report - Budget Management Presentation

Trustee Cotton introduced Brendon Walsh of the Finance and Facilities Committee, and asked him to present the financial report that he had prepared for the district. This was followed up with multiple questions and comments by several board members.

7.4. Board Requests

Trustee St. Clair asked about her request for board norms that she had previously sent and asked that it be put on the next agenda. This was discussed by several board members.

8. FUTURE MEETINGS - 8:09 pm

- 8.1.** BOE Special Meeting Training Class, Thursday, April 27, 2023, 6:00 pm, Morningside Board Room
- 8.2.** BOE Curriculum Meeting, Monday, May 1, 2023, 6:00 pm, Barnes PLS
- 8.3.** BOE Finance & Facilities Meeting, Tuesday, May 2, 2023, 6:00 pm, Barnes PLS
- 8.4.** BOE Regular Meeting, Monday, May 8, 2023, 6:30 pm, Brownell MPR
- 8.5.** BOE Policy & Contracts Meeting, Monday, May 15, 2023, 6:00 pm, Barnes, PLS
- 8.6.** BOE Finance & Facilities Meeting, Tuesday, May 16, 2023, 6:00 pm, Barnes PLS
- 8.7.** BOE Community Engagement Meeting, Wednesday, May 17, 2023, 6:00 pm, Barnes PLS
- 8.8.** BOE Regular Meeting, Monday, May 22, 2023, 6:30 pm, Brownell MPR

9. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-ACTION ITEMS - 8:10 pm

Holly Kubek, GPF, discussed the potential layoff of library assistants.

Andrea Pietrowsky, GPW, discussed the budget cuts, legal counsel and the possibility of a marketing firm.

LaKeytria Felder, GPP, talked about the mental health clinic and wanted to know where this stands.

Joshua Neds-Fox, GPF, gave an overview on the details of an emergency management plan.

Michelle White, GPP, talked about the South production of Mama Mia.

Angela Stanley, Parcels Librarian, talked about the proposed cuts in our library programs.

Stephanie Neisch, Parcels Library Media Assistant, talked about the proposed cuts in our library programs.

Christina Michaud, Pierce Library Media Assistant, talked about the proposed cuts in our library programs.

Rosy Knapp, GPF, discussed the budget cuts.

10. OTHER COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS AND SUPERINTENDENT - 8:34 pm

Trustee St. John thanked everyone who got up to speak tonight and said how helpful it was as board members are not in the classroom to see how these cuts may affect the students. She continued with discussing the possibility of hiring a marketing firm and hiring the Parcels Principal. She elaborated on the details of an emergency management plan and agreed with the fact that cuts do need to take place in the district budget. She closed with discussing how much time the Administration is being asked to spend on the new committees.

Trustee Worden was glad that the board made the decision it did to change the decision on the assistant principal at Parcels. She also expounded on how critical it is to continue the search to find a strong principal for that school. She agreed that we do need to make budget cuts and that she hopes we listen to the people who have financial backgrounds and have only the best interests of the district. She closed with a shout-out to Mrs. Saroli for winning the Best Communities for Music Award.

Trustee Jeup thanked Brendan Walsh for his thorough presentation and mentioned that it will help us get to a structurally sound budget and help in making the decisions that have to be made. She thanked everyone for being here because all your opinions matter.

Trustee Cotton started by saying that he agrees with all of the statements made about the librarians and would like this removed from the budget cuts. He thanked multiple people for their help with the mental health clinic research.

Deputy Superintendent Dr. Bishop thanked our students who were at the board meeting tonight. He also talked about the upcoming Community United in Diversity meeting on May 30th at Ferry Elementary.

Trustee Brumbaugh talked about how the board received dozens of emails regarding Parcell's assistant principal and the cuts to our librarians. He expounded on how we need to take ownership as to how these discussions impact real people. He continues with how we need to explore how these affect our mission, our people and our kids. He apologized for any stress that the community at Parcels may have gone through.

Trustee Papas talked about the student athletes and the musical at South and how amazing the program is. She also discussed the cuts to the library assistants and how much she appreciates all of the work that they do. She mentioned that she has seen first hand what happens when a library operates without assistants. She closed with thanking all of the community volunteers who share information and for those on the committees.

Superintendent Dean discussed Steve Geresy and how he and Mrs. Fannon have been working on a closed captioned option for our livestream board meetings, and the background information of how this is currently working.

President Ismail talked about how great the student athletes are in our district. He also mentioned the choirs and all of the performances the students put together. He thanked the community for coming to the meetings, and all of the expertise of the community that they share at these meetings. He also thanked those that are members of the committees and for all the time they are volunteering.

11. ADJOURNMENT

President Ismail adjourned the meeting at 8:50 pm.

Ginny Jeup, Secretary