



Grosse Pointe Board of Education
Regular Meeting - December 9, 2024
MINUTES
Brownell Middle School
260 Chalfonte, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236

Meeting Minutes

Encl: 6.3.

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

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

Board members present: Trustees: Cotton, Jeup, Ismail, Collins, Worden, Papas, St. John

Absent: None

Late Arrival: None

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by all in attendance.

Also Present: Superintendent Dr. Andrea Tuttle, Dr. Roy Bishop, Dr. Chris Stanley, CFO Brandy Pavlik

2. APPROVAL OF THE BOARD AGENDA FOR DECEMBER 9, 2024

President Cotton made a motion to move Public Comment on Trombly and Special Needs to right after the Trombly presentation. Then at 5.5 we have the Assistant Superintendent of HR, then at 5.9, we have a release the report to trustees, then move the Trombly Survey up from future action items. And discussing a different Trombly survey moving to 5.10. And then approval of Robertson Homes Purchase Agreement is 5.11. Last, to suspend the board policy for this meeting and make board member comments unlimited at the end of the meeting.

Trustee Papas made a motion to add an additional Item 8.5. regarding emails between a board member and the superintendent.

Trustee Worden made a motion to add Election of the Future officers and Approval of the Regular Board Meeting Calendar for 2025 to the January 7, 2025.

It was Moved by: Trustee Cotton

Supported by: Trustee Jeup

THAT the Board approve to approve the Agenda for December 9, 2024, with the proposed changes, as presented.

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

Nays: Trustee St. John

Motion carried 6-1 vote

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3. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT - STUDENTS AND SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

A. Maire/Defer Elementary— Students from Defer gave a presentation on the 10-year Anniversary of Defer Elementary. Students from Maire talked about their part in the Detroit Red Wings Promotional Extras.

B. Presentation of GPFPE Grants - Cynthia Sloan presented the 2024 Fall Grants.

1. Books for Library, Classrooms and Students (Ages 3-5) Barnes (\$2,000)
2. Bringing Books to Life (Ages 2-6) Barnes (\$2,000)
3. Kerby's Rising Stars Destination Imagination Team (Young 5 to 4th grade) Kerby (\$240)
4. Augmentative and Alternative Communication (Young 5 to 4th grade) Mason (\$4,193)
5. Mason Book Vending Machine (Young 5 to 4th grade) Mason (\$6,150)
6. Monteith and Mason Destination Imagination Team (Kindergarten and 1st grade) Monteith and Mason (\$240)
7. Sensory Motor Room Start Up (Kindergarten to 4th grade) Monteith (\$3,500)
8. Modernizing Middle School Workshop for 21st Century Skills and Safety (7th and 8th grades) Pierce (\$7,800)
9. Headphones for ELA Classrooms (5th-8th grades) Parcels (\$2,000)
10. Brass Roots Initiative: Adding Color to Advance the Ensemble Sound (5th -8th grades) Brownell (\$6,600)
11. Replacement Stove and Oven for Special Education Classrooms (5th-8th grades) Parcels (\$750)
12. General Assistance for the Gearheads-the Combined North and South FIRST Robotics Team (9th-12th grades) North and South (\$2,500)
13. The Shoe Project (9th-12th grades) North (\$2,000)
14. Comprehensible Input Readers for French (9th-12th grades) North (\$535)
15. University Tours (11th-12th grades) South (\$1,500)
16. Camera Lenses for Photography Classroom (9th-12th grades) South (\$1,852)
17. Future City High School (9th-12th grades) South (\$375)
18. Grosse Pointe Public School System Website (all students, schools and Grosse Pointe communities) District Wide (\$50,000)

SEED (Social, Emotional, Encouragement and Development) Grants

1. Peer 2 Peer Program (9th to 12th grades) North (\$2,500)

2. Fifth Grade Camp Support (5th grade) Parcels (\$2,000)
 3. Wellness Week (Kindergarten to 4th grades) Kerby (\$500)
 4. Sensory Corner (Ages 2 to 5) Barnes (\$1,000)
 5. Adaptive Swing Set with ADA Ramp (5th to 8th grades) Parcels (\$4,328)
 6. Parcels Student Union (5th to 8th grades) Parcels (\$7,500)
 7. Support Mannequin Project for French Students (9th to 12th grades) North (\$300)
- Total Fall GPFPE Grant Awards: \$112,353

C. Acceptance of GPFPE Grants

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

THAT the Board accept the GPFPE Grants, as presented.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried 7-0 vote

D. Recognition of out-going Board Members

Dr. Tuttle highlighted the valuable contributions our outgoing board members have made to our district. Jackie Shelton, GPEA president, delivered a heartfelt speech honoring the outgoing board members.

E. Recognition of 2024 Committee Members

Dr. Tuttle emphasized our committee members' significant contributions to our district. She then introduced all of the committee members present.

F. Trombly Presentation with Updated Information

Dr. Tuttle gave a detailed presentation on Trombly School. Dr. Stanley offered a brief overview of the Trombly survey that will be going out to residents who reside within the Trombly boundaries. Comments and questions from multiple board members followed this.

There was a 5 minute break

Dr. Tuttle shared the Snow Day policy that was sent out to the district.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON TROMBLY FOR DECEMBER 9, 2024

Renee Jakobowski, GPP, spoke about the importance of restoring Trombly
Janine Eckert, GPP, spoke about the importance of restoring Trombly
Michelle Hodges, Mayor, GPP, spoke about the importance of restoring Trombly
Peter M., student, discussed the cuts and loss of staff at North
Brendan Kaiser, GPP, spoke about the importance of restoring Trombly
James Creighton, GPP, discussed the big picture for the district, the sinking fund and 10 yr. strategy
Wendy Soubel, GPF, talked about the sinking fund and buildings
Matt Kahl, GPP, spoke about the importance of restoring Trombly
Tony Gatliff, GPP, spoke about the importance of restoring Trombly
Jimmy Seros, GPP, spoke about the importance of restoring Trombly
Jennifer Munson, GPP, spoke about the importance of restoring Trombly
Dick Schroeder, GPP, spoke about the importance of restoring Trombly
Chelsea Bauton, GPP, spoke about the importance of restoring Trombly
Monique Abshire, GPP, spoke about the importance of restoring Trombly
Luke Donahue, GPP, spoke about the importance of restoring Trombly
Richard Atkins, GPP, spoke about the importance of restoring Trombly
Jean Bean, GPP, spoke about the importance of restoring Trombly
Karen LaVere, GPP, spoke about the importance of restoring Trombly
Mark O’Keefe, GPP, discussed our lack of Special Ed educators
Julie Moe, GPW, discussed our lack of Special Ed educators

4.A. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ACTION ITEMS FOR NOVEMBER 19, 2024

Jim Clark, Robertson Homes, discussed the Poupard Development
Valerie Kindle, Mayor of Harper Woods, asked to approve an extension on the Poupard Development
Jackie Shelton, GPEA, talked about the hiring process at Central Office
Tim Loughrin, Robertson Homes, discussed the Poupard Development
Christine Jacobs, GPF, talked about the hiring process at Central Office.
Rosie Knapp, GPF, requested a financial review before any further decisions are made.
Shannon Morgan, Renovare Development, discussed the importance of an extension for Poupard Schools

There was a 15 minute break

5. AGENDA ACTION ITEMS FOR December 9, 2024

5.1. APPROVAL OF REGULAR MEETING MINUTES FOR NOVEMBER 19, 2024

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

THAT the Board approve the Regular Meeting Minutes for November 19, 2024, as presented.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried 7-0 vote

5.2. APPROVAL OF SPECIAL SESSION MEETING MINUTES FOR NOVEMBER 18, 2024

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

THAT the Board approve the Special Session Meeting Minutes for November 18, 2024, as presented.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried 7-0 vote

5.3. APPROVAL OF FOIA COMMITTEE MINUTES FOR OCTOBER 14, 2024

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

THAT the Board approve the FOIA Committee Minutes for October 14, 2024, as presented.

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

Nays: Trustees: Worden and St. John

Motion carried 5-2 vote

5.4. APPROVAL OF CENTRAL OFFICE PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATION

Trustee Cotton motioned to approve the Central Office recommendation as stated.

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

THAT the Board approve the Central Office Personnel Recommendation, as presented.

President Cotton stated to amend this item to offer the Central Office Communications position to Mary Anne Brush.

Trustee St. John motioned to table the entire recommendation of Central Office Personnel until January, for the first budget amendment. This was followed by multiple questions and comments by board members.

It was Moved by: Trustee St. John **Supported by:** Trustee Worden

THAT the Board table the Central Office Personnel Recommendation until January, as presented.

Ayes: Trustees: St. John, Worden

Nays: Trustees: Cotton, Collins, Jeup, Ismail, Papas

Motion failed 2-5 vote

It was Moved by: Trustee Cotton

Supported by: Trustee Jeup

THAT the Board amend the Central Office Personnel Recommendation with the offer of the Supervisor of Communications position to MaryAnne Brush, as presented.

Ayes: Trustees: Cotton, Jeup, Ismail, Collins, Worden, Papas

Nays: Trustee: St. John

Motion carried 6-1 vote

5.5. APPROVAL TO HIRE MOUSSA HAMKA AS ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES

It was Moved by: Trustee Cotton

Supported by: Trustee Jeup

THAT the Board approve to hire Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources, as presented.

Ayes: Trustees: Cotton, Jeup, Ismail, Collins, Worden, Papas

Nays: Trustee: St. John

Motion carried 6-1 vote

President Cotton made a Motion to extend the meeting by another hour

It was Moved by: Trustee Cotton

Supported by: Trustee Papas

THAT the Board extend the meeting by one hour, as presented.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried 7-0 vote

5.6. APPROVAL OF THE HUMAN RESOURCES REPORT FOR DECEMBER 9, 2024

It was Moved by: Trustee Cotton

Supported by: Trustee Ismail

THAT the Board approve the Human Resources Report, as presented.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried 7-0 vote

5.7. APPROVAL OF PERSONAL FINANCE STUDY

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

THAT the Board approve the Personal Finance Study, as presented.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried 7-0 vote

5.8. APPROVAL OF PROGRAM OF STUDIES FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL

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

THAT the Board approve the Program of Studies for Middle School and High School, as presented.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried 7-0 vote

5.9. APPROVAL TO DIRECT CLARK HILL TO RELEASE THE REPORT TO ALL TRUSTEE'S

It was Moved by: Trustee Ismail **Supported by:** Trustee Collins

THAT the Board approve to release the Report, as presented.

Roll Call:

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| Trustee St. John | Yes |
| Trustee Worden | Yes |
| Trustee Jeup | Yes |
| Trustee Collins | Yes |
| Trustee Papas | Yes |
| Trustee Ismail | Yes |
| Trustee Cotton | Yes |

Motion carried 7-0 vote

5.8. APPROVAL TO DIRECT ADMINISTRATION TO ENGAGE A THIRD PARTY IN CREATING A SURVEY FOR THE TROMBLY DISTRICT

Multiple questions and comments were made by board members.

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

THAT the Board approve to direct the Administration to engage a third party in creating a survey for the Trombly District, as presented.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried 7-0 vote

5.11. APPROVAL OF EXTENDING THE ROBERTSON HOMES PURCHASE AGREEMENT

Comments were made by Dr. Tuttle. Tim Loughlin spoke about extending the agreement. Legal Counsel, Joseph Colaianne, spoke about the extension. This was followed by multiple questions and comments from board members. Trustee Ismail made a motion to go into Closed Session with our attorney to discuss this change to the offer.

It was Moved by: Trustee Ismail

Supported by: Trustee Collins

To go into Closed Session to discuss the amended Agreement, as presented.

Roll Call:

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| Trustee St. John | No |
| Trustee Worden | No |
| Trustee Jeup | Yes |
| Trustee Collins | Yes |
| Trustee Papas | Yes |
| Trustee Ismail | Yes |
| Trustee Cotton | Yes |

Motion carried 5-2 vote

President Cotton made a Motion to extend the meeting by another hour

It was Moved by: Trustee Cotton

Supported by: Trustee Papas

THAT the Board extend the meeting by one hour, as presented.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried 7-0 vote

President Cotton stated that there is an amendment to be made to the motion made by Trustee Worden, the amendment is that the purchaser will cover the clean out cost of Poupard as well as give a non-refundable check in the amount of \$5000, which would go towards the purchase price of \$650,000.

It was Moved by: Trustee Cotton

Supported by: Trustee Worden

THAT the Board approve the amended Robertson Homes Purchase Agreement, as presented.

Roll Call:

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| Trustee St. John | Yes |
| Trustee Worden | Yes |
| Trustee Jeup | No |
| Trustee Collins | Yes |
| Trustee Papas | No |
| Trustee Ismail | Yes |
| Trustee Cotton | Yes |

Motion carried 5-2 vote

6. DEPUTY SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

None

7. AGENDA ACTION ITEMS FOR DECEMBER 10, 2024

- 7.1. Board Election
- 7.2. Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes for December 9, 2024
- 7.3. Declaration of Board Member Compensation
- 7.4. Approval of Resolution of Continuance of Funds and Designation of Signatories on Accounts
- 7.5. Approval of Appointment of Representative to MAISL Joint Risk Management Trust
- 7.6. Approval of Regular Board Meeting Calendar for 2025

8. INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

- 8.1. Monthly Financials/Check Register/Health Care Report
- 8.2. Legal Summary Analysis
- 8.3. Monthly Benchmark Report
- 8.4. Student Count Information
- 8.5. Information regarding emails

Trustee Papas read a complaint she had regarding emails between Trustee Worden and Dr. Tuttle. Trustee Papas believed that Trustee Worden harassed Superintendent Tuttle. This was followed by multiple comments from board members.

9. **FUTURE MEETINGS**

9.1. BOE Regular Meeting, Tuesday, January 7, 2025, 6:30 pm, Brownell MPR

10. **PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-ACTION ITEMS**

Joshua Neds Fox, GPP, discussed the proposed parental rights policy that was published in the Grosse Pointe News.

Maureen Krasner, GPF, talked about comments that had been made about her by the board.

11. **BOARD MEMBER/SUPERINTENDENT DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS AND ACHIEVEMENTS COMMENTS**

Trustee St. John wished a happy holiday season to the outgoing board members.

Trustee Worden talked about her excitement with the new board in January, transparency and putting students first.

Trustee Jeup read a passage from her favorite book and expressed her gratitude to Trustees Collins, Papas, Ismail, and Cotton and thanked everyone for such a great year.

Trustee Collins discussed the details of the sale of Poupard and the future of Trombly. He closed with thanking everybody for his time on the board.

Trustee Papas talked about her reasons for running for the board in 2021 and all that has taken place during her time on the BOE.

Trustee Ismail thanked everyone for all they have done during his time on the board and talked about all they do for the district. He congratulated the new board members and talked about the challenges ahead of them. He closed by thanking everyone.

Superintendent Tuttle talked about how she looks forward to her future with the district and wished everyone a happy holiday.

President Cotton discussed the Parental Rights Policy. He also talked about transparency and how he hopes this next board follows this. He closed with saying goodbye to the outgoing board members and wished Grosse Pointe a Merry Christmas.

14. **ADJOURNMENT**

President Cotton adjourned the meeting at 1:16 a.m.

Secretary