



**Grosse Pointe Board of Education
Regular Meeting - November 19, 2024
MINUTES
Brownell Middle School
260 Chalfonte, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236**

Meeting Minutes

Encl: 5.1.

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, Worden, Papas, St. John

Absent: Trustee Collins

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 NOVEMBER 19, 2024

Trustee Jeup made a motion to add the Public Comments about Trombly to take place after the Superintendent's Report

It was Moved by: Trustee Jeup

Supported by: Trustee Papas

THAT the Board approve to add Public Comments on Trombly, after the Superintendent's Report, as presented.

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

Nays: Trustee St. John

Motion carried 5-1 vote

It was Moved by: Trustee Cotton

Supported by: Trustee Ismail

THAT the Board approve the Agenda for November 19, 2024, as presented.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried 6-0 vote

3. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT - STUDENTS AND SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

A. National Merit Scholarship— Dr. Sara Delgado and Moussa Hamka presented the National Merit Scholarship Semifinalists and Commended Students.

B. Presentation of GP Foundation for STEAAM Support Donations - Walt Fitzpatrick presented the 2024 STEAAM Grants.

1.	Anne Flanagan, Ferry,	\$1895	Steam Museum
2.	Sarah VanDagens, South,	\$386	Scanner for the Photography Computer Lab
3.	Sarah VanDagens, South,	\$182	Photography Lighting Studio
4.	Sarah Hartley, Defer	\$1100	Math Recovery Training:Add+VantageMR 2
5.	Laura Cavaliere, Monteith	\$1100	AVMR+ Multiplication and Division Training
6.	Kirk Sattelmeier, Ferry	\$200	Decibel meters and Light meters for light/sound unit
7.	Caelin Micks, Maire	\$2500	Detroit Tigers Classroom Outside
8.	Julie Nurse, North/South	\$2200	Grosse Pointe Blue Dolphins unified HS Team Underwater Speakers
9.	Andrea Doherty, Pierce	\$2620	DSLR Cameras & Accessories for Photojournalism
10.	Brent Revello, North/South	\$2000	Small Engines for Student Success
11.	Bethany Derringer, Ferry	\$1500	Low-Tech AAC Devices for Categorical SpEd Classrooms
12.	Todd Hecker, South	\$3000	Physics and Astronomy Computer Sensors
13.	Matt Kotes, Brownell,Parcells	\$3700	Enhanced Student Engineering and Manufacturing with the Lathe and Scroll Saw
14.	Courtney Dykstra, Pierce	\$5000	DI Global Finals
15.	Corey Ernst, Bro/Par/Pierce	\$24895	Tricaster Mini X Video Switcher
16.	James Ellis, North	\$13300	Gymnasium Video Board
17.	Jessica Turner, North	\$840	Quiz Bowl
18.	Courtney Dykstra, District Math Y5-5th Grade	\$1000	Math Education Materials
19.	Elizabeth Scannell, Defer	\$4246	Xylophone Refresh
20.	Joe Finazzo, South	\$100	Able Chocolates
21.	Kari Mannino, Parcells	\$1000	Lunchtime Craft Club
22.	Eric Vanston, North	\$13213	3 Class set of Graphing Calculators
32.	Tom Szmerecsanyi, South	\$1438	Core Lite Kiln, Shelves/Post for new gas kiln
33.	Amanda Pata, North	\$2315	GPN Student-Athlete Leadership Book Club
34.	Jennifer Boyd, Monteith	\$5232	Touch Math for Autism
35.	Gina Bordato, Parcells	\$20000	Gear Up for Greatness:The Blown Fuses Revamp
36.	Mary Beth Coffey, All Elem.	\$11600	Full STEAAM Ahead:Empowering Grosse Pointe’s Elementary Students through STEAAM in the Libraries
37.	Alex Finney, South	\$5600	3 iMac computers with drawing tablets
38.	Jackie Bingham, Pierce	\$2250	Graphing Calculators
39.	Becky Churray, Pierce	\$3000	E Sports Team
40.	Jodie Randazzo, Ferry	\$926	Cone Gate
	Total	\$258,038	

C. Acceptance of GP Foundations for STEAAM Support Donations

It was Moved by: Trustee St. John

Supported by: Trustee Jeup

THAT the Board accept the GP Foundations for STEAAM Support Donations, as presented.

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

Trustee Cotton abstained from this vote as he was a contributor to this grant.

Nays: None

Motion carried 5-0 vote

D. Trombly Information

Superintendent Tuttle gave a detailed presentation on the available options for Trombly Elementary. This was followed by multiple comments and questions from board members.

5 Minute Recess

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON TROMBLY FOR NOVEMBER 19, 2024

Matt Kahl, GPP, spoke about the importance of restoring Trombly

Renee Jakubowski, GPP, spoke about the importance of restoring Trombly

Max Wiener, GPP, spoke about the importance of restoring Trombly

Janine Eckert, GPP, spoke about the importance of restoring Trombly

Kelly Rossi, GPP, spoke about Trombly and Defer

Richard Schroeder, GPP, spoke about the importance of restoring Trombly

Jamie Rae Turnbull, GPP, spoke about the importance of restoring Trombly

James Creighton, GPP, talked about maintaining the buildings and the costs involved

Rick Mazingo, GPP, spoke about the importance of restoring Trombly

Tom Caulfield, GPP City Council, spoke about the importance of restoring Trombly

Mary O'Donnell, GPP, spoke about the importance of restoring Trombly

Beth Quinn, GPP, spoke about the importance of restoring Trombly

John Arnold, GPF, spoke about how we need a strategic plan before committing to any decision on Trombly

Timothy Stevens, GPP, spoke about the importance of restoring Trombly

Tom Steen, GPP, spoke about developing an Early Childhood Program and a walking system to school

Superintendent Tuttle made a statement regarding her regrets about a previous statement to Trustee St. John and thanked the community for passing the Sinking Fund.

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

Maureen Krasner, GPF, discussed issues she had with Item 5.2. FOIA Minutes.

Julie Moe, GPW, discussed the Special Ed Department and our lack of Special Ed educators

5. AGENDA ACTION ITEMS FOR NOVEMBER 19, 2024

5.1. APPROVAL OF REGULAR MEETING MINUTES FOR OCTOBER 8, 2024

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

THAT the Board approve the Regular Meeting Minutes for September 10, 2024, as presented.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried 6-0 vote

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

Trustee St. John made a motion to move the approval of these minutes to the December meeting.

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

THAT the Board move the FOIA Committee Minutes to the December meeting, as presented.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried 6-0 vote

5.3. APPROVAL OF SPECIAL SESSION MINUTES FOR OCTOBER 14, 2024

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

THAT the Board approve the Special Session Minutes, as presented.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried 6-0 vote

5.2. APPROVAL OF THE HUMAN RESOURCES REPORT FOR NOVEMBER 19, 2024

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

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

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

Nays: None

Motion carried 6-0 vote

6. DEPUTY SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

None

7. AGENDA ACTION ITEMS FOR DECEMBER 10, 2024

7.1. Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes for November 19, 2024

7.2. Approval of Personal Finance Study

Holli McNally gave a presentation on the Personal Finance curriculum and what it entails. This was followed by multiple comments from board members.

7.3. Approval of Program of Studies for Middle School and High School

Dr. Stanley talked about the Program of Studies, accompanying documentation that was provided to the board, and what went into developing this. This was followed by multiple comments and questions from board members.

7.4. Approval of Central Office Personnel Recommendation

Dr. Tuttle gave a detailed report on her request which was followed by multiple comments and questions from board members.

8. INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

8.1. Monthly Financials/Check Register/Health Care Report

Several questions were raised regarding the Check Register.

8.2. Monthly Benchmark Report

CFO Pavlik gave an overview of the report and answered several questions

9. FUTURE MEETINGS

10.1. BOE Regular Meeting, Tuesday, December 10, 2025, 6:30 pm, Brownell MPR

President Cotton stated that there was a request to move the December meeting to December 11, 2024, due to a conflict. It was agreed to switch the date to Wednesday, December 11, 2024.

10. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-ACTION ITEMS

Clint Derringer, GPC, gave a recap of what was discussed at tonight's board meeting.

11. BOARD MEMBER/SUPERINTENDENT DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS AND ACHIEVEMENTS COMMENTS

Trustee St. John congratulated our National Merit Scholars and a student for her work on the Tower. She also discussed how the role of board members is a healthy debate and to set a good example. She closed with talking about what is critical to accomplish in our district and that all decisions are made following the Open Meetings Act.

Trustee Worden gave shoutouts to our amazing students and highlighted our academic excellence. She also congratulated the student who won the national award for her work on the Tower. She also gave credit to Dr. Tuttle and her work regarding our critical needs. She closed by addressing the Trombly parents and how she hoped that we can do something to help the community while also addressing the needs of our Special Needs students.

Trustee Jeup congratulated the National Merit Students and thanked the STEAAM Foundation. She also addressed the community's desire for a walkable community. She closed by acknowledging the Special Needs parents who spoke tonight.

Dr. Stanley thanked the community for passing the Sinking Fund. He closed by discussing how amazing the Community Tailgate was.

Dr. Bishop gave a shout out to the Red Barons and how they won the Superbowl. He also acknowledged Amy Wilson for her ASD Teacher of the Year award. He mentioned the South musical Our Town and the upcoming North musical. He closed with talking about gratitude and how we need to reflect on being better during this season.

Trustee Papas acknowledged the National Merit students and the STEAAM Grants. She also discussed the problem with the closure of Trombly, the need for Special Ed teachers and the difficulty in finding them.

Trustee Ismail thanked the community for their support with the Sinking Fund. He welcomed the new board members and talked about all they would have ahead of them. He thanked everyone for all that they had done.

President Cotton thanked the community for voting on the Sinking Fund. He congratulated the new trustees. He also discussed how, in the past 22 months, he has spent his time digging into the finances and talked about all the financial studies that have taken place. He also discussed how the Sinking Fund has solved the problem of keeping all our buildings open to keep a walkable, bikeable district.

14. ADJOURNMENT

President Cotton adjourned the meeting at 10:23 pm.

Lisa Papas, Secretary