



**Grosse Pointe Board of Education**  
**Regular Meeting - August 27, 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 6:27 pm

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

**Absent:** Trustee: Ismail

**Late Arrival:** None

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by all in attendance.

**Also Present:** Superintendent Dr. Andrea Tuttle, Deputy Superintendent Dr. Roy Bishop Jr., Dr. Chris Stanley

**2. APPROVAL OF THE BOARD AGENDA FOR AUGUST 27, 2024**

Trustee St. John questioned why the September 10, 2024, BOE meeting was listed to begin at 5:30 p.m.

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

**Supported by:** Trustee Worden

**THAT the Board amend the September 10, 2024, time to 6:30 pm, as presented.**

<b>Roll Call:</b>	<b>Trustee St. John:</b>	<b>Yes</b>
	<b>Trustee Worden:</b>	<b>Yes</b>
	<b>Trustee Jeup:</b>	<b>No</b>
	<b>Trustee Collins:</b>	<b>No</b>
	<b>Trustee Papas</b>	<b>No</b>
	<b>Trustee Cotton</b>	<b>No</b>

**Motion failed 4-2 vote**

**It was Moved by:** Trustee Papas

**Supported by:** Trustee Collins

**THAT the Board approve the Agenda for August 27, 2024, as presented.**

**Ayes: Trustees: Cotton, Jeup, Collins, Papas**

**Nays: Trustees: St. John, Worden**

**Motion carried 4-2 vote**

**3. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT - STUDENTS AND SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS**

**A. STUDENT RECOGNITION:**

Dr. Delgado introduced student John A., who saved a woman whose car went into Lake St. Clair and was rescued by him.

**B. NEW TEACHER ORIENTATION**

Dr. Tuttle thanked everyone who helped put the new teacher orientation together.

**C. OPENING DAYS WITH THE TEAM**

Dr. Tuttle gave an overview of the Opening Day Event which included all employees.

**D. BUDGET UPDATE / TENTATIVE AGREEMENT / TAHER**

Superintendent Tuttle gave a brief update on the budget and tentative agreement. She also touched on Taher and the great service that they are providing the district.

**E. SINKING FUND PRESENTATION - TECHNOLOGY**

Dr. Tuttle gave a brief overview of the Sinking Fund and Chris Stanley gave a detailed report of where the district stands with Technology updates. Multiple comments from board members followed this.

**4. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ACTION ITEMS FOR AUGUST 27, 2024**

None

**5. AGENDA ACTION ITEMS FOR AUGUST 27, 2024**

**5.1. APPROVAL OF REGULAR MEETING MINUTES FOR JULY 23, 2024**

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

**THAT the Board approve the Regular Meeting Minutes for July 23, 2024, as presented.**

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

**Nays: None**

**Motion carried 6-0 vote**

**5.2. APPROVAL OF HR REPORT FOR JULY 23, 2024**

Trustee St. John asked a question regarding the new hires.

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

**THAT the Board approve the HR Report for July 23, 2024, as presented.**

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

**Nays: None**

**Motion carried 6-0 vote**

**5.3. APPROVAL OF PROPOSED REVISIONS TO POLICIES AND AG'S**

Multiple comments were made by several board members.

**It was moved by:** Trustee Cotton

**Supported by:** Trustee St. John

**THAT the Board approve the Proposed Revisions to Policies and AG's, with the changes, as presented.**

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

**Nays: None**

**Motion carried 6-0 vote**

**5.4. APPROVAL OF LEASE AGREEMENT WITH GP THEATRE**

**It was moved by:** Trustee Cotton

**Supported by:** Trustee Worden

**THAT the Board approve the Lease Agreement with GP Theatre, as presented.**

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

**Nays: None**

**Motion carried 6-0 vote**

**5.5. APPROVAL OF CALENDAR**

Dr. Bishop gave a detailed description of how the calendar was put together and that this is still in process with the State and Wayne RESA.

**It was moved by:** Trustee Cotton

**Supported by:** Trustee Papas

**THAT the Board conditionally approve the Calendar, as presented.**

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

**Nays: None**

**Motion carried 6-0 vote**

**5.6. APPROVAL OF PAATS CONTRACT**

**It was moved by:** Trustee Cotton

**Supported by:** Trustee Papas

**THAT the Board approve the PAATS Contract, as presented.**

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

**Nays: None**

**Motion carried 6-0 vote**

**5.7. APPROVAL OF TENTATIVE AGREEMENT AND RECOMMENDATION OF APPROVAL PENDING GPEA RATIFICATION**

President Cotton gave a detailed report on how this agreement came together, which was followed by multiple comments and questions from several board members. Trustee Collins motioned to add Item 5.8. to the agenda to remove the formula from all current district contracts.

**It was moved by:** Trustee Cotton

**Supported by:** Trustee Papas

**THAT the Board approve the Tentative Agreement and Recommendation of Approval pending GPEA Ratification, as presented.**

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

**Nays: None**

**Motion carried 6-0 vote**

**5.8. APPROVAL TO REMOVE THE FORMULA FROM ALL CURRENT DISTRICT CONTRACTS**

**It was moved by:** Trustee Collins

**Supported by:** Trustee Papas

**THAT the Board approve to Remove the Formula from all Current District Contracts, as presented.**

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

**Nays: None**

**Motion carried 6-0 vote**

**6. CURRICULUM DIRECTOR REPORT**

None

**7. DEPUTY SUPERINTENDENT REPORT**

Dr. Bishop talked about the TA with the GPEA and how exciting it is to now be back to teaching and learning and how important communication is. He also touched on how important it is for our students to understand the needs of our students and that we are here to focus on them.

**8. AGENDA ACTION ITEMS FOR SEPTEMBER 10, 2024**

**8.1. APPROVAL OF REPEATER PURCHASE FOR NORTH**

Dr. Tuttle explained the need for this purchase. Trustee Papas motioned that she would like to approve this item at tonight's meeting to expedite the installation.

**It was moved by:** Trustee Papas

**Supported by:** Trustee Jeup

**THAT the Board approve item 8.1. at the 8/27 meeting, as presented.**

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

**Nays: None**

**Motion carried 6-0 vote**

**8.2. APPROVAL OF NORTH BLEACHERS PROPOSAL**

Ben Matteson briefly described the North Bleachers Proposal and the need to expedite this purchase.

**It was moved by:** Trustee Jeup

**Supported by:** Trustee Papas

**THAT the Board approve item 8.2. at the 8/27 meeting, as presented.**

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

**Nays: None**

**Motion carried 6-0 vote**

**9. INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION**

**10.1.** Check Register/Health Care Report

**10. FUTURE MEETINGS**

**10.1.** BOE Regular Meeting, Tuesday, August 27, 2024, 5:30 pm, Brownell MPR

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

Beth Pellegrini, GPW, spoke about the loss of North Administration and her request for transparency..

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

**Chris Stanley** said how much he and the administrators are looking forward to the student's return.

**Trustee St. John** talked about how all the athletes are practicing, the breakfast that morning, and the need to have positive relationships first before the students can trust that we are trying to make the right decisions. She reiterated that she does not want any future meetings to begin at 5:30 p.m. and hopes that everyone enjoys the Labor Day weekend.

**Trustee Jeup** discussed our fantastic administrative team and thanked them for navigating us to this point. She is very happy that the formula is finally out of the contract and thanked the group for the donation for the receivers. She closed with stating how excited she is about the start of this year.

**Trustee Collins** thanked the administration for inviting him to the Teacher Orientation and the Opening Day Kickoff and for bringing the North and South bands together. He also mentioned all of the new things being done to our buildings and thanked everyone for the hard work they did to accomplish these items.

**Deputy Superintendent Dr. Bishop** encouraged the students to get ready to come back.

**Trustee Worden** thanked Dr. Bishop for inviting her to come this morning and said she felt so fortunate to live in this district with the excellent teachers and staff. She also had the opportunity to attend freshman orientation at North and was pleasantly surprised to see so many parents in attendance. She closed by saying how nice it is that we got rid of the formula.

**Trustee Papas** expressed her regrets about not being able to attend the kickoff this morning. She thanked voters for passing the Operating Millage and shouted out the student we celebrated. She closed by saying how grateful she is that the formula is gone. She thanked Taher for the beautiful books they gave to the board and said how careful parents need to be when driving safely around students.

**Superintendent Tuttle** mentioned the trivia event taking place tomorrow. She also discussed the theme of gratitude that ran through the meeting tonight and how it takes a village to run this district. She closed by saying that this board does not receive enough gratitude for running this premier district.

**President Cotton** also thanked the residents for voting for the Operating Millage and the board for advocating that, noting how important the Sinking fund will also be for this district and how critical it is to get this out to the community.

#### **14. ADJOURNMENT**

President Cotton adjourned the meeting at 8:50 pm.

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Lisa Papas, Secretary