



**Grosse Pointe Board of Education**  
**Regular Meeting - September 10, 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 5:30 pm

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

**Absent:** None

**Late Arrival:** Trustee Papas

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, CFO Brandy Pavlik

**2. APPROVAL OF THE BOARD AGENDA FOR SEPTEMBER 10, 2024**

Trustee St. John made a motion to repeal the Independent Board Counsel Resolution from February 27, 2023

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

**Supported by:** Trustee Worden

**THAT the Board approve the motion to add to the Agenda to repeal the Independent Board Counsel Resolution, 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 Ismail:</b>	<b>No</b>
	<b>Trustee Cotton:</b>	<b>No</b>

**Motion failed 4-2 vote**

**It was Moved by:** Trustee Jeup

**Supported by:** Trustee Ismail

**THAT the Board approve the Agenda for September 10, 2024, as presented.**

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

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

**Motion carried 4-2 vote**

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

**A. Brownell Middle School**—Rodger Hunwick introduced his 7th-grade student Jane, who won the 2024 Michigan Dept. of State “I Voted Sticker contest.”

**B. District Liaison Officer Introductions** - Superintendent Tuttle introduced our District Liaison Officers, Officer Jeff Martel and Officer Jim LaBeau.

**C. First Day Building Visits**

**D. GPEA Contract** - Dr. Tuttle discussed that the GPEA contract was ratified.

**E. Sinking Fund Millage Update** - Dr. Tuttle gave an update on all that has been done to promote the Sinking Fund Millage.

**F. Board Policies**

**G. Enrollment Trends** - Dr. Tuttle gave a detailed overview of the district’s enrollment trends over the past several years.

**H. Teacher Non-Retirement/Retirement 5-Year Trend** - Dr. Tuttle gave a detailed overview on the reasons teachers have left the district

**I. Trombly** - Dr. Tuttle explained that Plante Moran is looking into what it would take to bring Trombly up to date and asked the BOE for permission to secure an RFP to bring the building up to code.

**It was Moved by:** Trustee Cotton

**Supported by:** Trustee Jeup

**THAT the Board approve an RFP to bring Trombly up to code, 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>Yes</b>
	<b>Trustee Collins:</b>	<b>Yes</b>
	<b>Trustee Ismail:</b>	<b>Yes</b>
	<b>Trustee Papas:</b>	<b>Yes</b>
	<b>Trustee Cotton</b>	<b>Yes</b>

**Motion passed 7-0 vote**

**J. Mason Playground Dedication**

**K. Poupard Update**

**L. Branding Update** - Dr. Stanley gave a broad overview of where things stand with Branding.

**M. Keith Howell - Curriculum Director** - Dr. Tuttle explained that Keith Howell will be leaving GPPSS to take a position as superintendent with L'anse Creuse District. She requested approval for Katy Neuman to be contracted as a consultant for the interim Curriculum Director, until a permanent replacement is found.

**It was Moved by:** Trustee Cotton

**Supported by:** Trustee Papas

**THAT the Board approve for Dr. Tuttle to enter into contract negotiations with Katy Neuman on a consultant basis for the interim Curriculum Director, as presented.**

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

**Nays: None**

**4. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ACTION ITEMS FOR SEPTEMBER 10, 2024**

None

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

**5.1. APPROVAL OF REGULAR MEETING MINUTES FOR AUGUST 27, 2024**

**It was Moved by:** Trustee Cotton

**Supported by:** Trustee Papas

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

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

**Nays: None**

**Motion carried 7-0 vote**

**5.2. APPROVAL OF CLOSED MEETING MINUTES FOR AUGUST 27, 2024**

**It was Moved by:** Trustee Cotton

**Supported by:** Trustee Papas

**THAT the Board approve the Closed Meeting Minutes for August 27, 2024, as presented.**

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

**Nays: None**

**Motion carried 7-0 vote**

**6. CURRICULUM DIRECTOR REPORT**

None

**7. DEPUTY SUPERINTENDENT REPORT**

Dr. Roy Bishop talked about the SRO's in our schools and building relationships with our students. He discussed how our Safety Drills are beginning to ramp up and that these are required precautionary measures. He also talked about how we are in NWEA Testing right now and to talk to your children about how important these are.

**8. AGENDA ACTION ITEMS FOR OCTOBER 8, 2024**

**8.1. APPROVAL OF FIELD TRIP FOR THE NORTH BAND TO TORONTO**

Tom Torrento gave a detailed overview of what this field trip would entail. This was followed by several questions and comments by board members. President Cotton stated that since there was not another meeting in September that he would like to make a motion to vote on this field trip now.

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

**THAT the Board approve the Field Trip for the North Band to Toronto, as presented.**

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

**Nays: None**

**Motion carried 7-0 vote**

**9. INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION**

**9.1. Monthly Financials/Check Register**

CFO Pavlik explained that because this was presented so early in the month, there is no Health Care Report right now, and elaborated on the details of the Monthly Financials and Check Register report.

**10. FUTURE MEETINGS**

**10.1. BOE Regular Meeting, Tuesday, October 8, 2024, 6:30 pm, Brownell MPR**

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

Michelle Hodges, GPP, talked about how Trombly is such a priority to our community in the Park.

Clint Derringer, GPC, discussed how vital transparency is.

Heath Roberts, GPP, talked about the agreement with the Teacher's Contract.

Melissa Fradenburg, GPF, thanked the Board and Dr. Tuttle for all of their accomplishments.

Richard Schroeder, GP, thanked the Board and Dr. Tuttle for their actions for this district.

Kate Hopper, GPF, thanked the Board for what they've done for our teachers and for the district.

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

**Trustee St. John** talked about one of our students at South who had three articles published in the Detroit Free Press. She also discussed the Back to School Nights and how exciting they are for the parents and teachers. She is concerned with reorganizing the Curriculum Director position. She closed by discussing how important communication is.

**Trustee Worden** discussed the Mason Playground dedication and Back to School Nights. She also gave a shout-out to Ben Matteson for all that he has done and discussed what needs to be looked at during election season. She closed by discussing the Curriculum Director position and what is needed.

**Trustee Jeup** extended her congratulations to Keith Howell. She then discussed enrollment numbers and how positive this is. She thanked Taher for what they are doing for our students and thanked multiple other groups in the district.

**Trustee Collins** discussed the audited budget numbers. He congratulated the student who won the I Vote contest and Keith Howell on his new position and thanked the SROs who attended the meeting. He concluded by discussing the student count.

**Dr. Stanley** talked about the first day of school in the buildings. And thanked Mike Forsys for the amazing job he did getting the building ready. He closed with talking about Keith Howell and how fortunate L'anse Creuse is.

**Dr. Bishop** thanked all employees for their work to get the district ready to open and for their contributions throughout the year. He closed by discussing how amazing Keith Howell is and what he has given to our district.

**Trustee Papas** commented on the Mason Playground's beauty. She also talked about Keith Howell and expressed her happiness about his new position. She closed with saying how grateful she is about the teacher contract.

**Trustee Ismail** talked about how much fun it was at the Mason Playground opening. He thanked Dr. Tuttle for all that she has brought to us. He closed by talking about how much Keith Howell will be missed and what an asset he has been to us.

**CFO Pavlik** thanked all of the staff for their efforts in opening our buildings on the first day of school. She also mentioned how proud she is of Keith Howell and his new position with L'anse Creuse and how much he will be missed.

**Superintendent Tuttle** echoed everyone's remarks and wished Keith Howell all the best. She thanked everyone for coming to these meetings as well as the BOE.

**President Cotton** thanked the administration and the staff for getting our schools opened. He also talked about being at the first football game and how proud he is of what we've done with enrollment and that this is a testament to our school system.

**14. ADJOURNMENT**

President Cotton adjourned the meeting at 8:08 pm.

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Lisa Papas, Secretary