



Grosse Pointe Board of Education
Regular Meeting - October 8, 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, Collins, Ismail, 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. Chris Stanley, CFO Brandy Pavlik

2. APPROVAL OF THE BOARD AGENDA FOR OCTOBER 8, 2024

Trustee St. John moved to amend the agenda to have another meeting scheduled for the outstanding FOIA appeals.

It was Moved by: Trustee Cotton

Supported by: Trustee Papas

THAT the Board approve the Agenda for October 8, 2024, as presented.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried 7-0 vote

3. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT - STUDENTS AND SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

A. North High School— Dr. Sara Delgado introduced Susie Sipos who gave a detailed presentation on the German Student Exchange program that North participates with.

B. Plante Moran Audit Review - Lisa Vargo and Michael Walsh of Plante Moran gave a very detailed report of the Audit Review. This was followed by multiple comments and questions from board members.

C. Superintendent’s Report—Superintendent Tuttle gave a Good News Report with highlights of what has been happening in the district.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ACTION ITEMS FOR OCTOBER 8, 2024

Heath Roberts, GPP, discussed the Finance & Facilities Committee and the audit.

Melissa Fradenburg, GPF, discussed the audit.

Kate Hopper, GPF, talked about the presentation and decisions to help us move in the right direction.

Matt Agnone, GPF, discussed the audit and the budget.

There was a 10-minute Recess

5. AGENDA ACTION ITEMS FOR OCTOBER 8, 2024

5.1. APPROVAL OF REGULAR MEETING MINUTES FOR SEPTEMBER 10, 2024

Trustee St. John asked to discuss emails she had received through a FOIA request or to put it on the agenda for the next meeting. President Cotton agreed to discuss the FOIA’d emails that Trustee St. John refers to.

Trustee Cotton moved to put a discussion item on the emails that Trustee St. John is asking to discuss and put this on at Item 11 for this meeting.

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

THAT the Board approve to discuss the emails, as presented.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried 7-0 vote

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

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

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

Nays: Trustee: St. John

Motion carried 6-1 vote

5.2. APPROVAL OF THE HUMAN RESOURCES REPORT FOR OCTOBER 8, 2024

Multiple board members raised several questions and comments.

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

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

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

Nays: None

Motion carried 7-0 vote

5.3. APPROVAL OF THE 2024 AUDIT REPORT

It was Moved by: Trustee Cotton

Supported by: Trustee Jeup

THAT the Board approve the 2024 Audit Report, as presented.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried 7-0 vote

5.4. APPROVAL OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD CLUB AGREEMENT

Multiple questions and comments were made by board members.

It was Moved by: Trustee Cotton

Supported by: Trustee Worden

THAT the Board approve the Neighborhood Club Agreement, as presented.

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

Nays: Trustee Ismail

Motion carried 6-1 vote

6. DEPUTY SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

None

7. AGENDA ACTION ITEMS FOR OCTOBER 8, 2024

7.1. Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes for October 8, 2024

8. INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

8.1. Monthly Financials/Check Register/Health Care Report

Trustee St. John had several questions regarding the statements and requested to see the invoices from the attorneys and would submit a FOIA request if necessary. President Cotton referred Trustee St. John to a prior resolution passed by the Board that directed the Administration to direct legal counsel to provide summaries of bills on a quarterly basis.

Trustee Worden asked who is reviewing the billings from the law firm. CFO Pavlik stated that bills were reviewed by her and her team.

9. FUTURE MEETINGS

10.1. BOE Regular Meeting, Tuesday, October 22, 2024, 6:30 pm, Brownell MPR

10. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-ACTION ITEMS

Tim Klepp, GPP, expressed his opinion on the Curriculum Director position.
Jack S., Student, discussed the administrators and staff leaving the district.
Clint Derringer, GPC, applauded the Board for a clean audit with good results.
Rosie Knapp, GPF, discussed the exchange program and how to expand it.
Wendy Soubel, GPF, discussed the Community Engagement Committee and student attrition.
Stephanie Watkins, GPF, discussed use of the district logo.
Lisa Wagner, GPW, talked about the upcoming election with national teacher's unions involved.

11.1 Trustee Cotton opened the discussion of the FOIA'd emails

Multiple board members elaborated and asked questions on the emails that had been sent. Trustee St. John discussed the emails that were sent between board members and alleged a violation of the Open Meetings Act. Vice President Ismail, Treasurer Collins, Secretary Papas and Trustee Jeup gave statements refuting Trustee St. John's allegations. President Cotton discussed that he had offered Board Counsel to review the emails for violations and Trustee St. John refused to pursue that avenue.

11. BOARD MEMBER/SUPERINTENDENT DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS AND ACHIEVEMENTS COMMENTS

Trustee St. John talked about her opinions of multiple transgressions with emails, FOIA requests, and the Open Meetings Act.

Trustee Worden thanked CFO Pavlik for the clean audit and praised North and their exchange students tonight. She also mentioned how the North SAT scores came up and how hard they worked to get there.

Trustee Jeup discussed the audit and how much she supports transparency in the district. She talked about how optimistic she is for the future.

Trustee Collins thanked the German students who came in tonight and explained how the education system works in Germany. He also discussed the budget and the audit.

Dr. Stanley discussed how the upcoming Panda Palooza at Parcels this Friday and the PSAT at the Middle and High Schools went seamlessly. He thanked the people behind the scenes who helped make this testing go so well.

Trustee Papas thanked Dr. Stanley and all of the teams for the great job with the technology rollout for PSAT testing. She also discussed the international trips taken by the bands and choir and how amazing they have been.

Trustee Ismail discussed the disrespect shown by Trustee St. John towards the Board and the Administration. He hopes it will stop, regardless of who is on the new board, mutual respect has to be shown and that we have bigger things to talk about.

Superintendent Tuttle responded to the accusations made by Trustee St. John.

14. ADJOURNMENT

President Cotton adjourned the meeting at 9:50 pm.

Lisa Papas, Secretary