



Grosse Pointe Board of Education
Regular Meeting - June 18, 2024
MINUTES
Brownell Middle School
260 Chalfonte, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236

Meeting Minutes

Encl: 6.1.

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, Ismail, Jeup, Collins, St. John, Papas, Worden

Absent: None

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., Mr. Keith Howell

2. APPROVAL OF THE BOARD AGENDA FOR JUNE 18, 2024

It was Moved by: Trustee Cotton

Supported by: Trustee Jeup

THAT the Board approve the Board Agenda for June 18, 2024, as presented.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried 7-0 vote

3. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT / INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

Superintendent Tuttle announced that Dr. Sara Delgado would be transitioning over to the position of principal at Grosse Pointe North High School. Dr. Delgado made several comments about this new role for her in the district. Dr. Tuttle went on to explain the comprehensive interview process that took place to fill the other AD/AP positions at North.

A. MHSAA Ski Team Cooperative with Notre Dame

Dr. Tuttle gave a detailed explanation of the Ski Team opportunity between the district and Notre Dame High School.

It was Moved by: Trustee Ismail

Supported by: Trustee St. John

THAT the Board approve the MHSAA Ski Team Cooperative with Notre Dame, as presented.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried 7-0 vote

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ACTION ITEMS FOR JUNE 18, 2024

Kate Hopper, GPP, stated her support for the 2024-2025 Budget as presented by Dr. Tuttle.
Melissa Fradenburg, GPF, stated her support for the 2024-2025 Budget as presented by Dr. Tuttle.
Heath Roberts, GPP, stated his support for the 2024-2025 Budget as presented by Dr. Tuttle.
Matt Agnone, GPF, stated his support for the 2024-2025 Budget as presented by Dr. Tuttle.
Richard Schroeder, GPP, thanked the board and Dr. Tuttle for all that they have done for the district.

5. AGENDA ACTION ITEMS FOR JUNE 18, 2024

5.1. APPROVAL OF BOE CLOSED SESSION MINUTES FOR JUNE 12, 2024

It was moved by: Trustee Cotton

Supported by: Trustee Papas

THAT the Board approve the BOE Closed Session Minutes for June 12, 2024, as presented.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried 7-0 vote

5.2. APPROVAL OF REGULAR MEETING MINUTES FOR JUNE 12, 2024

It was moved by: Trustee Cotton

Supported by: Trustee Papas

THAT the Board approve the BOE Regular Meeting Minutes for June 12, 2024, as presented.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried 7-0 vote

5.3. RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD FOR THE NORTH AD/AP

Dr. Tuttle requested to pass on this Item as she does not have all of these candidates in order at this time.

President Cotton made a motion that Superintendent Tuttle has the authority to hire Mr. Shubnell to either the AD or AP position at Grosse Pointe North.

It was moved by: Trustee Cotton

Supported by: Trustee Ismail

THAT the Board approve the recommendation of Mr. Shubnell for the North AD/AP, as presented.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried 7-0 vote

President Cotton made a motion that Superintendent Tuttle has the authority to hire the other candidates for either the AD or AP positions.

It was moved by: Trustee Cotton

Supported by: Trustee Jeup

THAT the Board approve that Superintendent Tuttle has the authority to hire the other candidates for the North AD/AP position, as presented.

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

Nays: Trustee St. John

Motion carried 6-1 vote

5.4. TAHER - CONTRACT RENEWAL

Trustee Worden discussed her concern with the audit on Taher and some of the issues raised that may need to be addressed. This was followed up with multiple questions and comments from board members.

It was moved by: Trustee Cotton

Supported by: Trustee Ismail

THAT the Board approve the Taher Contract Renewal, as presented.

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

Nays: Trustees: Worden and St. John

Motion carried 5-2 vote

5.5. APPROVAL OF THE 2024 TAX RATE REQUEST FORM L-4029

It was moved by: Trustee Cotton

Supported by: Trustee Ismail

THAT the Board approve the 2024 Tax Rate Request Form L-4029, as presented.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried 7-0 vote

5.6. APPROVAL OF THE 2024-2025 BUDGET

Several comments were made by multiple board members.

It was moved by: Trustee Cotton

Supported by: Trustee Papas

THAT the Board approve the 2024-2025 Budget, as presented.

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

Nays: Trustees: Worden and St. John

Motion carried 5-2 vote

6. CURRICULUM DIRECTOR REPORT

None

7. DEPUTY SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Dr. Bishop discussed that this is the end of the school year and what we are doing to prepare for the upcoming school year. He closed by wishing Happy Juneteenth to everyone.

8. AGENDA ACTION ITEMS FOR JULY 16, 2024

Trustee St. John made a motion to combine Items 8.1. through 8.9. into a Consent Agenda for the next meeting.

- 8.1.** Approval of Designated Agent
- 8.2.** Approval of Debit/Credit Card Users
- 8.3.** Approval of Homeless Liaison Coordinator
- 8.4.** Approval of Election Representative
- 8.5.** Approval of Freedom of Information Act Coordinator
- 8.6.** Approval of Appointment of Representatives to MAISL Joint Risk Management Trust
- 8.7.** Approval of Fidelity and Treasurer's Bonds
- 8.8.** Approval of Designated Asbestos Coordinator
- 8.9.** Approval of Indemnification of Asbestos Operation and Maintenance Employees
- 8.10.** Approval of Resolution on Liability Indemnification
- 8.11.** Approval of Resolution to Decline School of Choice
- 8.12.** Approval of 2024-2025 Tuition Rates

Trustee St. John clarified what the Tuition Rates define.

- 8.13** Approval of Resolution - Strategic Review of Operations - 2024-2025

President Cotton read this resolution. Trustees Worden and St. John expounded on the reasoning behind this resolution. This was followed by multiple questions and comments from Board members.

- 8.14** Approval of South Field Trip to Eastern Europe

Dr. Stanley gave a brief overview of what this trip would entail.

9. INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

9.1. Monthly Financials/Check Register/Health Care Report

9.2. Monthly Michigan Benchmark Report

CFO Pavlik presented a detailed report. This was followed by multiple questions and comments by board members.

10. FUTURE MEETINGS

10.1. BOE Facilities-Finance Meeting, Thursday, June 27, 2024, 5:30 pm, Barnes PLS

10.2. BOE Regular Meeting, Tuesday, July 16, 2024, 5:30 pm, Brownell MPR

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

11. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-ACTION ITEMS

Jodie Bruce, GPP, talked about smartphones and social media.

12. BOARD MEMBER/SUPERINTENDENT DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS AND ACHIEVEMENTS COMMENTS

Trustee Worden thanked Dr. Delgado for coming out tonight. She also mentioned that Dr. Bishop will be speaking for Juneteenth tomorrow. She discussed how she feels that her comments are disrespected. She closed by talking about the summer events taking place.

Trustee Papas welcomed Dr. Delgado and Kevin Shubnell to their new positions. She also discussed what was said by another trustee tonight. She brought up the first meeting with this new board and how they have made transparency a priority. She closed by discussing the many student workshops taking place this summer.

Trustee Ismail talked about the post on social media that he wore the wrong regalia for the graduation and how this is incorrect as he was informed by Jostens that his gear was in fact appropriate.

Trustee St. John discussed the public comment regarding cell phone bans in the schools. She reiterated that Dr. Bishop will be speaking at Juneteenth tomorrow. She also talked about the Olympic tryouts and a student of ours on NPR, along with some of Dr. Delgado's comments. She closed by encouraging people to not give up on Grosse Pointe Schools.

Trustee Jeup congratulated the new administrators at North and wished everyone a good summer.

Trustee Collins thanked the speaker who discussed cell phone usage in school and the negative comments about our administration. He closed by discussing the students going off to college this summer and wishing them well.

Superintendent Tuttle talked about the building closures of Poupard and Trombly and brought up several issues with Trombly and her conversation with Nick Sizeland about the building, and how we need to discuss some ideas of what to do with it.

President Cotton thanked Ms. Bruce for the book and discussed how we will have a shortened meeting schedule this summer.

13. ADJOURNMENT

President Cotton adjourned the meeting at 9:24 pm.

Lisa Papas, Secretary