



Grosse Pointe Board of Education
Regular Meeting - June 12, 2024
MINUTES
Brownell Middle School
260 Chalfonte, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236

Meeting Minutes

Encl: 5.2.

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. and CFO Brandy Pavlik

2. APPROVAL OF THE BOARD AGENDA FOR JUNE 12, 2024

It was Moved by: Trustee Jeup

Supported by: Trustee Ismail

THAT the Board approve the Board Agenda for June 12, 2024, as presented.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried 7-0 vote

3. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT - STUDENTS AND SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

A. Pierce/Defer Destination Imagination Team

Principals Dirkse and Rheaume introduced Courtney Dykstra who gave a presentation of the Destination Imagination Teams and what they have accomplished.

B. Presentation of Grosse Pointe Detroit Boat Club Graduates/Athletes

Mike Gentile, the coach of the Detroit Boat Club presented his rowing team for recognition. Dr. Tuttle then presented 2 graduating students with their diplomas.

Dr. Tuttle continued with discussing the 2 graduation ceremonies that were held this week at North and South as well as the Retirement event that took place. She commended all of the people behind the scenes who put this together.

She also discussed the dedication of the Trombly Marker and the Administrators at Grosse Pointe North who resigned.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ACTION ITEMS FOR JUNE 12, 2024

Sarah Schroeder, GPW, discussed how important the millage is and gave an opinion on the board.
Wendy Soubel, GPF, talked about how important our teachers are and how many have left the district.
Maurya Kray, GPP, talked about multiple items on the agenda and her thoughts with the board.
Mandy Grattan, Teacher, discussed the loss of North administration.
Jackie Shelson, Teacher, discussed the need for a Teacher Contract

5. AGENDA ACTION ITEMS FOR JUNE 12, 2024

5.1. APPROVAL OF CLOSED SESSION MINUTES FOR MAY 28, 2024

It was moved by: Trustee Cotton

Supported by: Trustee Ismail

THAT the Board approve the BOE Meeting Minutes for May 28, 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 SESSION MINUTES FOR MAY 28, 2024

It was moved by: Trustee Cotton

Supported by: Trustee Papas

THAT the Board approve the BOE Regular Meeting Minutes for May 28, 2024, as presented.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried 7-0 vote

5.3. APPROVAL OF 2023-2024 GAAA #2

Trustee St. John asked for a detailed explanation of the overage with Taher. Dr. Tuttle expounded on this subject.

It was moved by: Trustee Cotton

Supported by: Trustee Ismail

THAT the Board approve the BOE 2023-2024 GAAA #2, as presented.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried 7-0 vote

5.4. APPROVAL OF MICHIGAN HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

It was moved by: Trustee Cotton

Supported by: Trustee Ismail

THAT the Board approve the Michigan High School Athletic Association, as presented.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried 7-0 vote

5.5. APPROVAL OF MICHIGAN ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL BOARDS

It was moved by: Trustee Cotton

Supported by: Trustee Ismail

THAT the Board approve the Michigan Association of School Boards, as presented.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried 7-0 vote

5.6. APPROVAL OF ENHANCEMENT MILLAGE RESOLUTION

It was moved by: Trustee Cotton

Supported by: Trustee Ismail

THAT the Board approve the Enhancement Millage Resolution, as presented.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried 7-0 vote

5.7. APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION TO LAYOFF TEACHING STAFF

It was moved by: Trustee Cotton

Supported by: Trustee Ismail

THAT the Board approve the Resolution to Layoff Teaching Staff, as presented.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried 7-0 vote

5.8. APPROVAL OF HUMAN RESOURCES REPORT FOR JUNE 12, 2024

There were multiple comments made by several trustees.

It was moved by: Trustee Cotton

Supported by: Trustee Papas

THAT the Board approve the Human Resources Report for June 12, 2024, as presented.

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

Nays: Trustees: St. John and Worden

Motion carried 5-2 vote

6. BUDGETING PROCESS

Dr. Tuttle gave a very detailed presentation of the 2024-2025 Budget Process. This was followed by questions and comments from multiple board members.

There was a 10-minute break

7. 2024-2025 BUDGET HEARING

7.1. 2024-2025 Budget Presentation

CFO Pavlik continued with the Budget Presentation. This was followed by questions and comments from multiple board members.

7.2. Public Comment on the 2024-2025 Budget

Blagica Bottiglierio, GPW, talked about the 2024-2025 Budget and her concerns.
Joe Muzingo, GPC, talked about the 2024-2025 Budget and his support for it.

8. CURRICULUM DIRECTOR REPORT

None

9. DEPUTY SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

None

10. AGENDA ACTION ITEMS FOR JUNE 18, 2024

10.1. Recommendation to the Board for the North AD/AP

10.2. Taher - Suggested Budget for 2024-2025 School Year

10.3. 2024 Tax Rate Request Form L-4029

10.4. 2024-2025 Budget

11. INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

11.1. Monthly Financials/Check Register/Health Care Report for April 2024

12. FUTURE MEETINGS

12.1. BOE Regular Meeting, Tuesday, June 18, 2024, 6:30 pm, Brownell MPR

12.2. BOE Regular Meeting, Tuesday, July 23, 2024, 6:30 pm, Brownell MPR

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

13. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-ACTION ITEMS

Kimberly Stephens, GPW, spoke about Kate Murray and the importance of our schools in this district.

Steve Swartz, GPW, talked about the schools and the board

Karen Westrick, GPW, talked about the loss of key employees.

Clint Derringer, GPC, talked about his thoughts on the budget.

Nicole Newman, GPP, discussed the class sizes and splits at Maire and other elementary schools.

Jenelle Stanfa, GPP, talked about her daughter being bullied by racial slurs.

Maureen Krasner, GPF, spoke about how we can do better as leaders and the budget.

14. BOARD MEMBER/SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

Deputy Superintendent Bishop talked about how leadership matters and how the administrators that we've lost will be missed, but the impact they have had is very lasting.

Trustee Worden discussed both graduations and how our teachers and administrators shine. She gave a shoutout to Principal Hamka and how much she appreciated his speech. She also mentioned the North graduation and how it was particularly moving to her. She gave a shoutout to the administration at North and how they will be missed.

Trustee St. John discussed that the Gearheads were at the Selfridge Air show last weekend. She also talked about the many championships and all of the amazing things our kids have done.

Trustee Papas talked about the graduations and all of the workshops and events that are taking place in the district. She closed by discussing comments that were made about the budget.

Trustee Jeup stated how she fully supports the budget She will continue to advocate for our school system with love and hope. She closed with a quote from CS Lewis.

Trustee Ismail talked about his frustrations with how so many say what we should not cut, but nobody has ideas of how to make this work. He commended Dr. Tuttle and the administration on how they have successfully found solutions.

Trustee Collins thanked everyone for the chance to attend the Retirement celebration and the end-of-the-year Ferry Sp Ed dinner. He also was happy for the chance he had to hand his daughter her diploma. He closed by discussing the budget and how this all came to be.

Superintendent Tuttle went full circle and said that we started this meeting with talking about the kids and we need to bring it back to that. She expounded on how Dr. Bishop will be a speaker at the Juneteenth event next week, and closed with stating we have a very awesome district.

President Cotton talked about the school budget and why we are here. He mentioned how challenging this has been. He discussed the graduations of our students and how these budget cuts have not affected our students.

15. ADJOURNMENT

President Cotton adjourned the meeting at 9:27 pm.

Lisa Papas, Secretary