



Grosse Pointe Board of Education
Regular Meeting - March 19, 2024
MINUTES
Brownell Middle School
260 Chalfonte, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236

Enclosure: 7.1.

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, Papas and Worden

Absent: Trustees Ismail and St. John

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., Keith Howell

2. APPROVAL OF THE BOARD AGENDA FOR MARCH 19, 2024

President Cotton made a motion to add Item B to the Superintendent's Report, STEEAM Foundation Donation and Item C, Acceptance of STEEAM Foundation Donation.

It was Moved by: Trustee Papas

Supported by: Trustee Jeup

THAT the Board approve the Board Agenda for March 19, 2024, as presented.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried 5-0 vote

3. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT / INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

Dr. Tuttle introduced Brownell Principal Rodger Hunwick to report on the good things taking place at Brownell Middle School. He then introduced Bella, a student who is the National Essay Award Winner. Dr. Tuttle continued by listing of all the events taking place in the district during the month of March.

A. GPPSS Policy AG 4.04.1

Dr. Bishop gave a detailed overview of the GPPSS District Transfer Policy, what it entails and the history behind it. Dr. Tuttle explained that there are discussions taking place regarding this policy.

B. STEAAM Grant

The STEAAM Foundation presented a \$30,000 grant to Brownell, Parcels, and Pierce to support the Cooking with STEAAM Program. President Cotton removed himself from the vote as he was a contributor to this grant.

It was Moved by: Trustee Collins

Supported by: Trustee Papas

THAT the Board accept the STEEAM Grant as presented.

Ayes: Trustees: Jeup, Collins, Papas and Worden

Nays: None

Motion carried 4-0 vote

4. CURRICULUM DIRECTOR REPORT

Keith Howell touched on several items regarding enrollment and the K-5 ELA program in our district along with upcoming professional development. He closed by discussing the multiple grant-funded summer programs that will be offered.

5. DEPUTY SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Dr. Bishop discussed ways that we can partner as a community regarding safety and what we can all do as a community to have these conversations with the children. He also talked about how many great things are taking place in our district and how we should all be conversing about this as well as clearing up any false things that are being said. He closed by saying that we should all show what it means to be members of the Grosse Pointe Public School Family.

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ACTION ITEMS FOR MARCH 19, 2024

Kevin Nugent, GPF, talked about the Branding Campaign and thanked our leadership for moving us in such a positive direction.

7. AGENDA ACTION ITEMS FOR MARCH 19, 2024

7.1. Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes for March 12, 2024

It was Moved by: Trustee Jeup

Supported by: Trustee Papas

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

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

Nays: None

Motion carried 5-0 vote

7.2. Approval of Branding Firm

Trustee Collins made several comments regarding the importance of branding and how we need to attract students back to our district.

Trustee Worden discussed the 3 companies that presented and how she had an issue with the money we will be spending on this.

Trustee Cotton agreed with Trustee Worden and stated that he would like to proceed with voting on the Branding company contingent on the fact that it could only move forward if we had outside funding for this. Cotton made a motion to approve the Branding Firm if outside funding would fund this.

It was Moved by: Trustee Cotton

Supported by: Trustee Worden

THAT the Board approve the Branding Firm Round Table6 contingent on outside funding, as presented.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried 5-0 vote

8. AGENDA ACTION ITEMS FOR APRIL 9, 2024

- 8.1. Approval of GPPSS Field Trip - Glory of the Habsburgs - Vienna, Salzburg, Budapest, Prague
- 8.2. Approval of North Reciprocal Field Trip: Hosting at North, traveling to Pfullendorf, Germany

Chris Stanley introduced Kendra Caralis and Susie Sipos regarding the 2 out of country field trips being presented for approval. Multiple comments and questions from several board members followed this.

9. INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

- 9.1. Monthly Financials/Check Register/Health Care Report

Trustee Worden wants to discuss the food contract with Taher and how we are being charged an overage of almost a million dollars. Superintendent Tuttle gave a detailed explanation of the steps that are being taken regarding this.

10. FUTURE MEETINGS

- 10.1. BOE Regular Meeting, Tuesday, April 9, 2024, 6:30 pm, Brownell MPR
- 10.2. BOE Policy and Contracts Meeting, Tuesday, April 16, 2024, 4:00 pm, Barnes PLS
- 10.3. BOE Facilities-Finance Meeting, Tuesday, April 16, 2024, 5:30 pm, Barnes PLS
- 10.4. BOE Community Engagement Meeting, Wednesday, April 17, 2024, 4:00 pm, Barnes PLS
- 10.5. BOE Curriculum Meeting, Wednesday, April 17, 2024, 5:00 pm, Barnes PLS
- 10.6. BOE Regular Meeting, Tuesday, April 9, 2024, 6:30 pm, Brownell MPR

10. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-ACTION ITEMS

Richard Schroeder, GPP, discussed accusations against board members.

Cheryl Denman, GPP, discussed a letter from a father to the board regarding a trustee.

Elisa Wagner, GPW, discussed a concern with a board member.

11. Superintendent and Staff - Comments on District Highlights and Achievements

Keith Howell, highlighted several teachers for all of the hard work they have been doing.

Trustee Jeup talked about all of the summer opportunities and events that will be taking place in the district.

Trustee Collins thanked Mr. Hunwick and the staff at Brownell for supporting the events at Brownell. He thanked the audio staff for all that they do. He also thanked Tom Torrento and Noah Zogas for their leadership and accomplishments. He closed by discussing the senior trips taking place over the break.

Deputy Superintendent Bishop talked about Spring Break and how everyone needs permission to not have to respond to emails and to find the time to rest over this break. He spoke about the student who read her essay and her last words, "Never let fear silence your voice".

Trustee Worden congratulated the Robotics Team for their accomplishments. She also talked about the Unified Basketball Team that played at LCA this past weekend and gave a shout-out to Michelle Davis for what she had done for this team. She hoped that everyone would continue to support and follow this team in the future. She congratulated the Parcels Girl basketball team and Tom Torrento and Noah Zogas for their participation in the competition this weekend.

Trustee Papas echoed all of the amazing things that took place in our district this past week. She talked about the 12 middle school students who performed with the DSO.

Superintendent Tuttle expounded on all of the amazing opportunities that are given to our students. She explained that the accolades and extracurricular activities in this district are not common. She concluded by wishing everyone a great spring break.

President Cotton wished for everyone to have a great spring break.

12. ADJOURNMENT

President Cotton adjourned the meeting at 8:07 pm.

Lisa Papas, Secretary