



**Grosse Pointe Board of Education  
Minutes of the Special Session  
April 17, 2024  
Brownell Middle School  
260 Chalfonte, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

President Cotton called the meeting to order at 4:30 pm

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

**Absent:** None

**Late Arrival:** Trustee Papas

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by all in attendance.

**Also Present:** Attorney Mark McInerney

**2. APPROVAL OF SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA FOR APRIL 17, 2024**

It was moved by Trustee St. John to move the public comments to take place prior to going into closed session.

**It was moved by:** Trustee St. John                      **Second by:** Trustee Worden

**THAT the Board approve the amended Closed Meeting Agenda for April 17, 2024, as presented.**

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

**Nays:** Trustees: Cotton, Jeup, Ismail, Papas, Collins

**Motion failed 2-5 vote**

**It was moved by:** Trustee Cotton                      **Second by:** Trustee Ismail

**THAT the Board approve the Closed Meeting Agenda for April 17, 2024, as presented.**

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

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

**Motion passed 5-2 vote**

**3. MOTION TO PERMIT THE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO CONSIDER FOIA APPEALS**

**It was moved by:** Trustee Cotton                      **Second by:** Trustee Ismail

**THAT the Board Consider FOIA Appeals as presented.**

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

**Nayes:** None

**Motion passed 7-0 vote**

**4. MOTION TO ENTER INTO CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO SECTION 8(1)(h) OF THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT**

**It was moved by:** Trustee Cotton

**Second by:** Trustee Jeup

**THAT the Board enter into a Closed Session Pursuant to Section 8(1)(h) of the Open Meetings Act. as presented.**

**Roll Call Vote:**

Trustee St. John	No
Trustee Jeup	Yes
Trustee Collins	Yes
Trustee Worden	No
Trustee Papas	Yes
Trustee Ismail	Yes
Trustee Cotton	Yes

**Motion passed 5-2 vote**

**5. MOTION TO RETURN TO OPEN SESSION**

**It was moved by:** Trustee Cotton

**Second by:** Trustee Jeup

**THAT the Board Return to Open Session as presented.**

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

**Nayes:** None

**Motion passed 7-0**

**6. MOTION ON THE FOIA APPEAL BY THE DETROIT NEWS.**

Trustee Ismail abstained from voting.

**It was moved by:** Trustee Cotton

**Second by:** Trustee Papas

**THAT the Board DENY the appeal of the previous decision of the District whereby it denied the FOIA request for a privileged legal document.**

**Roll Call Vote:**

Trustee Jeup	Yes
Trustee Collins	Yes

Trustee Worden	No
Trustee St. John	No
Trustee Papas	Yes
Trustee Cotton	Yes

**Motion passed 4-2 vote**

**7. MOTION ON THE FOIA APPEAL BY THE GP SOUTH TOWER.**

Trustee Ismail abstained from voting.

**It was moved by:** Trustee Cotton                      **Second by:** Trustee Jeup

**THAT the Board DENY the appeal of the previous decision of the District whereby it denied the FOIA request for a privileged legal document.**

**Roll Call Vote:**

Trustee Jeup	Yes
Trustee Collins	Yes
Trustee Worden	No
Trustee St. John	No
Trustee Papas	Yes
Trustee Cotton	Yes

**Motion passed 4-2 vote**

**8. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Christine Jacobs, GPF, discussed the FOIA request  
Maria Simon, GPF, discussed the FOIA request  
Wendy Soubel, GPF, discussed the FOIA request  
Ken Mokray, GPW, discussed the FOIA request  
Maureen Krasner, GPF, discussed the FOIA request  
Blagica Bottiglierio, GPW, discussed the FOIA request

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

President Cotton adjourned the meeting at 5:30 pm

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Lisa Papas, Secretary