



**Grosse Pointe Board of Education**  
**Regular Meeting - April 9, 2024**  
**MINUTES**  
**Brownell Middle School**  
**260 Chalfonte, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236**

**Meeting Minutes**

**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, Papas, St. John and 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., Brandy Pavlik, Keith Howell

**2. APPROVAL OF THE BOARD AGENDA FOR APRIL 9, 2024**

Trustee Ismail stated that the date for the extended meeting if necessary was incorrect.

**It was Moved by:** Trustee Papas

**Supported by:** Trustee Jeup

**THAT the Board approve the Board Agenda for April 9, 2024, with the header date change, as presented.**

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

**Nays:** None

**Motion carried 7-0 vote**

**3. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT / INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION**

**A. Parcels Presentation**

Dr. Tuttle introduced Parcels Principal, Sara Delgado, to report on the good things taking place at Parcels Middle School.

**B. Teacher of the Year - GPEA**

Taryn Loughlin and Jackie Shelton announced the Teachers of the Year and introduced them.

- Dorothy Heitjan-Barnes

- Amy Jo Callaway- Brownell
- Holly McVicar - Defer
- Julie Walkley-Ferry
- Jenna Valgoi-Kerby
- Karen Frakes-Maire
- Cynthia Eichhorst-Mason
- Natalie Bruveris-Monteith
- Dan Gilleran-North
- Elizabeth Gulick-Parcells
- Jill Starkey-Pierce
- Sierra Koleber-Richard
- James Adams-South

**C. Community Luncheon/Dr. Suzanne Klein Library Dedication, May 17**

**D. Chamber of Commerce Welcome Bags**

**E. Taher Update–CFO Pavlik**

CFO Pavlik gave an overview of the finances associated with the Taher Food Service contract. This was followed by questions and comments by several board members.

**F. AT&T Update–CFO Pavlik**

**G. Solar Eclipse**

**H. Monteith Survey Update–Dr. Bishop**

Dr. Bishop gave an update on the Monteith Survey. This was followed up with questions and comments from several board members.

**I. SAT Prep**

Dr. Tuttle gave a detailed explanation of the SAT Prep that we will be offering.

**4. CURRICULUM DIRECTOR REPORT**

Keith Howell gave a broad overview of the positive things taking place with curriculum and teaching within the district. This was followed by multiple questions from board members.

**5. DEPUTY SUPERINTENDENT REPORT**

Dr. Bishop discussed that it is enrollment season and what everyone can do to assist with this.

**6. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ACTION ITEMS FOR APRIL 9, 2024**

None

**7. AGENDA ACTION ITEMS FOR APRIL 9, 2024**

Dr. Tuttle asked that Item 7.4. be moved to 7.1. To be voted on as the first Item so that CFO Pavlik is able to leave afterwards.

7.1. Approval of the Plante Moran Audit Services Proposal

**It was moved by:** Trustee Worden

**Supported by:** Trustee Papas

**THAT the Board approve to move Item 7.4 to be voted on as the first Item as presented.**

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

**Nays: None**

**Motion carried 7-0 vote**

**It was moved by:** Trustee Ismail

**Supported by:** Trustee Worden

**THAT the Board approve the Plante Moran Audit Services Proposal as presented.**

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

**Nays: None**

**Motion carried 7-0 vote**

**There was a 10 minute recess**

7.2. Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes for March 19, 2024

**It was Moved by:** Trustee Ismail

**Supported by:** Trustee Papas

**THAT the Board approve the Regular Meeting Minutes for March 19, 2024, as presented.**

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

**Nays: None**

**Motion carried 7-0 vote**

7.3. Approval of GPPSS Field Trip - Glory of the Habsburgs-Vienna, Salzburg, Budapest

**It was Moved by:** Trustee St. John

**Supported by:** Trustee Jeup

**THAT the Board approve the GPPSS Field Trip - Glory of the Habsburgs-Vienna, Salzburg, Budapest as presented.**

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

**Nays: None**

**Motion carried 7-0 vote**

7.4. Approval of North Reciprocal Field Trip: Hosting at North, traveling to Pfullendorf, Germany

**It was Moved by:** Trustee Papas

**Supported by:** Trustee Collins

**THAT the Board approve the North Reciprocal Field Trip: Hosting at North, traveling to Pfullendorf, Germany as presented.**

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

**Nays:** None

**Motion carried 7-0 vote**

**8. AGENDA ACTION ITEMS FOR May 6, 2024**

Dr. Tuttle asked that the Millages be discussed out of order so that Ms. Van Dusen could speak.

**8.1. Millages**

- Grosse Pointe Operating Millage-Ms. Van Dusen
- Grosse Pointe Sinking Fund Millage-Ms. Van Dusen
- Wayne County Millage Resolution– Dr. Andrea Tuttle

Dr. Tuttle gave a description of the 3 Millages including options and voting dates. She then introduced Ms. Van Dusen who gave a detailed explanation and answered questions from multiple board members.

**8.2. Vernier Project-Easement Acquisition**

Tim Davis gave a detailed description of the Vernier Project-Easement Acquisition. This was followed by multiple questions from several board members.

**9. FUTURE MEETINGS**

- 9.1.** BOE Curriculum Meeting, Wednesday, April 17, 2024, 6:30 pm, Barnes PLS
- 9.2.** BOE Retreat, Tuesday, April 23, 2024, 5:30 pm, GP War Memorial
- 9.3.** BOE Regular Meeting, Monday, May 6, 2024, 5:30 pm, Brownell MPR

**10. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-ACTION ITEMS**

Hope, student at North, spoke about an issue with a painting at North.

Cheryl Denman, GPP, discussed an article in the South Tower newspaper.

Trustee St. John asked for the floor to comment on several comments that have been made.

Pastor Gary Hunter, discussed his concerns over a painting being displayed at North.

Ms. Watkins, discussed her concerns over a painting being displayed at North.

Tressa DioGalloway, discussed the district survey.

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

**Trustee Collins** talked about how April is Organ Donation Month and encouraged everyone to consider this.

**Trustee Jeup** discussed upcoming events in the district. She also talked about the multiple sporting events that are taking place.

**Trustee St. John** talked about how proud she is of our students who come to a meeting to speak and how students need to give more input in the future. She also mentioned that this month is Autism Awareness and Acceptance month and talked about the String Trio. She congratulated the Teachers of the Year and spoke about several upcoming events.

**Director Howell** talked about Phun Day. He also discussed his time in a classroom and commended the students that come to the meetings and speak. He closed by giving a shout-out to all of the GPEA Teachers of the Year.

**Deputy Superintendent Bishop** gave a shout out to the Gearheads and the competitions that they are in. He also talked about the comments that were made including the student who spoke and encouraged more students to come and speak in the future.

**Trustee Worden** talked about all of the things that our teachers do for us that go above and beyond. She also discussed the upcoming Washington trip and thanked the teachers who are going. She expounded on the extra coaching that our teachers do for our kids and thanked them for everything that they do. She also thanked the parents and the student who came forward to speak.

**Trustee Papas** gave a big thank you to all of the paraprofessionals and all that they do on a daily basis. She thanked the Teachers of the Year and brought up the solar eclipse and what a great learning experience this was. She expounded on the upcoming performance at South and the trio that was recognized. She closed by thanking the parents who spoke tonight.

**Superintendent Tuttle** thanked our teachers and support staff for all that they do. She also discussed how civility, decorum and respect were displayed tonight.

**President Cotton** thanked everyone who spoke tonight.

## **12. ADJOURNMENT**

President Cotton adjourned the meeting at 9:11 pm.

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Lisa Papas, Secretary