



Grosse Pointe Board of Education
Regular Meeting - May 6, 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 5:30 pm

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

Absent: None

Late Arrival: Trustees Papas and Worden

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by all in attendance.

Also Present: Superintendent Dr. Andrea Tuttle, Deputy Superintendent Dr. Roy Bishop Jr.

2. APPROVAL OF THE BOARD AGENDA FOR MAY 6, 2024

President Cotton added that he would like to add under Item 14. that we will also be meeting for the Purpose of Negotiations for Closed Session.

It was Moved by: Trustee Jeup

Supported by: Trustee Ismail

THAT the Board approve the Board Agenda for May 6, 2024, as presented.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried 5-0 vote

3. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT / INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

A. Gearhead Presentation

Mr. Jack Pierack introduced the Gearheads who gave a presentation of their work.

B. Grosse Pointe Foundation for Public Education Gifts-Ms. Cynthia Sohn

1. Defer Destination Imagination Team (Grades 1-4) Defer (\$1,000)

2. Fueling Student Success with an Engaging Nonfiction Library

(Grades Young 5's-4) Ferry (\$4,000)

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3. Dynamite Decodables (Grades K-4) Kerby (\$1,392)
4. Voices Unlocked: AAC Access Grant for Young Communicators (Young Preschool Learners) Barnes (\$6,174)
5. Really Great Reading Student Kits (Kindergarten classes) Richard (\$1,344)
6. Decodable Readers (Grades 1- 2) Monteith (\$567)
7. Book Club Books (Grade 3) Richard (\$500)
8. iPads in the Gifted Classroom (Grade 3/4 Magnet class) Ferry (\$2,790)
9. Book Vending Machine (Young 5's-4) Ferry (\$5,620)
10. Mason School Accessible Playground (Young 5's-4) Mason (\$12,013)
11. 7th Grade Book Clubs (Grade 7) Pierce (\$1,910)
12. DI at Pierce (Grades 5-8) Pierce (\$1,000)
13. Orchestral Instruments for Parcels (Grades 5-8) Parcels (\$20,000)
14. Flexible Seating, Grouping, Chromebooks and a Charging Station (Grades 6-8) Parcels (\$5,853)
15. Sensory Room Refresh (Grades 5-8) Parcels (\$2,000)
16. Pierce Botmasterz All-Girls Robotics Team (Grades 5-8) Pierce (\$600)
17. Botmasterz All-Girl Unified North and South Robotics Team (Grades 8-12) North and South (\$1,000)
18. AP Psychology Resource/Learning Materials (Grades 10-12) North (\$1,500)
19. Darkroom Renovation, Enlarger Stations and Developing Sink (Grades 10-12) South (\$18,382)
20. CPR Manikin (Grades 9-12) North (\$3,448)
21. GPN Quiz Bowl Financial Assistance-Nationals (Grades 9-12) North (\$1,000)
22. Brass Renaissance: Harmonious Revival for Upgraded Euphoniums (Grades 6-12) Parcels and North (\$12,000)
23. Stop the Bleed Tourniquets (All Grades) GPPSS District (\$1,158)

SEED Grant (Social, Emotional, Encouragement and Development grants)

Social Emotional Support Materials (Grades 5-8) Parcels (\$350)

Total Spring 2024 Grant Awards: \$105,601

It was moved by: Trustee Ismail

Supported by: Trustee Jeup

Several comments were made by board members about the extreme generosity of this organization.

THAT the Board approve the GPFPE Gifts, as presented.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried 7-0 vote

C. Free Spirit and Journalism Conference

Dr. Tuttle introduced student Julia R. who was selected to attend this prestigious conference.
Dr. Tuttle asked that Items D,E, F and G be postponed to Item 8 in order to move on to Item 5

- D. U.S. News & World Report**
- E. Educator Appreciation**
- F. Chamber of Commerce-New Resident Bags**
- G. Chamber of Commerce-District Spheres**

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ACTION ITEMS FOR MAY 6, 2024

Marisa, a student talked about taking action for gun violence awareness.

5. AGENDA ACTION ITEMS FOR MAY 6, 2024

5.1. APPROVAL OF BOE MEETING MINUTES FOR APRIL 23, 2024

It was moved by: Trustee Collins **Supported by:** Trustee Worden

Item 2 needs to be taken out of the minutes as Trustee St. John did not make this motion.

THAT the Board approve the amended BOE Meeting Minutes for April 23, 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 MILLAGES

Dr. Tuttle asked that all of the proposals be discussed and decided upon. President Cotton went over the proposals in detail. Questions and comments were made by multiple board members.

5.2.1. Sinking Fund Millage Proposal

- a. Renewal or Restoration
- b. Election Date - August 6 or November 5
- c. # of mills (1-3)
- d. Duration - up to 10 years

It was moved by: Trustee Cotton **Supported by:** Trustee St. John

THAT the Board approve the Sinking Fund Millage (Exhibit A) proposal as presented.

Roll Call: Trustee St. John: Yes
Trustee Worden: Yes
Trustee Jeup: Yes

Trustee Cotton:	Yes
Trustee Ismail:	Yes
Trustee Collins	Yes
Trustee Papas	Yes

Motion carried 7-0 vote

5.2.2. Operating Millage Proposal

- a. Election Date - August 6 or November 5
- b. # of mills
- c. Duration - 1-20 years

There was a 5-minute break taken

It was moved by: Trustee Cotton

Supported by: Trustee Jeup

THAT the Board approve the Operating Millage (Exhibit A) proposal as presented.

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

Motion carried 6-1 vote

5.2.3. Wayne County Regional Enhancement Millage

Superintendent Tuttle announced that these numbers were not ready yet, so this will be moved to the May 28th agenda.

5.3. VERNIER EASEMENT-WALK TO SCHOOL

It was moved by: Trustee Papas

Supported by: Trustee Worden

THAT the Board approve the Temporary Vernier Easement-Walk to School, 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 Jeup

Supported by: Trustee Papas

THAT the Board approve the Permanent Vernier Easement-Walk to School, as presented.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried 7-0 vote

5.4. WEAR ORANGE RESOLUTION

It was moved by: Trustee St. John

Supported by: Trustee Worden

THAT the Board approve the Wear Orange Resolution as presented.

There were multiple comments made by several board members regarding this resolution and why they couldn't support it the way that it was written. Trustee St. John stated that she will rewrite this resolution and submit it for the May 28th agenda.

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

Motion failed 2-5 vote

6. CURRICULUM DIRECTOR REPORT

None

7. DEPUTY SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Dr. Bishop discussed the new enrollment pages on the district website. He brought attention to the fact that May is Mental Wellness Month. He also talked about the Safety Summit he attended in Lansing.

8. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT - FOR INFORMATION

Dr. Tuttle returned to complete the original report of Students and School Highlights

- D. U.S. News & World Report**
- E. Educator Appreciation**
- F. Chamber of Commerce-New Resident Bags**
- G. Chamber of Commerce-District Spheres**

Dr. Tuttle continued with the Information Report and talked about Dr. Bishop who is serving as the keynote speaker at the upcoming Juneteenth event. She also discussed the recent event with artist Titus Kaphar.

A. Taher Update

Dr. Tuttle gave a brief overview of where things stand with Taher, which was followed by several questions from board members.

B. Dr. Suzanne Klein-Library Dedication

C. Trombly Historical Marker Dedication

It was moved by: Trustee Ismail

Supported by: Trustee St. John

THAT the Board allow the Administration to Work with the Committee through Mr. Matteson to erect the Historical Marker as presented.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried 7-0 vote

9. AGENDA ACTION ITEMS FOR MAY 28, 2024

9.1. Sinking Fund Paving Contract-Mr. Ben Matteson

Mr. Matteson gave a detailed explanation of this project. He then introduced Mr. Gary Kent from Plante Moran who offered more information.

9.2. Credit Line - CFO Pavlik Information

Dr. Tuttle gave a detailed explanation of the revolving line of credit.

9.3. Road Safety Resolution

Trustee Worden gave a detailed explanation of the Road Safety Resolution. This was followed by multiple comments and questions from board members.

There was a 5 minute recess.

9.4. Wayne RESA Proposed Budget Summary

Dr. Tuttle gave a detailed explanation of the Wayne RESA Proposed Budget.

10. PRESIDENT'S REPORT ON FUNDING OF BRANDING INITIATIVE

President Cotton discussed that the outside funding has been secured to proceed with the new Branding Firm. This was followed by multiple comments and questions from board members.

11. FUTURE MEETINGS

11.1. BOE Facilities-Finance Meeting, Tuesday, May 21, 2024, 6:30 pm, Barnes PLS

11.2. BOE Curriculum Meeting, Tuesday, May 21, 2024, 6:00 pm, Central Board Room

11.3. BOE Community Engagement Meeting, Wednesday, May 22, 2024, 4:00 pm, Barnes PLS

11.4. BOE Regular Meeting, Tuesday, May 28, 2024, 6:30 pm, Brownell MPR

12. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-ACTION ITEMS

Katy, student, talked about the current dress code at South.

Rosie Knapp, GPW, commented on the Wear Orange proclamation.

13. BOARD MEMBER/SUPERINTENDENT DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS AND ACHIEVEMENTS COMMENTS

Trustee Collins talked about the students and all that they did for Charity Week. He also mentioned Dr. Klein's luncheon and all the people who have serviced the district. He closed by recognizing the upcoming retirees and their celebrations.

Trustee Jeup talked about the summer programs in the district and the multiple sporting events in the district. She closed by touching on the community survey.

Trustee St. John brought up just how busy May is with student events. She elaborated on the multiple sporting competitions taking place. She also thanked the GP Foundation for all that they do to help our kids and congratulated all of our students. She closed by giving information about the upcoming Pierce production.

Deputy Superintendent Bishop talked about Educator Appreciation Week and our amazing students and their next steps. He also mentioned that we need to finish strong this year and let our students know how much we value our relationships with them.

Trustee Worden gave a shout-out to all of our teachers and thanked the PTOs for gathering all of the food and goodies for our amazing teachers this week. She also congratulated the student, Julia, for her outstanding work, what she has ahead of her in journalism, and how exciting it is to see the robotics crew when they come to our meetings. She closed by thanking the GPFPE for all of their hard work and what they do for our schools.

Trustee Papas gave a thank you to all of our educators for what they do for our students and our families. She also touched on how the month of May is full of musical events and how much is happening in the district.

Trustee Ismail thanked the entire community for all of their generosity towards this district. He brought up the Mother's Club Scholarship Night and the South and North Honors Night.

Superintendent Tuttle thanked Alexa for all that she did for Teacher Educator Week.

President Cotton congratulated the Gearheads and thanked them for the water bottle. He also mentioned the Community Survey and how anyone in this district should please take this. He then made a motion to go into Closed Session.

14. CLOSED SESSION TO CONSIDER A STUDENT DISCIPLINE MATTER AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATION FROM LEGAL COUNSEL

It was moved by: Trustee Cotton

Supported by: Trustee Papas

THAT the Board move into Closed Session to consider a Student Discipline Matter and Written Communication from Legal Counsel and Negotiations, as presented.

Roll Call:	Trustee St. John:	Yes
	Trustee Worden:	Yes
	Trustee Jeup:	Yes
	Trustee Cotton:	Yes
	Trustee Ismail:	Yes
	Trustee Collins	Yes
	Trustee Papas	Yes

Motion carried 7-0 vote

It was moved by: Trustee Collins

Supported by: Trustee Papas

THAT with respect to Student WA, the Reinstatement Committee's Recommendation be accepted and that Student WA not be reinstated to the District, as presented.

Roll Call:	Trustee St. John:	Yes
	Trustee Worden:	Yes
	Trustee Jeup:	Yes
	Trustee Cotton:	Yes
	Trustee Ismail:	Yes
	Trustee Collins	Yes
	Trustee Papas	Yes

Motion carried 7-0 vote

12. ADJOURNMENT

President Cotton adjourned the meeting at 9:53 pm.

Lisa Papas, Secretary