



Grosse Pointe Board of Education
Regular Meeting - February 6, 2024
MINUTES
Parcells Middle School
20600 Mack Ave, Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236

Enclosure: 5.1.

1. CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/ROLL CALL

President Cotton called the meeting to order at 7:40 pm

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

Absent: None

Late Arrival: None

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by all in attendance.

Also Present: Superintendent Dr. Andra Tuttle, Deputy Superintendent Dr. Roy Bishop, Jr., Keith Howell, Director of Educational Services,

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

Trustee Worden made a motion to amend Item 6.8. to expand the discussion and discuss the use of board attorney in general.

It was Moved by: Trustee Worden

Supported by: Trustee St. John

THAT the Board approve the motion to Expand the Discussion and Discuss the Use of Board Attorney, as presented.

Ayes: Trustees: St. John, Worden

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

Motion failed 5-2 vote

Trustee St. John made a motion to add Item 6.9. to vote on the decision made at the District Budget Committee meeting

It was Moved by: Trustee St. John

Supported by: Trustee Worden

THAT the Board approve the Motion to add Item 6.9., as presented.

4. COMMITTEE REPORTS

4.1. Branding

Chair Cotton gave an overview of what has taken place and what will be happening in the future with the Branding Committee.

4.2. Community Engagement

Chair Jeup gave an overview of what has taken place and what will be happening in the future with the Community Engagement Committee.

4.3. Curriculum

Chair Papas gave an overview of what has taken place and what will be happening in the future with the Curriculum Committee. Keith Howell expanded on some of the details of this committee.

4.4. District Budget Committee

Chair Cotton gave an overview of what has taken place and what will be happening in the future with the District Budget Committee.

4.5. Facilities-Finance

Chair Ismail gave an overview of what has taken place and what will be happening in the future with the Facilities-Finance Committee.

4.6. Policy-Contracts

Chair Cotton gave an overview of what has taken place and what will be happening in the future with the Policy-Contracts Committee.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ACTION ITEMS FOR FEBRUARY 6, 2024

Rick Schroeder, GPP, commented on legal council.

6. AGENDA ACTION ITEMS FOR FEBRUARY 6, 2024

6.1. Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes for January 16, 2024

It was Moved by: Trustee St. John

Supported by: Trustee Worden

THAT the Board approve the Regular Meeting Minutes for January 16, 2024, as presented.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried 7-0 vote

6.2. Approval of Closed Session Minutes for January 11, 2024

It was Moved by: Trustee Jeup

Supported by: Trustee Papas

THAT the Board approve the Closed Session Minutes for January 11, 2024, as presented.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried 7-0 vote

6.3. Approval of Closed Session Minutes for January 16, 2024

It was Moved by: Trustee Collins

Supported by: Trustee Papas

THAT the Board approve the Closed Session Minutes for January 16, 2024, as presented.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried 7-0 vote

6.4. Approval of Special Session Minutes for January 22, 2024

It was Moved by: Trustee Jeup

Supported by: Trustee Papas

THAT the Board approve the Special Session Minutes for January 22, 2024, as presented.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried 7-0 vote

6.5. Approval of 2023-2024 GAAA#1

Trustees St. John and Worden asked multiple questions regarding the 2023-2024 GAAA#1.

It was Moved by: Trustee Ismail

Supported by: Trustee St. John

THAT the Board approve the 2023-2024 GAAA#1, as presented.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried 7-0 vote

6.6. Approval of BOE Policy on Educational Excellence

It was Moved by: Trustee St. John

Supported by: Trustee Worden

THAT the Board approve the BOE Policy on Educational Excellence, as presented.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried 7-0 vote

6.7. Approval of Policy Revisions to Policy and Administrative Guideline 5.14

Dr. Bishop elaborated on how these revisions came about which was followed by John Cava of Collins & Blaha who gave a more detailed explanation.

It was Moved by: Trustee Ismail

Supported by: Trustee Jeup

THAT the Board approve the Policy Revisions to Policy and Administrative Guideline 5.14, as presented.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried 7-0 vote

6.8. Approval of Legal Counsel Resolution

Trustee Cotton gave a detailed explanation of the background information for this resolution. Questions and comments from multiple board members followed this.

It was Moved by: Trustee Cotton

Supported by: Trustee Jeup

THAT the Board approve the Legal Counsel Resolution, as presented.

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

Nays: Trustees: St. John and Worden

Motion carried 5-2 vote

7. AGENDA ACTION ITEMS FOR FEBRUARY 27, 2024

7.1. Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes for February 6, 2024

7.2. Approval of HR Report for February 27, 2024

7.3. Approval of MASB Board of Directors Election

7.4. Approval of the Pierce and South Auditorium Bid Request

Ben Matteson gave a detailed explanation of the background for this bid request.

8. FUTURE MEETINGS

- 8.1.** BOE Closed Session, Wednesday, February 7, 2024, 6:00 pm, Barnes PLS
- 8.2.** BOE Community Engagement Meeting, Tuesday, February 13, 2024, 4:00 pm, Barnes PLS
- 8.3.** BOE Facilities-Finance Meeting, Tuesday, February 13, 2024, 5:30 pm, Barnes PLS
- 8.4.** BOE Curriculum Meeting, Wednesday, February 14, 2024, 5:30 pm, Barnes PLS
- 8.5.** BOE Regular Meeting, Tuesday, February 27, 2024, 6:30 pm, Brownell MPR

The BOE meeting on February 27, 2024 will begin at 6:00pm with a Closed Session for a student discipline matter and the Open meeting beginning at 7:00pm.

9. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-ACTION ITEMS

None

10. BOARD MEMBER/SUPERINTENDENT DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS AND ACHIEVEMENTS COMMENTS

Trustee Collins gave highlights of the North and South swim teams and the multiple championships that they are participating in.

Trustee Jeup highlighted an opinion survey from the elementary schools where GPPSS ranked in the top 3 spots. She also welcomed Dr. Tuttle

Trustee St. John welcomed Dr. Tuttle and gave some highlights of awards won in the district. She wanted to acknowledge that it is Black History Month. She closed by talking about the play at Brownell.

Keith Howell talked about the highlights of our Young 5's program and how our enrollment is ahead of schedule. He also gave a shout-out to the teachers who run this program.

Trustee Ismail discussed the talent of our young actors and choirs. He also thanked Dr. Tuttle for being here with us and how he knows great things will happen with her in our district.

Trustee Papas welcomed Dr. Tuttle and highlighted the Winter Spectacular concert at South and talked about the Arts Program and how we are rebuilding these programs after Covid. She expounded on the new CTE program for childcare and what a phenomenal program it is.

Trustee Worden welcomed Dr. Tuttle and told her how much she appreciated that she is here. She congratulated North for going to the Quiz Bowl, our band members who were in the State Competition and the North Basketball team. She closed by talking about CTE, upcoming concerts and the Career Day at Parcels and Pierce.

Dr. Bishop talked about the Unified Basketball Team and what a great game they played. He also discussed Black History Month and the amount of exposure our students have to so many great people from our past. He also talked about our great teachers, especially in the Special Ed Dept. He closed by appreciating Dr. Tuttle for being here.

President Cotton discussed the upcoming dance at South and congratulated the athletes who were chosen for the Hall of Fame inaugural inductees. He closed with thanking Dr. Tuttle for becoming our superintendent.

Superintendent Tuttle talked about the contentious discussions that took place tonight and how the one common ground that we all have is for the students. She stated that we have a great BOE and she looks forward to working with everyone. She closed with passing out cards made by the students for Board Appreciation Month and gave Dr. Bishop a great thank you for all that he has done for her this first week.

11. ADJOURNMENT

President Cotton adjourned the meeting at 10:06 pm.

Lisa Papas, Secretary