



Grosse Pointe Board of Education
Regular Meeting - March 12, 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: St. John, Worden, Jeup, Ismail, Collins, Papas and Cotton

Absent: Trustee Ismail

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.,

2. APPROVAL OF THE BOARD AGENDA FOR MARCH 12, 2024

It was Moved by: Trustee Cotton

Supported by: Trustee Collins

THAT the Board approve the Board Agenda for March 12, 2024, as presented.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried 6-0 vote

3. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT / INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

Dr. Tuttle gave an overview to the board on the following:

A. Entrepreneurship Presentation

Nicole Filiccia introduced several of her students to talk about 3rd Grade Market Day.

A North student talked about his entrepreneurial idea for a new business.

B. District News

Dr. Tuttle gave a broad overview of all the exciting events and competitions within the district.

C. Update on Poupard

D. Facility Strategic Plan

E. Sinking Fund

F. Operating Millage

G. Water Main Easement at Defer

H. Library Dedication

Dr. Tuttle discussed the Community Luncheon being combined with the Library Dedication

I. MASB Election Results

J. Summary of Committee Meetings

Dr. Tuttle gave an overview of what has taken place on all of the Committee Meetings.

K. Branding Questions

The 3 finalists for the branding campaign were each given the opportunity for a 15 minute introduction and Q & A by the board.

RoundTable6

RedHead Creative

Joy Riot

4. CURRICULUM DIRECTOR REPORT

Dr. Tuttle read the Curriculum report prepared by Keith Howell who was absent from the meeting.

5. DEPUTY SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Dr. Bishop gave a brief overview of enrollment, March Reading month, and mentioned that he would like to see us invite kids and students to our meetings more often. He also discussed upcoming conferences, religious events, and the MLK speech that took place at South on March 14, 1968.

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ACTION ITEMS FOR MARCH 12, 2024

Maureen Krasner, GPW, talked about the meeting minutes from February 27, 2024 and changes that she would like to be made.

7. AGENDA ACTION ITEMS FOR MARCH 12, 2024

Trustee St. John would like to have the minutes changed before making any approval. The changes will be as follows:

Section 3, “ President Cotton read a statement regarding a formal complaint against Trustee Ismail. This was followed by Trustee Ismail reading his apology and comments regarding this report. This was followed by comments made by several board members. Under section 10 and section 4, we will just list names”.

7.1. Approval of amended Regular Meeting Minutes for February 27, 2024

It was Moved by: Trustee Jeup

Supported by: Trustee Papas

THAT the Board approve the Regular Meeting Minutes for February 27, 2024, as presented.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried 6-0 vote

7.2. Approval of Closed Session Minutes for February 27, 2024

Trustee St. John would like the Closed Session Minutes to state that Dr. Tuttle and Attorney Mark McInerney were present

It was Moved by: Trustee Cotton

Supported by: Trustee Jeup

THAT the Board approve the amended Closed Session Meeting Minutes for February 27, 2024, as presented.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried 6-0 vote

7.3. Approval of HR Report for February 27, 2024

It was Moved by: Trustee Cotton

Supported by: Trustee St. John

THAT the Board approve the HR Report for February 27, 2024, as presented.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried 6-0 vote

7.4. Y5 - 12 Library Presentation (BOE Curriculum Committee March 6)

7.4.1. Feb. 7 Memo to EPLC/BOE Library Media Curriculum

7.4.2. Grosse Pointe Library Media Curriculum Guide

7.4.3. EPLC/BOE Presentation

It was Moved by: Trustee Worden

Supported by: Trustee Collins

THAT the Board approve Young 5's Library Presentation , as presented.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried 6-0 vote

7.5. Approval of 5-12 Counseling Curriculum (BOE Curriculum Committee March 6)

- EPLC/BOE MEMO
- Link to Counseling EPLC Board Presentation
- 2023-2024 Counseling Curriculum

It was Moved by: Trustee St. John

Supported by: Trustee Worden

THAT the Board approve the 5-12 Counseling Curriculum, as presented.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried 6-0 vote

7.6. Approval of Employee/Employer Health Care Cost Option Resolution

It was Moved by: Trustee Cotton

Supported by: Trustee Collins

THAT the Board approve the Employee/Employer Health Care Cost Option Resolution, as presented.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried 6-0 vote

8. AGENDA ACTION ITEMS FOR MARCH 19, 2024

8.1. Approval of Branding Firm

9. Information and Discussion

Trustee St. John inquired about the invoices from the legal firm, Collins and Blaha, which Dr. Tuttle stated she had just received January's invoice.

St. John also motioned to cancel the next board meeting on March 19, 2024. St. John ultimately withdrew the motion as it was decided to determine within the next 48 hours.

10. Wayne County Association of School Boards - Legislative Update and Millage Renewal Process

This item was removed as it was a carryover from the previous agenda.

11. FUTURE MEETINGS

11.1. BOE Regular Meeting, Tuesday, March 19, 2024, 6:30 pm, Brownell MPR

11.2. BOE Regular Meeting, Tuesday, April 9, 2024, 6:30 pm, Brownell MPR

11.3. BOE Policy and Contracts Meeting, Tuesday, April 16, 2024, 4:00 pm, Barnes PLS

11.4. BOE Facilities-Finance Meeting, Tuesday, April 16, 2024, 5:30 pm, Barnes PLS

11.5. BOE Community Engagement Meeting, Wednesday, April 17, 2024, 4:00 pm, Barnes PLS

11.6. BOE Curriculum Meeting, Wednesday, April 17, 2024, 5:30 pm, Barnes PLS

10. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-ACTION ITEMS

Mandolyn Grattan, North Teacher, discussed affirming and supporting young women.

Kimberly Stephens, GPW, talked about the quality education in GP and hopes it can continue.

Stephanie Watkins, GPF, discussed the Washington DC trip at Brownell.

JeDonna Dinges, GPW, talked about racism and bigotry.

Blagica Bottigliero, GPW, talked about the branding company decision.

Ryan Ermanni, GPF, talked about the board treating each other with respect.

Kevin Nugent, GPF, discussed how facts and data should drive decision-making on the board..
Renee Strobel, GPS, talked about allegations against board members.
Ted Coutilish, GPS, thanked everyone who worked on the branding campaign.
Sara Schroeder, GPW, discussed several events in the district and expounded on the Gearheads.
Rosy Knapp, GPF, talked about the branding campaign, a public comment and congratulated students.

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

President Cotton congratulated a student for all of his athletic accomplishments and gave a detailed list of his accomplishments.

Trustee Collins congratulated all of the finalists in the all-state competition and spoke about the amazing presentation of the Tempest at North. He also talked about how much he enjoyed reading to the students. He closed with thanking one of the public commenters for her story.

Trustee Jeup discussed the South Mother's Club and the synchronized swim team. She also mentioned the upcoming conferences and spring sports.

Trustee St. John talked about the International Festival, the synchronized swimming championships, and the Girls Ice Hockey championship. She also mentioned the Tempest production and how much she enjoyed it. St. John closed by discussing the Robotics Team the South Culinary team, and all of the upcoming events.

Deputy Superintendent Bishop discussed the MSE conference and gave a shout-out to the building staff and all they do beyond the school day and behind the scenes.

Trustee Worden talked about all of the championships and congratulated Dr. Bishop for winning such a prestigious award. She also discussed the young entrepreneurs who presented tonight and how amazing all of our students are. She concluded by discussing how she read to the young 5's and 1st graders and how impressive the children were. She closed by talking about the Unified Basketball team playing this weekend.

Trustee Papas echoed all of the amazing things that took place in our district this past week. She mentioned the MSBOA awards won by our band and orchestra at North. She congratulated several alumni who are in the Wayne State Big Band Jazz Program. She wished everyone a good spring break.

Superintendent Tuttle thanked everyone for the respectable meeting that took place. She talked about the postcards that were developed to thank anyone in the district who deserves recognition.

12. ADJOURNMENT

President Cotton adjourned the meeting at 9:07 pm.

Lisa Papas, Secretary