



Grosse Pointe Board of Education
Regular Meeting - February 27, 2024
MINUTES
Brownell Middle School
260 Chalfonte, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236
AMENDED (3/12/24)

Enclosure: 8.1.

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

President Cotton called the meeting to order at 7:30 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. Andrea Tuttle, Deputy Superintendent Dr. Roy Bishop, Jr., Keith Howell, Director of Educational Services,

2. APPROVAL OF THE BOARD AGENDA FOR FEBRUARY 27, 2024

Trustee Worden made a motion to extend the meeting time in the event the timeframe goes beyond 10:30.

It was Moved by: Trustee Worden

Supported by: Trustee St. John

THAT the Board approve to extend the meeting time past 10:30, as presented.

Ayes: Trustees: St. John and Worden

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

Motion failed 5-2 vote

It was Moved by: Trustee Papas

Supported by: Trustee Jeup

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

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

Nays: Trustees: Worden and St. John

Motion carried 5-2 vote

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3. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT / PRESIDENT’S REPORT: EMPLOYEE COMPLAINTS & INVESTIGATIONS

Superintendent Tuttle read an overview of the many outstanding achievements and highlights in the district. Lillie Loder followed with an explanation of the Unified Basketball Team and listed all of the people who made this such a successful endeavor with their support.

President Cotton read a statement regarding a formal complaint against Trustee Ismail and the report from the investigation. This was followed by Trustee Ismail reading his apology and comments regarding this statement. This was followed by comments made by several board members.

There was a 10-minute recess

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ACTION ITEMS FOR FEBRUARY 27, 2024

Mandolyn Grattan, Teacher
Sarah Schroeder, GPW

5. AGENDA ACTION ITEMS FOR FEBRUARY 27, 2024

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

It was Moved by: Trustee Cotton

Supported by: Trustee Papas

THAT the Board approve the Regular Meeting Minutes for February 6, 2024, as presented.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried 7-0 vote

5.2. Approval of HR Report for February 27, 2024

It was Moved by: Trustee Cotton

Supported by: Trustee Jeup

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

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

Nays: None

Motion carried 7-0 vote

5.3. Approval of MASB Board of Directors Election

Trustee Ismail made a motion to vote for Birgit McQuiston.

It was Moved by: Trustee Cotton

Supported by: Trustee Worden

THAT the Board approve Birgit McQuiston for the MASB Board of Directors Election, as presented.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried 7-0 vote

It was Moved by: Trustee Ismail

Supported by: Trustee Papas

THAT the Board approve the MASB Board of Directors Election, as presented.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried 7-0 vote

5.4. Approval of the Pierce and South Auditorium Bid Request

It was Moved by: Trustee Papas

Supported by: Trustee Ismail

THAT the Board approve the Pierce and South Auditorium Bid Request as presented.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried 7-0 vote

5.5. Approval of Closed Session Meeting Minutes for February 6, 2024

It was Moved by: Trustee Ismail

Supported by: Trustee Papas

THAT the Board approve the Closed Session Meeting Minutes for February 6, 2024, as presented.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried 7-0 vote

5.6. Approval of Closed Session Meeting Minutes for February 7, 2024

It was Moved by: Trustee Cotton

Supported by: Trustee Ismail

THAT the Board approve the Closed Session Meeting Minutes for February 7, 2024 as presented.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried 7-0 vote

6. AGENDA ACTION ITEMS FOR MARCH 12, 2024

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

- 6.1.1. Feb. 7 Memo to EPLC/BOE Library Media Curriculum
- 6.1.2. Grosse Pointe Library Media Curriculum Guide
- 6.1.3. EPLC/BOE Presentation

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

- Links will be available by end of day on March 1, 2024

7. Information and Discussion

7.1. Monthly Financials/Check Register/Health Care Report

There were several questions and comments from multiple board members.

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

Trustee St. John gave an overview of the Wayne County Association of School Boards Membership Meeting and the highlights from this.

9. FUTURE MEETINGS

- 9.1.** BOE Policy and Contracts Meeting, Tuesday, March 5, 2024, 4:00 pm, Barnes PLS
- 9.2.** BOE Facilities-Finance Meeting, Tuesday, March 5, 2024, 5:30 pm, Barnes PLS
- 9.3.** BOE Community Engagement Meeting, Wednesday, March 6, 2024, 4:00 pm, Barnes PLS
- 9.4.** BOE Curriculum Meeting, Wednesday, March 6, 2024, 5:30 pm, Barnes PLS
- 9.5.** BOE Regular Meeting, Tuesday, March 12, 2024, 6:30 pm, Brownell MPR

10. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-ACTION ITEMS

JeDonna Dinges, GPW,
Geoffrey Young and Katie Vernier, Administrative
Eric Vanston, Teacher
Jennifer Spears, Teacher
Christine Jacobs, Teacher
Karen Westrick, GPW
Rosy Knapp, GPW
Andrea Pietrowski, GPW
Sheryl Denman, GPP
Jim Olownick, GPF
Suzanna Hartman, GP
Stephanie Watkins, GPF.
Maureen Krasner, GPW
David Loch, GPW
Maria Simon, GPW

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

Keith Howell talked about multiple happenings with Staff Development events and the passion that all of the teachers in our district have for teaching and learning.

Trustee St. John discussed the recent performance of Aladin and the upcoming athletic events, the Geography Bee, and all of our student's achievements. She expounded on the sportsmanship of our students. She commended all of our teachers and their dedication.

Trustee Jeup welcomed everyone back and discussed the upcoming parent-teacher conferences for all of the schools. She also encouraged everyone to attend Principal Hamka's upcoming event and asked for parental input regarding our food program.

Trustee Collins congratulated Mrs Mc'Nalli, named administrator of the year and talked about Grosse Pointe Swim and all of the different athletic events that are taking place. He closed with discussing the death of Flynn and the event with Coach Fodell.

Trustee Ismail talked about the death of Flynn and the event with Coach Fodell. He closed with discussing his respect for Dr. Murray and Mrs. Davis and his disappointment that anyone would accuse him of being racist.

Trustee Papas discussed her love for this district, the schools, and our teachers. She talked about all of the upcoming events in the district and how blessed any child in our district is to be here. She closed with talking about the budget cuts and that the path ahead will not be easy. She's hoping that as a board they can continue to move forward as we have lots of things to be excited about.

Trustee Worden gave a shoutout to the North girls basketball team and to Andrea Gruenwald who has piloted the new childcare CTE program. She also talked about the handmade cards from the kids. She closed by thanking all of the staff from North for being here.

Dr. Bishop told the North staff how much they are appreciated. He hopes that we take an opportunity to think about the students and what we do for them.

Superintendent Tuttle discussed how this community is hurt and she hopes that we can find a way to have respect and civility for all disagreements in the future and to teach this to our students. She closed with a statement expressing the value of all the talent and gifts in this district.

12. ADJOURNMENT

President Cotton adjourned the meeting at 10:33 pm.

Lisa Papas, Secretary