



Grosse Pointe Board of Education Enclosure: V.A.
Work Session Minutes
Brownell Multipurpose Room
260 Chalfonte, Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236
April 11, 2022

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

President Herd called the regular meeting to order at **7:00 p.m.**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by all in attendance.

Board members present: Trustees: Herd, Weertz, Worden, Lee, Ismail and Brumbaugh

Absent: Papas

Late Arrival: none

Also present: Superintendent Dr. M. Jon Dean, Deputy Superintendents Dr. Roy Bishop, and Mrs. Amanada Matheson

II. APPROVAL OF BOARD AGENDA FOR MARCH 14, 2022 - 7:01 pm

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

THAT the Board approve the Regular Agenda for March 14, 2022, as presented.

Ayes: Trustees: Herd, Weertz, Worden, Lee, Ismail and Brumbaugh

Nays: none

Absent: Papas

Late Arrival: none

Motion carried 6 - 0 vote

III. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT - 7:02 pm

A. GPEA Update

Taryn Loughlin discussed the building tours with Dr. Dean and the GPEA presidents, that have been taking place throughout the district and how positive the experience has been. She mentioned the amount of work that teachers go through prior to the start of day and how proud each teacher is of their classroom.

B. Good News Report - Mary Anne Brush

Mary Anne Brush talked about recognizing our assistant principals and librarians this month, along with spreading awareness, acceptance and appreciation of students with autism. She also mentioned that April is National Poetry Month. She closed with a news clip celebrating the Grosse Pointe North baseball team.

Dr. Dean spoke about submitting a letter to the editor of the GP News talking about the importance of asking questions and seeking to understand.

IV. INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION FOR MARCH 14, 2022 - 7:18 pm

A. 7th - 12th Grade World Language Resources

Tamara Shepard spoke about the selection and purchase of the new materials for World Language. She also elaborated about the French AP textbooks.

Scott Peltier presented the new textbooks for Spanish 1, 2 and 3.

Cindy Morefield Pinder and Jennifer Spears discussed the Honors and AP Spanish textbooks.

B. Bond Program Financial Update

Amanda Matheson introduced Robert Stempien, of Plante Moran, who presented the 2018 GPPSS Bond Program Finance Update.

C. 2021-2022 G.A.A.A. #2

Matheson discussed the General Fund balance, the Special Education Center Programs, the Food Service, the Community Services, the Student and School Activity, the Debt Service, the Sinking Fund and the 2019 School Building and Site Bond balances.

D. Board Requests

Trustee Weertz asked about an update for the student cell phone policy.

Ismail requested copies of the complete contracts that will be approved by the board. He also requested an organizational chart for the Admin bldg. He also requested a building capacity update.

V. Public Comments on Agenda Action Items for April 11, 2022 - 8:40 pm

No comments

VI. AGENDA ACTION ITEMS FOR April 11, 2022 - 8:42 pm

A. Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of March 21, 2022

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

THAT the Board approve the Regular Meeting minutes for March 21, 2022, as presented.

Ayes: Trustees: Herd, Weertz, Worden, Lee, Ismail and Brumbaugh

Nays: none

Absent: Papas

Late Arrival: none

Motion carried 6 - 0 vote

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

VII. AGENDA ACTION ITEMS FOR April 25, 2022 - 8:43pm

- A. Approval of Work Session Meeting Minutes of April 11, 2022
- B. Extension of GPPSS Superintendent and Executive Administrator Contracts

Dean explained that this generally takes place in January, but due to the fact that the superintendent's evaluation wasn't completed until March, it is being considered in April.

Ismail requested that these two items be broken up separately for the next board meeting.

- C. Approval of Abatement Amendment

Matheson and Stempien discussed the additional work that needs to be done that would require this amendment.

- D. Approval of 2021-2022 G.A.A.A. #2
- E. Approval of Revised Guidelines for Public Comment
- F. Approval of Human Resources Report for April 25, 2022

VIII. FUTURE MEETINGS OF THE BOARD - 8:50 pm

- A. BOE Policy Committee Meeting, Thursday, April 14, 2022, 4:00 pm, Morningside Board Room-Canceled
- B. BOE Regular Session, Monday, April 25, 2022, 7:00 pm, Brownell Multipurpose Room
- C. BOE Policy Committee Meeting, Thursday, May 5, 2022, 4:00 pm, Morningside Board Room Changed to TBD
- D. BOE Facility Committee Meeting, Thursday, May 5, 2022, 6:00 pm, Morningside Board Room
- E. BOE Work Session, Monday, May 9, 2022, 7:00 pm, Brownell Multipurpose Room

IX. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-ACTION ITEMS - 8:52 pm

Terrence Collins, GPP, talked about the REI council, an event at South High School and the general fund.
Stacey DeRubeis, GPW, asked questions about the new language for public comments.
Valarie St.John, GPP, spoke about the new language for public comments and Covid notification guidelines.
Carol Whitmore, GP, discussed a lesson plan at South High School.
JeDonna Dinges, GPW, talked about the new language for public comments.

X. OTHER COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS AND SUPERINTENDENT - 9:13 pm

Trustee Ismail presented a letter from Trustee Papas who was absent. He also mentioned his concern over the lack of involvement from the other board members.

Trustee Worden mentioned how impressed she was with the World Language presentation. She thanked Mrs. Matheson for her presentation on the amendment. She also thanked Dr. Dean for the explanation of the academic lesson that took place today and how she applauds our teachers for their creative teaching methods, going above and beyond.

Trustee Weertz wanted to clarify that there had been a vote to use the Poupard and Trombly money in the bond issue. She also talked about how it is inappropriate for single board members to reply to public questions outside of the board meetings. She applauded the Administrative team in our district and confirmed that she would be voting for the contract approval at the next meeting. She closed with mentioning the Moross Greenway cleanup and what a life lesson this is for our children.

Trustee Brumbaugh elaborated on the proposal for the new guidelines for public comment and this will help to establish respect in the meetings. He thanked administration for the comprehensive bond update and how delighted he is to serve on the policy committee. He also mentioned how much he appreciates the presentations we have had lately to recognize all of the good taking place in this district and closed with a comment on the upcoming spring break and the listening sessions.

Superintendent Dean mentioned that if you email the board of education, all board members see that. He also brought up that there was an REI meeting last week with our students of color and that it was a meeting put together to listen to the kids concerns.

President Herd echoed Taryn Loughlin's thoughts on how talked about how thankful he was for the preparations our teachers do everyday. He also brought up how important communication is, and just because someone doesn't agree with what is being said, it doesn't make them wrong. If things are taken out of context, they can be misconstrued. He said that the best indicator of how well a school district educates, is to observe what happens to the children when they leave the school.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

President Herd adjourned the meeting at 9:32 p.m.

Lisa Papas, Secretary

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