



**Grosse Pointe Board of Education  
Minutes of the VIRTUAL Regular Session of  
January 25, 2021**

**Enclosure: V. A.**

**CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/ROLL CALL**

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

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

**Absent:** none

**Late Arrival:** none

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by all in attendance.

**Also present:** Superintendent Deputy Superintendents Dr. Jon Dean and Amanda Matheson.

**II. APPROVAL OF THE BOARD REGULAR AGENDA FOR JANUARY 25, 2021**

**It was moved by:** Trustee Weertz

**Supported by:** Trustee Worden

**THAT the Board approve the Regular agenda for Monday January 25, 2021 as presented.**

<b>ROLL CALL VOTE:</b>	Trustee Brumbaugh	Y
	Trustee Ismail	Y
	Trustee Lee	Y
	Trustee Papas	Y
	Trustee Worden	Y
	Trustee Weertz	Y
	President Herd	Y

**Motion carried 7 - 0 vote**

**III. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT - 7:06 pm**

Dr. Dean, Deputy Superintendent noted that Superintendent Niehaus was unable to attend this evening.

**A. School Board Recognition**

Dr. Dean thanked the School Board for their service and presented them with a small gift of appreciation.

**B. GPPSS COVID Dashboard Report**

Deputy Superintendent Dean introduced Mr. Geoff Horst, who has been following data and providing information for this Dashboard Report. Mr. Horst presented to the Schoolboard the Dashboard. During the Fall of 2020 GPPSS initially relied on the Wayne County Health Department for data to make informed decisions regarding the presence of COVID in our community. In November 2020 it became clear that the information provided by the Wayne County Health Department was not reliable and at times

was inaccurate. With the assistance of a Grosse Pointe community member, Mr. Geoff Horst, GPPSS administration sought out a more reliable source of local COVID. The end result of this effort is the Grosse Pointe COVID Dashboard. The Dashboard is based on COVID indicators provided by the CDC and in addition to the dashboard, GPPSS created a new report titled GPPSS COVID Tracking Summary.

**C. GPPSS Return to Full Face to Face Instruction Plan**

Dr. Dean announced that GPPSS will be partnering with the Wayne State University pooling test. We plan to use it for High School and will be voluntary. The presentation overview: Charge from the Board, review of reopening steps already taken, specific return dates for a return to F2F and the next steps. Dates being proposed would be Grades K-4 would return face to face on March 1st and grades 5-12 would return on March 15, 2021.

Dr. Dean and Dr. Niehaus have asked the Board to vote at the February 8, 2021 meeting to return face to face.

**IV. PUBLIC COMMENT ON REGULAR AGENDA ACTION ITEMS FOR JANUARY 25, 2021,**

No comments

**V. AGENDA ACTION ITEMS FOR JANUARY 25, 2021 - 8:58 pm**

**A. Approval of the Regular Meeting Minutes of January 11, 2021 and Special Meeting Minutes of January 20, 2021.**

**It was moved by:** Trustee Weertz

**Supported by:** Trustee Lee

**THAT the Board approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of January 11, 2021 and Special Meeting Minutes of January 20, 2021 as presented.**

<b>ROLL CALL VOTE:</b>	Trustee Brumbaugh	Y
	Trustee Ismail	Y
	Trustee Lee	Y
	Trustee Papas	Y
	Trustee Worden	Y
	Trustee Weertz	Y
	President Herd	Y

**Motion carried 7-0 vote**

**B. Approval of Human Resources Report for January 25, 2021**

**It was moved by:** Trustee Lee

**Supported by:** Trustee Worden

This report included new hires, retirements and resignations

**THAT the Board approve the Human Resources Report for January 25, 2021 as presented.**

<b>ROLL CALL VOTE:</b>	Trustee Brumbaugh	Y
	Trustee Ismail	Y
	Trustee Lee	Y
	Trustee Papas	Y
	Trustee Worden	Y
	Trustee Weertz	Y
	President Herd	Y

**Motion carried 7-0 vote**

**C. Approval of Superintendent Service Firm**

**Trustee Ismail motioned** to select School Exec Connect with a **second from Trustee Weertz**

Trustee Ismail asked that the Board not be boxed into certain questions while interviewing a candidate and a confirmation from Ray and Associates that the sixty people they have around the Country to complete the search for GPPSS are available?

On January 20, 2021, the Board of Education held a virtual special meeting to interview Ray & Associates and School Exec Connect. Each firm was allotted 45 minutes to give a presentation and answer questions.

**THAT the Board approve School Exec Connect as the Superintendent Search Firm.**

<b>ROLL CALL VOTE:</b>	Trustee Brumbaugh	Y
	Trustee Ismail	Y
	Trustee Lee	N
	Trustee Papas	Y
	Trustee Worden	Y
	Trustee Weertz	Y
	President Herd	Y

**Motion carried 6-1 vote**

**VI. AGENDA ACTION ITEMS FOR FEBRUARY 8, 2021**

- A. Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of January 25, 2021**
- B. Approval of General Appropriations Act Amendment # 1 (G.A.A.A. #1)**

Annually, the Board of Education is obligated to adopt a budget prior to the start of our new fiscal year. On June 29, 2020 the Board of Education adopted the original budget for our 2020-2021 fiscal year. The requirement for our budget to be adopted prior to July 1 is premature because the State does not finalize our funding package until September, which requires many assumptions to be made in the original budget.

**C. Approval of Superintendent’s Goals for December 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021**

The Board of Education received a list of the Superintendent's goals for December 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021.

**D. Approval of Executive Administrator Contracts**

The following is being recommended regarding the continued employment of the individuals holding the Positions of: Deputy Superintendent of Educational Services, Director of PreK-Elementary Instruction, Director of Secondary Instruction and Director of Student Services.

- Each would be awarded a new contract that would expire on June 30, 2023 (This in effect would be a one-year extension of their current employment relationship with GPPSS.)
- Each would have the terms and conditions, including salary, of their contract unchanged from their current contract.
- The merit pay eligibility for all executive positions would be unchanged from the current contract language.

**E. Approval of Brownell HVAC & Controls and 2021 GMP**

Mrs. Matheson introduced Robert Stempien from Plante Moran to answer any questions from the Board. Administration is asking the BOE to approve the bid package for HVAC & controls, owner contingency and construction management in the amount of \$3,199,197 bringing the total guaranteed maximum price (GMP) for Brownell MS to \$6,720,157.

**VII. INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION 9:51 pm**

**A. Board Communication**

- BOE Bylaw 0143.1 Public Expression of Board Members
- BOE Bylaw 0144.2 Board Member Ethics
- BOE Policy 8315 Posting of Board of Education Electronic Communication

President Herd reviewed each of the three bylaws and policy.

**B. Check Register and Monthly Financial Report** are standard for this time of year.

**C. Board Requests**

Trustee Weertz provided information to the Board for MASB training and asked her fellow trustees what their preference would be for training.

**VIII. FUTURE MEETINGS OF THE BOARD**

- A.** BOE Facilities Committee Meeting, Thursday, February 4, 2021, 9:00 am, Administration Bldg.
- B.** Regular Meeting of the Board, Monday, February 8, 2021, 7:00 pm, Virtual
- C.** Regular Meeting of the Board, Monday, February 22, 2021, 7:00 pm, Virtual
- D.** BOE Facilities Committee Meeting, Thursday, March 4, 2021, 9:00 am, Administration Bldg.

**IX. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-ACTION ITEMS - 10:04 pm**

Christine Roncone, 1405 Buckingham, GPP - Date and plan for full in person learning

Union Presidents of Teachers, ParaPros, Plant and Secretaries Bargaining Units - Full time Face2Face Instruction

Susan Sutorka, 1300 Beaconsfield, GPP - HR Report and plan to return Face2Face learning

Danielle Peck, GP South Teacher - Disagrees with full Face2Face

Andrew Gwinnell, 60 Fairford, GPS - Concerns with Face2Face Fall 2021

Shannon Byrne, 63 Cloverly, GPF - COVID Dashboard/Plan

Judy Gafa, 2158 Beaufait, GPW - Staff vaccinations

Terence Collins, 1222 Harvard, GPP - Return to Face2Face Plan

Laure Nowicki, 917 Lakepointe, GPP - Full Return to school

Nicole Graessle-Durkin, 1931 Lancaster, GPW - Return to school and outbreak concerns

Ici Ollison, 943 Lincoln, GP - Return to full time face to face instruction

Meghan Parent, 1434 Grayton, GPP - Full return to face to face plan

Steven Warnick, 1236 Three Mile Drive, GPP - concerns return to school plan

Deborah Karcher, 831 Fisher, GP - Return to full-time school

Jen Evans, 500 Barrington, GPP - GPPSS Return to full face to face instruction plan

Natalie Zoufal, District Teacher - Return to face to face

Dr. D'Angelo, 872 Pemberton, GPP - COVID dashboard

Shannan McCarron, 186 Stephens, GPF - Return to Learn face to face full time

Lynn Simoncini, 265 Merriweather, GPF - BOE touring buildings for COVID Safety Protocol

Mark Sanford, 1318 Kensington, GPP - Full time face to face

**X. OTHER COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS AND SUPERINTENDENT - 10:40 pm**

**Trustee Brumbaugh** thanked the Administration for their presentations this evening. The public comments tonight represent the concerns that the people in the community have.

**Trustee Ismail** started out by saying that the comment by Lynn Simincini about touring the buildings was a valid one and that he appreciates the GAAA #1 that was done very well.

**Trustee Lee** thanked the administration for all their hard work. Tonight's comments were very sensible and well founded. All of the board members would like to do what is best for our district and our students.

**Trustee Papas** thanked Mrs. Matheson for her report and it was a positive step in the right direction in choosing the Superintendent's search firm this evening. Our parents need/want a decision.

**Trustee Worden** thanked the administration for putting together the face to face presentation so quickly. She welcomed the High School students back into the buildings and appreciated all the comments this evening. This will be a very tough decision and as a school board member, we have to think about the students first and foremost.

**Trustee Weertz** echoes Mrs. Worden's comments.

**Deputy Superintendent Dean** noted that Administration will continue to listen and learn and that the plan to return on March 1st and March 15th will look different than it does today. We continue to work to make things better and we are excited to have voluntary covid testing for our staff next week.

**President Herd** is excited how we are coming together, not only as a board, but with the community as well. As the Board makes their decisions, we keep in mind the physical, social, emotional and educational well being of the students.

## **XI. ADJOURNMENT**

President Herd adjourned the meeting at 10:54 p.m..

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Christopher Lee, Secretary