



Grosse Pointe Board of Education
Work Session Minutes
Brownell Multipurpose Room
260 Chalfonte, Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236
November 8, 2021

Enclosure: V. A.

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 the National Junior Honor Society Students in attendance.

Dr. Dean and President Herd introduced and recognized the National Junior Honor Society students prior to the start of the Work Session of the Board. Sigrid S, Leila O, Jack D, Ryann W, Lorelei C, Alex S, Tracey C, Stephen L, Aine M, Avery B, Aiden S, Eva B, Rachel B, Isaac B, Andia N, Harmon M, Samantha T, Tatjana S, Ryan V and Andrea D.

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

Absent: None

Late Arrival: none

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

II. APPROVAL OF THE BOARD WORK SESSION FOR NOVEMBER 8, 2021

It as moved by: Trustee Worden

Supported by: Trustee Weertz

THAT the Board approve the Work Session agenda for November 8, 2021 as presented

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

Absent: none

Late Arrival: none

Motion carried 7 - 0 vote

III. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT - 7:10 pm

A. Good News Report

Mary Anne Brush presented the good news of the staff and students throughout the school system.

IV. INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION 7:21 pm

A. Annual Audit

Mrs. Matheson introduced Lisa Vargo and Michael Walsh, Plante Moran who indicated that the district engaged Plante Moran to complete the 2021 financial statement audit. The 2021 financial audit received an

unmodified opinion. The general fund had an ending fund balance of \$14,847,701 or 14.2% of total expenditures.

B. BOE Policy Provider

Mark McInerney introduced Plante Moran as a provider for the Districts Policies and Administrative Guidelines, per the request of the Board Policy Committee. The Policy Committee has had an opportunity to review Plante Moran's plan, which would replace the NEOLA program.

C. Bond Financial Update and Dashboard

Robert Stempien and Paul Theriault from Plante Moran Cresa reviewed with the Board the overall financial as a whole, an overview of the summer 2022 construction projects and the quarterly bond Dashboard. Information provided is for discussion purposes only. No action is being requested at this time.

D. ECC Presentation

Dr. Dean introduced Mr. Howell and Mrs. Meier who presented their updates on the Advisory Committee meetings from September and October, 2021. Dr. Dean noted that this presentation comes from a resolution by the Board from last spring directing the Administration to form a committee to consider the future of the ECC program.

Administration Recommends:

- Barnes and Satellites (pending space availability) will be program locations
- Infant and Toddler will be eliminated from the program
 - This will be a phased approach to allow current infants to transition to toddler classrooms the following year, after that the toddler offering will be removed from the program.
- If space allows we will continue the stand alone 1/2 day option, however, we will prioritize full day rooms over 1/2 day rooms when space is limited.
- Administration will increase the current 5% level of indirect costs charged to the program. The specific rate will be determined in the coming weeks.
- Staff pay will increase and consequently tuition will increase.
 - Administration will develop a pay and tuition increase structure over the next two years to be in conjunction with GPPSS bargaining units.

Future (3-5 year vision)

- Continue to monitor ECC programming
 - Community interest after raising tuition
 - Number of students on waitlist
 - Elementary enrollment (space for ECC satellite programs)
 - Staff retention
 - Legislative updates and potential State/Federal funding for child care
- Evaluate the feasibility of a second ECC purposed building on the south end of the district
 - Dependent upon demand

- Would require a future capital outlay that would require a bond issue
- Could be housed on the Trombly property
- If waitlist does not persist into the future then no consideration for expansion

V. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ACTION ITEMS FOR NOVEMBER 8, 2021, 9:23 pm

Joyce Wagner, GPF
Blagica Bottiglierio, GPW

VI. AGENDA ACTION ITEMS FOR NOVEMBER 8, 2021 - 9:39 pm

- A. Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of October 25, 2021 and Special Meeting Minutes of October 26, 2021**

It was moved by: Trustee Weertz

Supported by: Trustee Papas

Dr. Lee abstained from voting, as he was absent from the meetings.

THAT the Board approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of October 25, 2021 and the Special Meeting Minutes of October 26, 2021 as presented.

Ayes: Trustee Brumbaugh, Herd, Ismail, Papas, Weertz and Worden

Nays: none

Absent: none

Abstained: Trustee Lee

Motion carried 6 - 0 vote

VII. AGENDA ACTION ITEMS FOR NOVEMBER 22, 2021 9:41 pm

- A. Approval of Distinguished Employee Resolution**

Dr Dean noted that the Distinguished Employees will be recognized early in the meeting with a short reception.

- B. Approval of Special and Work Session Meeting Minutes of November 8, 2021**

- C. Approval of Human Resources Report for November 22, 2021**

Mrs. Pilgrim advised that this report is expected to be routine in nature.

- D. Approval of Annual Audit**

Discussed earlier during Information and Discussion

E Approval of Resolution to the Wayne County Health Department and the Office of Governor of the State of Michigan

Trustee Papas presented her reasons for this Resolution to the Board.

VIII. FUTURE MEETINGS OF THE BOARD

- A. BOE Regular Meeting, Monday, November 22, 2021, 7:00 pm, Brownell Multipurpose Room
- B. BOE Policy Committee Meeting, Thursday, December 2, 2021, 4:00 pm, Morningside, Board Room
- C. BOE Facilities Committee Meeting, Thursday, December 2, 2021, 6:00 pm, Morningside, Board Room
- D. Work Session of the Board, Monday, December 13, 2021, 7:00 pm, Brownell Multipurpose Room
- E. Regular Meeting of the Board, Monday, December 20, 2021, 7:00 pm, Brownell Multipurpose Room

IX. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-ACTION ITEMS - 10:05 pm

Lisha Kilgus, GPP
Blagica Bottigliero, GPW
Joyce Wagner, GPF
Barb Peberdy, GP
Angela Petkoski, GPF
Abigail Ward, GPF
Tom Torrento, GPW
Valarie St. John, GPP
Rene Mocan, GPW
Terence Collins, GPP
Bruce Fleury, GPF
Leo Nouhan, GPP
Maria Simon, GPF
Alison Lorkowski, GPW
Molly Dupes, GPF
Nathan Dupes, GPF
Miguel Nouhan, GPP
Stacy DeRubeis, GPW
Kate Hopper, GPF
Elisa Wagner, GPW
Dorene Taylor, GPW
Beth Wood, GPW
Chris Cornwell, GPP
Maria Lograsso, GPS
Nadya Thole, GPP
Stephen Warnick, GPP
Andrea Joy, GPF
Rosy Stefanatos-Knapp, GPF
Andrea Pietrowsky, GPS

X. OTHER COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS AND SUPERINTENDENT - 11:36 pm

Trustee Brumbaugh, noted that he attended several Open Houses this weekend and found it was a good opportunity to talk with the community and most felt that it was important to keep the kids and staff in school. He also visited the Parcell's vaccination clinic and it looked to be going very well. He also feels that the most important thing about the ECC Program is that we don't walk away from hard problems.

Trustee Weertz, no comment

Trustee Papas, thanked the ECC committee, it is important to this community. As for the resolution this evening, she has listened to the comments and it is an issue with the community divided. There are two sides to this issue.

Trustee Ismail, no comment

Trustee Lee, no comment

Trustee Worden, thanked Mrs. Matheson and the financial team for the great audit report. She also thanked the ECC Committee, it has been a difficult conversation. She asked why are schools in our county having to wear masks?

Deputy Superintendent Dr. Bishop, no comment

Deputy Superintendent Matheson, no comment

Superintendent Dr. Dean, thanked the teachers, staff, paraprofessionals and custodians for the great first quarter of the school year. We have three quarters to go and he would not want to do it with other staff than ours. Thank you staff for all you are doing.

President Herd, thanked everyone who contributed to this meeting. It was nice to have the National Junior Honor Society here this evening. We do this for the kids. We did a good job of talking to each other. He thanked Mrs. Papas for bringing her resolution forward.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

President Herd adjourned the meeting at 11:47 p.m..

Christopher Lee, Secretary