



Grosse Pointe Board of Education
Brownell Multipurpose Room
260 Chalfonte, Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236
August 23, 2021

Enclosure: VI. A.

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

President Herd called the regular meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by all in attendance

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

Absent: none

Late Arrival: none

Also present: Superintendent Dr. M. Jon Dean, Deputy Superintendent and Deputy Superintendent Mrs. Matheson

II. APPROVAL OF THE BOARD REGULAR AGENDA FOR AUGUST 23, 2021

It as moved by: Trustee Worden

Supported by: Trustee Lee

THAT the Board approve the Regular agenda for August 23, 2021 as presented

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

Nays: none

Absent: none

Motion carried 7 - 0 vote

III. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT - 7:03 pm

A. Good News Report

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

President Herd asked Superintendent Dean to provide the Board with information on items in the Consent Agenda for this evening. Dr. Dean noted that a community member questioned the detail of public comments written in the Board minutes. Dr. Dean reviewed the Board By-Laws and per these By-Laws, the name and city of the speaker are recorded in the minutes. The board meetings are archived electronically and if a person wishes to review public comments, they can watch the board meeting listed on the website.

Dr. Dean also noted that a revised Human Resources report has been provided to the Board members this evening, recommending the new Principal for Parcels Middle School, Mr. Kenneth Milch.

President Herd asked Dr. Dean to reference Item V. D., Approval of Resolution to Decline Participation in Schools of Choice. Dr. Dean explained that this item is routine in nature and under law you have to either vote to participate or not participate in Schools of Choice annually.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ACTION ITEMS FOR AUGUST 23, 2021

James Joseph, Grosse Pointe

V. CONSENT AGENDA ACTION ITEMS FOR AUGUST 23, 2021 7:18 pm

- A. Approval of Special and Regular Meeting Minutes of August 9, 2021
- B. Approval of Human Resources Report for August 23, 2021
- C. Approval of Tuition Rates
- D. Approval of Resolution to Decline Participation in Schools of Choice
- E. Approval of Secondary Band and Orchestra Instruments
- F. Approval of Strategic Planning Contract with Michigan Leadership Institute
- G. Approval of School Breakfast Program

It as moved by: Trustee Ismail

Supported by: Trustee Papas

THAT the Board approve the consent agenda action items for August 23, 2021 as presented

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

Nays: none

Absent: none

Motion carried 7 - 0 vote

VI. AGENDA ACTION ITEMS FOR AUGUST 23, 2021

- A. Approval of Grosse Pointe Theatre Lease

It as moved by: Trustee Ismail

Supported by: Trustee Lee

Mrs. Matheson noted the information provided to the Board is the final lease, not a draft.

THAT the Board approve the Grosse Pointe Theatre Lease for August 23, 2021 as presented.

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

Nays: none

Absent: none

Motion carried 7 - 0 vote

VII. AGENDA ACTION ITEMS FOR SEPTEMBER 13, 2021

- A. Approval of Public Hearing, Special and Regular Meeting Minutes of August 23, 2021
- B. Approval of Human Resources Report for September 13, 2021

VIII. INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION 9:21 pm

A. Return to School for 2021-2022

Dr. Dean reviewed some minor changes to the return to school plan. Administration will continue to monitor local COVID data.

B. Monthly Check Register

Mrs. Matheson noted routine in nature

Monthly Financials

Mrs. Matheson advised that the 2021 books are still being done.

C. Enrollment Update/Class Size/Staff Allocation

Dr. Dean explained that Human Resources is busy hiring. Enrollment continues to change daily and we expect to be fully staffed soon. He did note that the labor market is much tighter.

D. Board Requests

Trustee Papas asked if the policy could be changed so that the public does not have to state their address when speaking to the Board. She also asked if the policy committee could look at a policy that would prohibit bullying and questioning staff to students and students to staff on masking, not masking.

IX. FUTURE MEETINGS OF THE BOARD

- A.** BOE Policy Committee Meeting, Thursday, September 2, 2021, 4:00 pm, 389 St. Clair, Board Room
- B.** BOE Facilities Committee Meeting, Thursday, September 2, 2021, 6:00 pm, 389 St. Clair, Board Room
- C.** BOE Work Session, Monday, September 13, 2021, 7:00 pm, Brownell Multipurpose Room
- D.** BOE Regular Meeting, Monday, September 27, 2021, 7:00 pm, Brownell Multipurpose Room

X. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-ACTION ITEMS - 7:52 pm

Christie McMahon, Harper Woods

Christine Ludke, Grosse Pointe Woods

Bruce Fleury, Grosse Pointe Farms

Steve Warnick, Grosse Pointe Park

Jeffrey N., Detroit

Angela Petkoski, Grosse Pointe Park

Judith Burkhardt, Grosse Pointe Woods

Heidi Slattery, Grosse Pointe Farms

Blagica Bottiglieri, Grosse Pointe Woods

Joyce Wagner, Grosse Pointe Farms

Beth Wood, Grosse Pointe Woods

Stephen Moskaluk, Grosse Pointe Woods

Carol Bendure, Grosse Pointe Park
Rene Mocan, Grosse Pointe Woods
Tim Brumbaugh, Grosse Pointe Park
Debra Payne-Walz, Grosse Pointe Park
Alison Lorkowski, Grosse Pointe Woods
Stephanie Schultz, Grosse Pointe Farms
Betsy Steinert, Grosse Pointe Farms
Andrea Mudiraj, Grosse Pointe Farms
Kathryn Poremski, Grosse Pointe Park
Todd Driscoll, Grosse Pointe Woods
Dr. Rebecca Lombel, Grosse Pointe Shores
Rose Marino, Harper Woods
Biz Williamson, Grosse Pointe Farms
Erica Foondle, Grosse Pointe Farms
Becky Grossett, Grosse Pointe Park
Jeni Sales, Grosse Pointe Farms
Carol Whitmore, Grosse Pointe
Justin Ward, Grosse Pointe Farms
Charlie Nordstrom, Grosse Pointe Park
Jennifer Goossen, Grosse Pointe Woods

XI. OTHER COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS AND SUPERINTENDENT - 9:24 pm

Trustee Brumbaugh reinforced a point made by President Herd earlier in the meeting, regarding uncivilized and disrespectful behaviour during the last meeting. Our District must take safety seriously. Every student, staff and community member must feel safe to participate in our educational community. Trustee Brumbaugh encourages members of our community to look at their sources. He reminded the community that we are in a crisis and this is very critical times. We need to give our neighbors the benefit of the doubt, listen, think critically and act timely. We need to stick together if we are going to get through this.

Trustee Papas, shared what could be good outcomes from COVID, such as fresh air, outdoor lunches, the students getting out and moving more and socialization. She thanked everyone who spoke this evening. There are many different sides and debates to this subject. Everyone wants what is best.

Trustee Ismail, no comment

Trustee Lee, not available.

Trustee Weertz, congratulated Mr. Milch, the new Principal of Parcels Middle School and she is looking forward to the start of the new school year.

Trustee Worden, congratulated Mr. Milch as well. She expanded on what was said at the last meeting, our children are watching us. Every disparaging word that is spoken is listened to by our children. The people on this Board care. They all care about the children. She reminded the community it is ok to have a difference of opinion, it is not ok to say negative things about board members and others. Please keep in mind that the children are watching.

Deputy Superintendent Matheson, no comment

Superintendent Dr. Dean, stated that, from his prospectus, this is the best time of the year. Our teachers are returning and it is fun to see a large group of people ready and excited to be here. He is looking forward to the next couple of weeks seeing staff, the students registering and the day after labor day school starts.

President Herd, noted that he is trying to create an atmosphere to hear one another. Grosse Pointe is full of really smart people, we do not have to holler over one another to have our views known. President Herd says that he is going to make the best decision he can for his and your children.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

President Herd adjourned the meeting at 9:45 p.m..

Christopher Lee, Secretary