



Grosse Pointe Board of Education
Work Session Minutes
Brownell Multipurpose Room
260 Chalfonte, Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236
September 13, 2021

Enclosure: V. A.

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

President Herd called the regular meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by all in attendance

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

Absent: Trustee Ismail

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 REGULAR AGENDA FOR SEPTEMBER 13, 2021

It as moved by: Trustee Worden

Supported by: Trustee Lee

THAT the Board approve the Regular agenda for September 13, 2021 as presented

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

Nays: none

Absent: Trustee Ismail

Motion carried 6- 0 vote

III. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT - 7:04 pm

A. Week in Review - Back to School Update

Dr. Dean noted that the last two weeks have been pretty outstanding. We had a great back-to-school for staff, who appreciated being able to be together. He visited each school during the back to school week and it was great to see students and staff back in our buildings. He thanked the Board Members who were able to visit schools with him.

B. Construction Update - Plant

Robert Stempien, Plante Moran provided updates on the construction work over the summer to our buildings. He noted that \$32 million dollars of work has been completed in 53 days.

C. Good News Report

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

IV. INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION 7:32 pm

A. Early Childhood Education Committee Update

Mrs. Meier and Mr. Howell provided the Board with an overview of the ECC Program and advised of the staffing shortage. To accommodate the short staffing, the hours for the program have been reduced. The program currently runs 15 classrooms around the District.

B. Report on Superintendent Listening Sessions

Dr. Dean reviewed the Listening Sessions he held during the summer months. Healing and Listening is important to this District with topics that included The Why, Major Themes, Covid, Teaching and Learning, Staff, Business, Communication, Healing and Future plans. These sessions took place in May and June, 2021.

C. Community and Staff Survey

Mrs. Fannon reviewed the community satisfaction and staff engagement surveys with the Board. She noted that these are typically done annually.

D. COVID-19 Update

Mrs. Matheson explained that the Districts' priorities are safety for students and staff and face to face instruction. Dr. Bishop advised that the GPPSS will continue to follow the federal, state and county mandates. He noted that over 80% of our staff are vaccinated.

E. Board Requests

No current requests

V. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ACTION ITEMS FOR SEPTEMBER 13, 2021, 8:32 pm

Terrence Collins, GPP
Mary Karoutsos, GPW
James Joseph, GPW
Joyce Wagner, GP

VI. AGENDA ACTION ITEMS FOR SEPTEMBER 13, 2021 - 8:46 pm

A. Approval of Public, Special and Regular Meeting Minutes of August 23, 2021

It was moved by: Trustee Weertz

Supported by: Trustee Lee

THAT the Board approve the Public, Special and Regular Meeting Minutes of August 23, 2021 as presented.

Ayes: Trustee Brumbaugh, Herd, Lee, Papas, Weertz and Worden
Nays: none
Absent: Trustee Ismail

Motion carried 6 - 0 vote

B. Approval of Human Resources Report for September 13, 2021

It as moved by: Trustee Lee

Supported by: Trustee Weertz

Dr. Dean noted that this report is routine in nature for this time of the school year.

THAT the Board approve the Human Resources Report for September 13, 2021 as presented.

Ayes: Trustee Brumbaugh, Herd, Lee, Papas, Weertz and Worden
Nays: none
Absent: Trustee Ismail

Motion carried 6 - 0 vote

C. Approval of GPPSS/GPEA Tentative Agreement

It was moved by: Trustee Brumbaugh

Supported by: Trustee Lee

Dr. Dean noted that this would be a two year agreement.

THAT the Board approve the GPPSS/GPEA Tentative Agreement as presented.

Ayes: Trustee Brumbaugh, Herd, Lee, Papas, Weertz and Worden
Nays: none
Absent: Trustee Ismail

Motion carried 6 - 0 vote

VII. AGENDA ACTION ITEMS FOR SEPTEMBER 27, 2021 9:06 pm

- A. Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of September 13, 2021**
- B. Approval of 2021 Tax Rate Request, Form L-4029**

Mrs. Matheson explained that an update will be forthcoming prior to the September 27th meeting.

C. Approval of Revised changes to Bylaw 0167.3, Public Comment at Board Meetings

Trustee Papas asked the BOE Policy Committee to review and change public comments to only include name and city with which the community reside.

President Herd agreed to a consent agenda for September 27, Regular Board meeting for items VII A-C.

VIII. FUTURE MEETINGS OF THE BOARD

- A. BOE Regular Meeting, Monday, September 27, 2021, 7:00 pm, Brownell Multipurpose Room
- B. BOE Policy Committee Meeting, Thursday, October 7, 2021, 4:00 pm, 389 St. Clair, Board Room
- C. BOE Facilities Committee Meeting, Thursday, October 7, 2021, 6:00 pm, 389 St. Clair, Board Room
- D. Work Session of the Board, Monday, October 11, 2021, 7:00 pm, Brownell Multipurpose Room
- E. Regular Meeting of the Board, Monday, October 25, 2021, 7:00 pm, Brownell Multipurpose Room

IX. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-ACTION ITEMS - 9:10 pm

Robert Maresh
Terrence Collins, GPP
Jack Caldwell, GPF
Blagica Bottiglierio, GPW
Rene Mocan, GPW
Nadya Thule, GPP

X. OTHER COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS AND SUPERINTENDENT - 9:28 pm

Trustee Brumbaugh, highlighted the positives of the week. Grosse Pointe Schools is as close to normal as possible. He noted that the Strategic Planning Session and the Trombly ECC programs are coming up to talk about for the future of the District.

Trustee Weertz, commended the administration, teachers and staff for a great week back to school. The welcome back at North High Schools was wonderful.

Trustee Papas, thanked everyone on both sides of the bargaining table. It is a good step forward. She has seen the joy of students returning to school. So much excitement. She also noted the GP South Show Choir performance, That's Entertainment. The workshop was amazing. She thanked Dr. Dean, Mrs. Bur, PJ Veltri, Rodger Hunwick and everyone who made the performance spectacular.

Trustee Ismail, absent

Trustee Lee firmly believes that teachers and nurses are undervalued. We love our teachers and it is unfortunate that we cannot pay what they deserve. He is delighted that the administration and teachers were able to agree on a contract. He is also grateful that the students are back in school.

Trustee Worden, advised that it has really been a great week and to be back in school. There was excitement that hasn't been felt in a long time. Also back to school night was an amazing experience for her. We are lucky to have the teachers we have.

Deputy Superintendent Dr. Bishop, no comment

Deputy Superintendent Matheson, clarified that the policy and facilities committee meeting may have a date change to Wednesday, October 6, 2021 at their normal times. There would be a conflict with the Foundation Fundraiser.

Superintendent Dr. Dean, this has been a great start to the school year. Dr. Dean reminded people that on Friday, September 24, 2021, we have the homecoming parade for G. P. North. We encourage everyone to come out. The next night will be the homecoming dance. G. P. South will start their homecoming festivities on October 8, 2021.

President Herd, agreed that it has been a really great start to the new year. He also noted that he attended Brownell's back to school night and that it was amazing. He appreciated everyone coming out this evening.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

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

Christopher Lee, Secretary