



**Grosse Pointe Board of Education
Brownell Multipurpose Room
Minutes of the Regular Session
June 28, 2021**

Enclosure: V. J.

CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/ROLL CALL

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

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

Absent: Trustees Ismail and Papas

Late Arrival: none

Also present: Superintendent Gary Niehaus, Deputy Superintendents Dr. M. Jon Dean and Mrs. Amanda Matheson

II. APPROVAL OF THE BOARD REGULAR AGENDA FOR JUNE 28, 2021

It as moved by: Trustee Lee

Supported by: Trustee Worden

THAT the Board approve the Regular agenda for June 28, 2021 as presented

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

Nays: none

Absent: Trustees Ismail and Papas

Motion carried 5 - 0 vote

III. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT - 7:05 pm

A. Good News Report

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

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT ON REGULAR AGENDA ACTION ITEMS FOR JUNE 28, 2021, 7:12 pm

Terence Collins, 1222 Harvard, GPP suggested the Board take a look at a pamphlet from 2008 regarding the budget and shared his views of the 2021-2022 budget.

V. CONSENT AGENDA ACTION ITEMS FOR JUNE 28, 2021 - 7:16 pm

A. Approval of consent agenda for:

- A.** Approval of Public Hearing, Regular and Special Meeting Minutes of June 14, 2021
- B.** Approval of Concrete Paving Replacement
- C.** Approval of Monteith Ceiling Fans
- D.** Approval of North Chiller

- E. Approval of South Interior Water Mitigation
- F. Approval of New Furniture

It as moved by: Trustee Weertz

Supported by: Trustee Brumbaugh

THAT the Board approve the consent agenda for Items for June 28, 2021 as presented

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

Nays: none

Absent: Trustees Ismail and Papas

Motion carried 5 - 0 vote

VI. AGENDA ACTION ITEMS FOR JUNE 28, 2021 7:21 pm

A. Approval of Superintendent Contract

It as moved by: Trustee Weertz

Supported by: Trustee Worden

Trustee Herd noted that he was charged with negotiating a contract and his reasons for presenting a three year contract for Dr. M. Jon Dean.

THAT the Board approve the Superintendent Contract as presented

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

Nays: none

Absent: Trustees Ismail and Papas

Motion carried 5 - 0 vote

Dr. Dean thanked the Board for the trust in him and in serving the District as the new Superintendent.

B. Approval of Human Resources Report for June 28, 2021

It was moved by: Trustee Brumbaugh

Supported by: Trustee Lee

Dr. Dean noted several changes on the report and especially the recommendation of Dr. Roy Bishop, Principal of Mason Elementary, as the next Deputy Superintendent of Educational Services.

THAT the Board approve the Human Resources Report for June 28, 2021 as presented

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

Nays: none

Absent: Trustees Ismail and Papas

Motion carried 5 - 0 vote

Dr. Bishop shared his excitement about becoming the new Deputy Superintendent for Education Services and thanked his family, administration and the Board, as well as the Mason Staff, who came out this evening to support him.

C. Resolution Approving Settlement of Litigation

It was moved by: Trustee Brumbaugh

Supported by: Trustee Lee

THAT the Board approve the Settlement of Litigation as presented

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

Nays: none

Absent: Trustees Ismail and Papas

Motion carried 5 - 0 vote

D. Approval of Budget for 2021-2022

It was moved by: Trustee Lee

Supported by: Trustee Brumbaugh

Mrs. Matheson noted that there are no changes to the budget, that was brought to the board at the last meeting on June 14, 2021.

THAT the Board approve the Budget for 2021-2022 as presented

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

Nays: none

Absent: Trustees Ismail and Papas

Motion carried 5 - 0 vote

E. Approval of Two Year Tentative Agreements for GPAEOP, GPEPA, GPPA, GPAA, Non-Instructional Staff and Technology Employment Agreements and Executive Administrators.

It was moved by: Trustee Lee

Supported by: Trustee Worden

THAT the Board approve the Two Year Tentative Agreements for GPAEOP, GPEPA, GPPA, GPAA, Non-Instructional Staff and Technology Employment Agreements and Executive Administrators as presented.

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

Nays: none

Absent: Trustees Ismail and Papas

Motion carried 5 - 0 vote

VII. ANNUAL ORGANIZATIONAL ACTION ITEMS FOR JULY 26, 2021 7:56 pm

_____A. Approval of Memberships

1. Michigan Association of School Boards (MASB)

The Board is asked to approve the expenditure of \$8833.00 to continue the membership with MASB.

2. Michigan High School Athletic Association (MHSAA)

The Board is asked to approve the renewal of membership with the Michigan High School Athletic Association.

B. Approval of Resolution on Indemnification

1. Liability Indemnification

As past practice the Board should take action to indemnify board trustees, administrators and non-instructional supervisory personnel.

2. Asbestos Indemnification

a. Operation and Maintenance Employees

Mrs. Matheson asked the Board to indemnify specially designated asbestos operations and maintenance employees.

b. Designated Agent

Mrs. Matheson noted that she and Rich VanGorder continue as the designated asbestos coordinators.

C. Approval of Fidelity and Treasurer's Bonds

The request is for the Board to authorize the Fidelity Bond for the 2021-2022 fiscal year.

D. Approval of Designated Agent

It is requested that the Board adopt the resolution naming two employee positions, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent and the Director of Business Operations to be appointed as designated agents.

E. Approval of Debit/Credit Card Users

Mrs. Matheson asked that Central Office Administrative Assistants, Directors, Managers, Supervisors, Principals, High School Athletic Directors and Maintenance and Custodial Staff be authorized to use District credit/debit card(s) in conducting District business.

F. Approval of Homeless Liaison Coordinator

Mrs. Rebecca Fannon will continue as Homeless Liaison Coordinator.

G. Approval of Election Representative

The Board has been asked to appoint Mrs. Amanda Matheson as the Election Committee Representative.

H. Approval of Freedom of Information Act Coordinator

It is requested that Mrs. Matheson continue as Freedom of Information Act Coordinator.

I. Approval of Appointment of Representatives to MAISL Joint Risk Management Trust

It is requested that the Board reappoint Mrs. Amanda Matheson as Director and Richard VanGorder as the alternate.

VIII. AGENDA ACTION ITEMS FOR JULY 26, 2021 7:57 pm

A. Approval of Special and Regular Meeting Minutes of June 28, 2021

B. Approval of Human Resources Report for July 26, 2021

C. Approval of Maintenance Vehicle Purchase

Mrs. Matheson asked the Board of Education to approve the purchase of three (3) F-250 regular cab trucks with plows in the amount of \$130,254. Funding Source: General Fund.

D. Approval of Food Service Van Purchase

It is requested that the Board approve the purchase of one (1) Transit 250 van with lift in the amount of \$44,390 with a funding source: Food Service Fund.

Trustee Weertz recommended that Items VII A-I and VIII A-D be put as consent agenda items on the July 26, 2021 agenda.

IX. INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION - 8:02 pm

A. Check Register and Monthly Financials

Mrs. Matheson noted business as usual and nothing unusual to report.

Health Care Report

Dr. Dean noted nothing unique to report.

B. GPPSS Extended COVID-19 Learning Plan Update

In person instruction for 2021-2022. First day of school will be September 7, 2021 with no virtual option.

C. Return to School for 2021-2022

Reported above in item IX. B.

D. Board Requests

No requests

X. FUTURE MEETINGS OF THE BOARD

- A. BOE Facilities Committee, Thursday, July 1, 2021, 6:00 pm, 389 St. Clair, Board Room
- B. Regular Meeting of the Board, Monday, July 26, 2021, 7:00 pm, Brownell Multipurpose Room
- C. BOE Facilities Committee, Thursday, August 5, 2021, 6:00 pm, 389 St. Clair, Board Room
- D. Regular Meeting of the Board, Monday, August 9, 2021, 7:00 pm, Brownell MPR
- E. Regular Meeting of the Board, Monday, August 23, 2021, 7:00 pm, Brownell MPR

XI. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-ACTION ITEMS - 8:14 pm

Monica Palmer, 2000 Lennon St, GPW congratulations to Dr. Bishop. She appreciated the budget conversation with Mrs. Matheson and talked about transparency, specifically the budget. She also gave her thoughts on masking.

Leo Nouhan, 1322 Nottingham, grateful for getting the students back to school in a difficult year. Children are largely unaffected by COVID-19 and it is more difficult to wear a mask.

Terence Collins, 1222 Harvard, GPP gave his thoughts about mask wearing in the schools and for the board to make a decision now. Why wait. He also spoke about a signing bonus with the tentative contracts and issues with the REI Council.

Jill Nuhn, 463 Bournemouth, GPW shared her thoughts on the DEI team and CRT.

Kate Hopper, 281 Merriweather, GPF requested of the Board for a public statement on the definition of equity, and how much time and money has been spent to date.

Katie McSkimming, 724 Canterbury Ct, GPW shared her thoughts with CRT.

Gail Makos, 514 Lincoln, GP shared her concerns about COVID.

Anne Vanker, 400 Lakeland, GP addressed the Board about CRT.

Mary Kroutasa, 897 Sunningdale, GPW shared her thoughts on masks, athletics, transparency and the plans for the fall.

XII. OTHER COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS AND SUPERINTENDENT - 1:38 pm

Trustee Brumbaugh, spoke about his sorrows to see the water damage many residents have endured. He thanked the Administration and Facilities team for being on top of any issues where the schools would have received water damage. Our hearts are with all of Grosse Pointe during this difficult time.

Trustee Papas, absent

Trustee Ismail, absent

Trustee Worden, she noted her support for Dr. Roy Bishop as the new Deputy Superintendent and Dr. Dean as the new Superintendent. She thanked Mrs. Matheson for detailing the budget with her and coming up with a fiscally responsible budget. Her heart goes out to all the families, teachers and students affected by the flooding.

Trustee Lee, he was touched by the Defer Fourth Grader who quoted Nelson Mandella, “it always seems impossible until it is done”. He congratulated Roy Bishop and thanked Dr. Niehaus for all his kind words and taught him a lot about school politics.

Trustee Weertz thanked Dr. Niehaus with deep gratitude for the job he has done and so many things accomplished.

Dr. M. Jon Dean, also thanked Dr. Niehaus for his leadership.

President Herd, learned much from Dr. Niehaus and he is a good listener and leader.

Superintendent Niehaus, thanked the Board for allowing him to be the Superintendent for the last six years. He takes this job very seriously. He noted that he looks forward to moving forward to his next adventures. It has been an honor and privilege to work here in Grosse Pointe and that he wishes Dr. Dean all the best.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

President Herd adjourned the meeting at 8:57 p.m..

Christopher Lee, Secretary