



Grosse Pointe Board of Education
Brownell Multipurpose Room
260 Chalfonte, Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236
August 9, 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, Ismail, Lee, Weertz and Worden

Absent: Trustee Papas

Late Arrival: none

Early exit: Trustee Lee

Also present: Superintendent Dr. M. Jon Dean, Deputy Superintendent, Deputy Superintendent Dr. Roy Bishop

II. APPROVAL OF THE BOARD REGULAR AGENDA FOR AUGUST 9, 2021

It as moved by: Trustee Lee

Supported by: Trustee Weertz

THAT the Board approve the Regular agenda for August 9, 2021 as presented

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

Nays: none

Absent: Trustee Papas

Motion carried 6 - 0 vote

III. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT - 7:05 pm

Dr. Dean noted that in partnership with the President, Mr. Herd, Administration is working to restructure how information is shared with the Board of Education. The first meeting of the Board, a Work Session, the Administration will provide as many presentations as possible. This meeting will be less decisions and more dialogue. Adjustments can and will be made accordingly.

Dr. Dean introduced Mrs. Anita Hassan, the recommended Principal for Mason Elementary. Mrs. Hassan thanked the Board of Education and the Administration for bringing her to Grosse Pointe.

A. Good News Report

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

IV. INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION 7:17 pm

A. BOE Training - Brian Summerfield

Mr. Brian Summerfield, Facilitator, provided guidance and instruction on the roles of the Board, Board Members and Superintendent, followed by questions and answers.

B. Race, Equity and Inclusion (REI) Presentation

Deputy Superintendent Dr. Bishop, Mr. Gregory Young and Ms. Lillie Loder presented a slide show regarding what is next with the Council, strategic planning and district leadership, development of staff, student and community voice and enhancement of education and social resources.

C. Instrumental Music Purchase

Mrs. Bur introduced Mr. James Gross who discussed the purchase of 44 instruments that have been identified as critical needs. Multiple vendors have been identified to maintain the quality and maximize the resources available. The Curriculum and Instruction Department has set aside a \$100,000 budget allocated for instrument replacement. He is asking the board to approve 44 band and orchestra instruments for \$95,428.55.

D. Strategic Planning Presentation - John Silveri, Michigan Leadership Institute

Dr. Dean introduced Mr. John Silveri, Michigan Leadership Institute (MLI) who discussed his organization's proposal that is being recommended by the School Board and Administration. The process is similar to the process used by MLI in 2014 by GPPSS.

E. Return to School for 2021-22

Mrs. Fannon and Dr. Dean reviewed the Return to School for Fall 2021 plan that includes face-to-face instruction, masking in school buildings, optional, not requiring physical distancing and desk or face shields. Students will have access to lockers and visitors and volunteers will be permitted into the school buildings. Cleaning, hygiene and ventilation will continue to follow strict and thorough cleaning procedures and GPPSS strongly recommends each student be screened at home before coming to school. Masks on buses are required, contact/tracing/reporting are required to the local health department, COVID testing will not be required and GPPSS strongly recommends the COVID-19 vaccination.

F. Board Requests

No requests

V. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ACTION ITEMS FOR AUGUST 9, 2021, 9:18 pm

Joshua Neds-Fox, Moross Rd, GPF

VI. AGENDA ACTION ITEMS FOR AUGUST 9, 2021 - 9:29 pm

A. Approval of Special and Regular Meeting Minutes of July 26, 2021

Dr. Dean noted that the minutes are a recording of the actions the Board of Education takes. Recording of who spoke and their topic is a courtesy. The minutes by the Board bylaws only need to record the actions of the

board of the votes taken. If someone wishes to know exactly what was spoken, the meetings are recorded and can be viewed online.

Trustee Ismail motioned to approve the Special and Regular Meeting Minutes of July 26, 2021 with a provisional for the Regular Meeting Minutes that the public comments be reviewed by Administration by rewatching the tape and being updated to more accurately reflect the speaker's comment. **Supported by:** Trustee Weertz

THAT the Board approve the Special and Regular Meeting Minutes of July 26, 2021 with a provisional public comment review.

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

Nays: none

Absent: Trustee Lee and Papas

Motion carried 5 - 0 vote

B. Approval of Human Resources Report for August 9, 2021

It as moved by: Trustee Weertz

Supported by: Trustee Worden

Dr. Dean noted the key item on the report is the hiring of Mrs. Anita Hassan as Mason Elementary Principal.

THAT the Board approve the Human Resources Report for August 9, 2021 as presented.

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

Nays: none

Absent: Trustee Lee and Papas

Motion carried 5 - 0 vote

VII. AGENDA ACTION ITEMS FOR AUGUST 23, 2021 9:29 pm

A. Approval of Special and Regular Meeting Minutes of August 9, 2021

B. Approval of Human Resources report for August 23, 2021

Dr. Dean stated that on this report, they may have the hiring of the Parcels Middle School Principal. The current Principal, Dr. Dan Hartley has resigned.

C. Approval of Tuition Rates

Dr. Dean noted that Item VII. C. was discussed at the meeting on July 26th and that Administration is seeking approval at the August 23, 2021 meeting.

D. Approval of Resolution to Decline Participation in Schools of Choice

Mrs. Matheson discussed at the last meeting on July 26th and is seeking approval at the August 23, 2021 meeting.

E. Approval of Secondary Band and Orchestra Instruments

Discussed during Agenda Item IV. Information and Discussion

F. Approval of Strategic Planning Contract with Michigan Leadership Institute

Discussed during Agenda Item IV. Information and Discussion

G. Approval of School Breakfast

Dr. Dean explained to the Board that Section 1272a of the Revised School Code (MCL 380.1272a) requires all K-12 districts to provide breakfast for full-time students, except in buildings in which the number of students eligible for free/reduced lunch in the previous year was 20% or less. The Board of Education is asked to approve the GPPSS to not operate a breakfast program at Ferry, Kerby, Maire, Richard Elementary and Brownell Middle School.

H. Approval of Grosse Pointe Theatre Lease

This is an annual item regarding the approval of the Grosse Pointe Theatre Lease and shared that the draft 2021-2022 lease agreement that is undergoing final review for the production will be \$29,140 plus janitorial services.

Trustee Weertz suggested that Items VII. A-G be listed as a consent agenda action item for the August 23, 2021 Regular Meeting of the Board.

VIII. FUTURE MEETINGS OF THE BOARD

- A. BOE Regular Meeting, Monday, August 23, 2021, 7:00 pm, Brownell Multipurpose Room
- B. BOE Policy Committee Meeting, Thursday, September 2, 2021, 4:00 pm, 389 St. Clair, Board Room
- C. BOE Facilities Committee Meeting, Thursday, September 2, 2021, 6:00 pm, 389 St. Clair, Board Room
- D. BOE Work Session, Monday, September 13, 2021, 7:00 pm, Brownell Multipurpose Room
- E. BOE Regular Meeting, Monday, September 27, 2021, 7:00 pm, Brownell Multipurpose Room

IX. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-ACTION ITEMS - 9:31 pm

Todd Driscoll, Oxford, GPW
Shannon Byrne, Cloverly Rd, GPF
Stephanie, student
Angela Petkoski, Mt. Vernon, GPF
Dona DeSantis-Reynolds, Shoreham, GPS
Stacey DeRubeis, Hampton Road, GPW
Alison Lorkowski, Vernier, GPW

Cory Schroeder, Lakepointe, GPP
Bruce Fleury, Belanger, GPF
Mary Karoutsos, Sunningdale, GPW
Ann Vanker, Lakeland, GP
Thad, student
Cynthia M. Douglas, Roslyn, GPW
Kelly Dehn, Windmill Pointe Dr, GPP
April Sayar, Lakeland, GP
Leo Nouhan, Nottingham, GPP
Terry Collins, Harvard, GPP
Dr. Chris D'Angelo, Pemberton, GPP
Kate Hopper, Merriweather, GPF
Santosh Mudiraj, Ridgemont Road, GPF
Andrea Mudiraj, Ridgemont Road, GPF
Ajit Sarnaik, Chalfone, GPF
Joshua Neds-Fox, Moross Road, GPF
Stephen Warnick, Three Mile Dr, GPP
Dr. Rebecca Lombel, Oxford Road, GPS
Sarah Eisenberg, Severn, GPW
Rachel Tapling, Van antwerp, HW
Dr. Elizabeth Hall, Holiday Road, GPW
Blagica Bottigliero, Fairholme, GPW
Dr. Melissa Maye, Buckingham, GPP
Joyce Wagner, Fisher Road, GPF
James Joseph, Washington, GP
Jen Evans, Barrington Road, GPP
Maureen Krasner, Merriweather, GPF
Melanie Depcinski, Cadieux Road, GP
Maria Lograsso, Vernier, GPS
Andrea Joy, Calvin, GPF
Laura Thomas, Belanger, GPF
Abigail Ward, Belanger, GPF
Beth Wood, Huntington Blvd, GPW
Stephanie Schultz, Roland Ct, GP

X. OTHER COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS AND SUPERINTENDENT - 11:39 pm

Trustee Papas, absent

Trustee Lee, absent

Trustee Brumbaugh, we are in a dynamic crisis, we are learning, discovering and relearning things every day. The Board has charged Administration with returning with face to face instruction for the fall, 2021. Although he is more conservative than some on safety issues,, he trusts Dr. Dean and the Administration to make the call in the next few weeks. He encourages everyone to wear masks. He commended the Safety Town Program, the work of the REI Council and the Communications Team.

Trustee Ismail, no comment

Trustee Worden, thanked the REI Team for their excellent presentation this evening, as well as the students who spoke this evening, she appreciates their comments. She also thanked Dr. Dean for his commitment to keep face-to-face education a priority. Mrs. Worden then commented about the many emails and face book threads the Board has received over the last couple of weeks. She is saddened and disheartened about the comments made about the Board and the community. Regardless of your opinion, no one on this board can be accused of not caring about the students. She implores the members of this community to tone down the conversations, stop the name calling, stop accusing the Board of not caring about students.

Trustee Weertz, agrees with Trustee Worden 100%. She noted that facebook is a very destructive place. She is out in this community everyday and talks with people. Her neighbors have different opinions, yet they still get along. We heard all of your comments this evening and we are here to listen to the audience.

Deputy Superintendent Matheson, absent

Deputy Superintendent Dr. Bishop, no comment

Superintendent Dr. Dean, he recognized the work of the REI Team. Our responsibility is to raise up our students. All of our students.

President Herd, thanked the Dr. Dean and Dr. Bishop, as well our other Administrators who attend the Board Meeting. He also thanked the public who came forward this evening who spoke their minds and that people toned down when asked. Grosse Pointe Public Schools is the best place to be. He encourages the people to continue to speak your mind civilly and let's see what the outcome will be. Our children will benefit.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

President Herd adjourned the meeting at 11:52 p.m..

Christopher Lee, Secretary