



**Grosse Pointe Board of Education
Brownell Multipurpose Room
Minutes of the Regular Session
July 26, 2021**

Enclosure: VI. A.

CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/ROLL CALL

President Herd called the regular meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

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

Absent: Trustees Ismail

Late Arrival: none

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

II. APPROVAL OF THE BOARD REGULAR AGENDA FOR July 26, 2021

It as moved by: Trustee Weertz

Supported by: Trustee Brumbaugh

THAT the Board approve the Regular agenda for July 26, 2021 as presented

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

Nays: none

Absent: Trustees Ismail

Motion carried 6 - 0 vote

III. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT - 7:07 pm

A. Trombly ECC Follow-Up

Dr. Dean noted that he spoke with President Herd and asked that the Administration be given till October, 2021 to form a committee that will include approximately 16 or 17 people with Mr. Howell chairing the committee. The committee will consist of three board members and a variety of administrators, parents and staff.

Dr. Dean asked Mrs. Matheson to share with the Board pictures of the construction going on throughout the District.

B. 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 JULY 26, 2021, 7:24 pm

No comments

V. CONSENT AGENDA ACTION ITEMS FOR JULY 26, 2021 - 7:24 pm

A. Approval of consent agenda for:

- A. Approval of Memberships
 - 1. Michigan Association of School Boards (MASB)
 - 2. Michigan High School Athletic Association (MHSAA)
- B. Approval of Resolution on Indemnification
 - 1. Liability Indemnification
 - 2. Asbestos Indemnification
 - a. Operation and Maintenance Employees
 - b. Designated Agent
- C. Approval of Fidelity and Treasurer's Bonds
- D. Approval of Designated Agent
- E. Approval Debit/Credit Card Users
- F. Approval of Homeless Liaison Coordinator
- G. Approval of Election Representative
- H. Approval of Freedom of Information Act Coordinator
- I. Approval of Appointment of Representatives to MAISL Joint Risk Management Trust
- J. Approval of Special and Regular Meeting minutes of June 28, 2021
- K. Approval of Human Resources Report for July 26, 2021
- L. Approval of Maintenance Vehicle Purchase
- M. Approval of Food Service Van Purchase

It as moved by: Trustee Weertz

Supported by: Trustee Worden

THAT the Board approve the consent agenda for Items for July 26, 2021 as presented.

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

Nays: none

Absent: Trustees Ismail

Motion carried 6 - 0 vote

VI. AGENDA ACTION ITEMS FOR AUGUST 9, 2021 7:28 pm

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

B. Approval of Tuition Rates for 2021-2022

Mrs. Matheson reviewed the tuition rates for 2021-2022 as follows:

- 1,893 Hold Harmless Millage
- 180 School Days
- \$10.52 per day tuition
- \$ 2.98 per day based on 28.3% overhead
- \$13.50 total per day tuition for Category 1, 2 and 3

This tuition rate is not for those found in violation of residency requirements.

Tuition Rates for 2021-2022 would remain at \$13.50

C. Approval of Resolution to Decline Schools of Choice

Mrs. Matheson noted that this is an annual resolution that the Board is asked to approve declining to participate in schools of choice for the 2021-2022 school year.

VII. INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

A. Update on BOE Training

Dr. Dean and President Herd had a discussion previously to discuss MASB training for the Board of Education. They reached out to Brian Summerfield, past President of the Board to provide training at the first meeting of each of the next three months. He will cover MASB materials, workshops, answer questions and provide some training. Dr. Dean also noted that MASB will be providing training on the Evaluation of the Superintendent. Another piece of information was provided about a change to the board agenda to not have any action items at the first meeting of the month. It will be more of a work session. There will still be public comment, the community will still observe and it will still be recorded. The second meeting will be a regular meeting of the board.

B. Return to School for 2021-2022

Mrs. Fannon and Dr. Dean presented information on the Return to School. He reminded the Board that the Administration plans to have face to face learning when school returns for the 2021-2022 school year. First day of school will be Tuesday, September 7, 2021. At this time, students will not be required to get the COVID-19 vaccine, they will not be separated from those that are not vaccinated and will not be in cohorts in the classroom or playground.

- C. Check Register**, nothing unusual to report
Monthly Financials, June was included in the board packet, but is not completed at this time.
Health Care Report, we are trending higher and this was anticipated, due to COVID 19.

D. Board Requests

Nothing outstanding

VIII. FUTURE MEETINGS OF THE BOARD

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

IX. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-ACTION ITEMS - 7:55 pm

Dorene Taylor, 1956 Huntington, GPW shared her thoughts on COVID cases in children in Grosse Pointe

Blagica Bottigliero, 1610 Fairholme, GPW shared her concerns about communication from a board member and her concerns on bullying and masks.

Joyce Wagner, 380 Fisher Road, GPF requested that the Board not make masks optional until all children have an opportunity to receive the COVID vaccination

James Joseph, 680 Washington, GP strongly suggests that the board make a decision for Grosse Pointe based on Grosse Pointe, not what other districts do.

Dr. Margaret Hudson-Collins, 615 Pemberton, GPP concerned with our young students' mental health due to COVID. She is also concerned with the mental health of students for diversity, race and inclusion

Mary Rouleau, 1354 Lakepointe, GPP concerns about CRT, critical race theory in Grosse Pointe Schools.

Maureen Krasner, 241 Merriweather, GPF encouraged the school board and administration to stay the course to be a strong school district.

Angela Petkoski, 263 Mt. Vernon, GPF shared her thoughts on masks, crt and adopt a trailblazing mindset. We need to move forward

Terence Collins, 1222 Harvard, GPP asked questions regarding the budget and shared his thoughts on masking

John Clark, 85 Colonial Road, GPS shared his support for the Grosse Pointe schools 2020 resolution to address racism and create a more equitable and inclusive school system for all.

Christine Wujek, 160 Touraine, GPF does not feel that the School District should accept groups of people who are part of a militia group, especially if you are a board member. She shared that she is not interested in students wearing masks.

Jennifer Goossen, 2313 Stanhope, GPW addressed diversity, equity and inclusivity. CRT is not a topic that should be taken up by elementary, middle or high school students. Let's keep politics out of the schools.

Nicole Runyon, 234 McKinley, GPF advocated for no face covering for the fall.

Cynthia Douglas, 1435 Roslyn, GPW shared her thoughts on Critical Race Theory and that it is not being taught in Grosse Pointe schools.

Christine Ludke, 533 Glen Arbor Lane, GPW spoke against masks for students returning in the fall.

Monica Palmer, 2000 Lennon, GPW thanked the board, administration and the others in the audience. She asked the board and community to be respectful of the choices that people make. Treat everyone with respect.

Leo Nouhan, 1322 Nottingham, GPP feels that the mask mandates need to end, permanently. He gave his truths and common sense.

X. OTHER COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS AND SUPERINTENDENT - 8:50 pm

Trustee Papas shared her happiness about the pesticide free boundaries around Defer and Maire Elementary. She also shared some of her life experiences and thanked the Board of Education for all they do.

Trustee Worden, congratulated the GP South Swim and Diving Team. They had an amazing accomplishment this week. She was elated to see the back to school presentation this evening and the return of a bit of normalcy. She is committed 100% to have our students return to school.

Trustee Ismail, absent

Trustee Lee, congratulated the Administration for their back to school plan.

Trustee Brumbaugh, he is confident that the Administration can continue to do the work to understand the dynamic situation we face and to make the decisions to keep our kids safe and to have them return to school. He is excited to hear that the ECC Committee will be taking the next steps to look at how we can effectively deliver a high quality education to a broader section of our 0 to 5 student population.

Trustee Weertz, appreciated all those who came out this evening. A very robust discussion and it is better to have the discussion in person. She thanked the communications team and Mary Anne for the good news report. We have come through a pretty difficult year and she appreciates the new Administration and Board Members.

Deputy Superintendent Matheson, she let the Board know that next week, we will be closing on the Series II Bond Issue.

Superintendent Dr. Dean, talked about the recent flooding and how it has affected many in our committee. It has been very impactful. He noted that we are on the path to identifying a person to lead the strategic planning process. Two proposals have been received, one from MASB And Michigan Leadership Institute. Dr. Dean also thanked the staff who have been working tirelessly this summer and the Board for extending the grace and time for staff to take some time for themselves this summer. He also thanked the Board for committing to training and he is looking forward to doing it as well.

President Herd thanked everyone for coming out this evening. We have a lot of differences here but we all care for the kids and for them to get a good education. This is an exciting District to be in and kindness does matter.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

President Herd adjourned the meeting at 9:18 p.m..

Christopher Lee, Secretary