



**Grosse Pointe Board of Education
Brownell Multipurpose Room
Minutes of the Regular Session
May 10, 2021**

Enclosure: V. A.

CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/ROLL CALL

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

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

Absent: none

Late Arrival: none

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by all in attendance.

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

II. APPROVAL OF THE BOARD REGULAR AGENDA FOR MAY 10, 2021

Trustee Ismail motioned for a consent agenda for Items:

- A** Special and Regular Meeting Minutes of April 26, 2021 and Special Meeting Minutes of April 27, 2021
- B.** Approval of Resolution Authorizing the School District to obtain a 2021-2022 Line of Credit
- C.** Approval of Summer 2021 Abatement Contractors
- D.** Approval of Environmental Consulting Engagement

Second by: Trustee Weertz

Trustee Ismail requested that the Special Meeting Minutes of April 28, 2021 be changed to reflect a conversation between Trustees Ismail and Lee that was printed in the Grosse Pointe News, dated May 6, 2021.

That the Board approve the amended regular agenda to include a consent agenda for V. A. - V. D. May 10, 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 - 7:04 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 MAY 10, 2021, pm

No speakers

V. AGENDA ACTION ITEMS FOR MAY 10, 2021 - 7:24 pm

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It as moved by: Trustee Brumbaugh

Supported by: Trustee Weertz

THAT the Board approve the consent agenda for May 10, 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 MAY 24, 2021 7:26 pm

- A. Approval of Amended Regular Meeting Minutes of April 26, 2021, Regular Meeting Minutes of May 10, 2021 and Special Meeting Minutes of May 11 and 12, 2021**
- B. Approval of Human Resources Report for May 24, 2021**

Dr. Dean noted two items that may appear on the report, GP South Athletic Director/Assistant Principal and the Student Services LRC Supervisor. We anticipate these two items on the report for May 24, 2021.

C. Approval of Resolution Recognizing Retirees

Dr. Niehaus noted that each year the Board of Education adopts a resolution to honor the service of staff members who are retiring. A listing of retirees will be provided with the May 24, 2021 meeting packet.

D. Approval of WRESA Board Election

WRESA will be holding a Board Election and the Grosse Pointe Board of Education will need to designate a person and alternate to vote in the Wayne County RESA election on behalf of the Board of Education and direct the designee to vote for the individual(s) which the Board supports for the position to be filled at least on the first ballot taken by the body on or after May 17, 2021.

E. Approval of WRESA 2021-22 Budget

Mrs. Matheson reviewed three documents provided by Wayne RESA:

1. 2021-2022 proposed budget frequently asked questions (PDF pg. 2-3)
2. Model resolution for local district vote on Wayne RESA budget (PDF pg. 4)
3. 2021-2022 Wayne RESA preliminary budget (PDF pg. 5-20)

F. Approval of Chartwells Contract

Mrs. Matheson asked the Board of Education to approve the fixed price contract renewal agreement for Chartwells to serve as our food service management company (FSMC) for the 2021-2022 school year, as a one year extension.

VII. INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION 7:38 pm

A. GPPSS Extended COVID-19 Learning Plan Update

Dr. Dean reviewed a short presentation outlining the return of face to face situation. All schools are open and we continue to test our athletes weekly. We have implemented a Student Close Contact Exempt Process.

B. 2021-2022 Budget Update

Mrs. Matheson explained the Budget Development Timeline. She reviewed the governor's proposed budget, as well as the house and senate. Given this information, our revenue loss is projected to be approximately \$6.5 million.

C. Board Requests

Trustee Ismail suggested a restructure of the board meeting layout so that the speakers do not have their back to the audience. His other request was an update on One GP.

VIII. FUTURE MEETINGS OF THE BOARD

- A. Special Meeting of the Board, Tuesday, May 11, 2021, 6:00 pm, Brownell Multipurpose Room
- B. Special Meeting of the Board, Wednesday, May 12, 2021, 6:00 pm, Brownell Multipurpose Room
- C. Regular Meeting of the Board, Monday, May 24, 2021, 7:00 pm, Brownell Multipurpose Room
- D. BOE Facilities Committee, Thursday, June 3, 2021, 6:00 pm, 389 St. Clair, Board Room

IX. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-ACTION ITEMS - 8:23 pm

Terence Collins, 1222 Harvard, GPP - Supports Trustee Ismail's comments and spoke about Wayne County recommendations and says we should have no quarantine policy. He shared his concerns with the GP South election policy.

Anne Vanker, 400 Lakeland, GP - Thanked the board for the change from 6' to 3'. She shared her thoughts about the candidates for superintendent and student council at GP South.

Monica Palmer, 2000 Lennon, GPW - thanked the Board for reducing the quarantine distance and encourage the board to follow the rest of the state guidelines. She also shared her thoughts on the student elections at South.

Marie Hackleman, 1068 Berkshire, GPP - thanked the board for their respect amongst all. She shared her concerns with the GP South elections.

Mary Karoutsos, 897 Sunningdale, GPW - thanked the board for bringing the students back to school by reducing the quarantine time. Ms. Karoutsos questioned the quarantine for student athletes.

X. OTHER COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS AND SUPERINTENDENT - 7:40 pm

Trustee Worden, it was nice to see the activities and plans in the Good News report and she appreciated the mental health information. She is also grateful to see actual promotion ceremonies.

Trustee Lee, he echoed Trustee Worden's comments about the Good News Report.

Trustee Brumbaugh, glad to see the Good News Report. He noted the budget pieces are hard numbers to look at and we will have some difficult choices to make.

Trustee Papas, she is encouraged about the graduation ceremonies, it is an important part of schools. She also thanked Mrs. Brush for the Good News report and mental health issues. Mrs. Papas shared her concerns with student government changes at GP South.

Trustee Ismail, stated his concerns about the student elections at GP South. Trustee Ismail asked to meet with the people at GP South who have made the changes.

Trustee Weertz, thanked Mrs. Brush for the Good News Report and mental health information. She thanked Mrs. Matheson for her budget information.

Superintendent Niehaus, hoped that all mothers had a good day yesterday. The Good News Report with the Teacher Appreciation information was well done. He noted to Trustee Ismail that there will be a formal report regarding the government elections. He also mentioned that a reporter contacted him on April 29, 2021, one of our Administrator member became aware of a twitter feed that was liked by the Administrator. It actually was a photoshopped look alike that looked like a twitter feed. The content is nonfactual and is untrue. GP Farms police department was notified and our HR Department did an investigation. The twitter feed was investigated and has been removed. This is a closed issue now and unfounded and untrue. Dr. Niehaus wanted the Board and community to know that we did do our due diligence.

President Herd, he agreed with all that Mrs. Brush presentation was good information. There has been a lot of good news. A concern has been that we had become so divided that we stopped speaking to one another. If you look around this table, we do not have the same opinions or agree, but we, the board, continue to speak.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

President Herd adjourned the meeting at 7:55 p.m..

Christopher Lee, Secretary