



**Grosse Pointe Board of Education
Brownell Multipurpose Room
Minutes of the Regular Session
June 14, 2021**

Enclosure: V. A.

CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/ROLL CALL

President Herd called the regular meeting to order at 7:28 p.m.

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

Absent: none

Late Arrival: none

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

II. APPROVAL OF THE BOARD REGULAR AGENDA FOR JUNE 14, 2021

It as moved by: Trustee Ismail

Supported by: Trustee Papas

Trustee Ismail motioned to move Item #**V. B. Approval of Policy Revisions** from the consent agenda to Item **VI. C. as an Action Item** for June 14, 2021.

THAT the Board approve the Regular agenda for June 14, 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 -

A. American Heart Association

Mr. Howell introduced Renee Kendall, American Heart Association who gave an overview and thanked the Board of Education and GPPSS for allowing them again into the schools for fundraising. Seven schools participated in the program this year, Maire, Kerby, Monteith, Ferry, Mason, Richard and Defer and raised over \$52,000.00.

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 JUNE 14, 2021, 7:48 pm

Terence Collins, 1222 Harvard, GPP questioned information on the sale of 389, the 2021-2022 budget and enrollment projections.

V. CONSENT AGENDA ACTION ITEMS FOR JUNE 14, 2021 - 8:10 pm

A. Approval of consent agenda for:

- A. Approval of Amended Meeting Minutes of May 12, 2021, Special and Regular Meeting Minutes of May 24, 2021
- C. Approval of G.A.A.A. #2
- D. Approval of District Copiers
- E. Approval of French Ehresman Amendment #5
- F. Approval of Ehresman Contract
- G. Approval of Trinity Bus Contract
- H. Approval of Corrigan Moving Systems Amendment #1

It as moved by: Trustee Ismail

Supported by: Trustee Papas

THAT the Board approve the consent agenda for Items A, C, D, E, F, G and H for June 14, 2021 as presented

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

Nayes: none

Absent: none

Motion carried 7 - 0 vote

VI. AGENDA ACTION ITEMS FOR JUNE 14, 2021 7:50 pm

A. Approval of Series II Bond Sale Resolution

It as moved by: Trustee Lee

Supported by: Trustee Brumbaugh

THAT the Board approve the Series II Bond Sale Resolution as presented

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

Nayes: none

Absent: none

Motion carried 7 - 0 vote

B. Approval of 389 Purchase Agreement Amendment #3

Trustee Ismail motioned with a second from Trustee Weertz to adopt the Amendment #3 as written with the addition of a simple sentence that reads “Purchaser acknowledges that under no circumstances will any splitting of this property and/or commencement of demolition or construction of any kind be permitted by seller prior to full payment being received by seller”. Ms. Abrahams, Clark Hill disagreed with adding the sentence to the purchase agreement.

THAT the Board approve the amended 389 Purchase Agreement Amendment #3 as presented

Ayes: Trustee Ismail

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

Absent: none

Motion failed 6 - 1 vote

THAT the Board approve the 389 Purchase Agreement Amendment # 3 as presented

It as moved by: Trustee Lee

Supported by: Trustee Worden

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

Nayes: Trustee Ismail

Absent: none

Motion carried 6 - 1 vote

C. Approval of Policy Revisions

1. BOE Policy 6320 Purchasing - Delete
2. BOE Policy 6440 Cooperative Purchasing - Delete
3. BOE Policy 6321 New School Construction, Renovation - Delete
4. BOE Policy 6325 Procurement - Federal Grants/Funds - Delete
5. BOE Policy 6320 General Purchasing - New
6. BOE Policy 6321 Construction - New
7. BOE Policy 6325 Purchasing with Federal Funds - New

It as moved by: Trustee Ismail

Supported by: Trustee Weertz

Trustee Ismail motioned to approve VI. C. Approval of Policy Revisions with the understanding that Item B. 5. is actually our new Policy 6320, Section 6 is our new policy 6325 and Section 7 is Under Construction is our new Policy 6321 with a **Second by Trustee Weertz.**

THAT the Board approve the Policy Revisions as Trustee Ismail noted.

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

Nayes: none

Absent: none

Motion carried 7 - 0 vote

VII. AGENDA ACTION ITEMS FOR JUNE 28, 2021

- _____ A. Approval of Public Hearing, Regular and Special Meeting Minutes of June 14, 2021**
- B. Approval of Human Resources Report for June 28, 2021**

Dr. Dean noted that there will be several items on the Human Resources Report. A variety of teacher hires and the hiring of the Deputy Superintendent of Educational Services.

C. Approval of Budget for 2021-2022

Discussed during the Public Hearing on the budget earlier in the meeting.

D. Approval of Concrete Paving Replacement

Mrs. Matheson asked the Board to approve a three-year unit price contract with Luigi Ferdinadi & Son Cement with the option of two, one-year extensions to provide District concrete paving replacement. The contract would commence on July 1, 2021 with a base term end date of June 30, 2024.

E. Approval of Monteith Ceiling Fans

Mrs. Matheson asked the Board of Education to approve a contract award for Monteith ceiling fans to Allied Building Service at a cost of \$36,140 plus contingency of \$7,228 for a not to exceed cost of \$43,368.

F. Approval of North Chiller

Mrs. Matheson discussed the North Chiller and asked the Board to approve a contract award for the North chiller replacement to Thermal-Netics, Inc. (Daiken Applied) at a cost of \$65,920 plus contingency of \$6,592 for a not to exceed cost of \$72,512.

G. Approval of South Interior Water Mitigation

Mrs. Matheson noted that one contractor submitted a proposal. Our recommendation is to award the project to Fastdecks, Inc. at a cost of \$194,000 plus contingency of \$19,400 for a not to exceed cost of \$213,400. She requested that the Board of Education approve the contract award for the interior water mitigation at South High School to Fastdecks, Inc. at a cost of \$194,000 plus contingency of \$19,400 for a not to exceed cost of \$213,400.

H. Approval of New Furniture

Mrs. Matheson noted that after receiving a donation of office furniture for 389, we are still in need of additional furniture for remaining office spaces. She asked The Board of Education to approve the purchase of office furniture from Staples, Inc. in the amount of \$140,744.64 plus contingency of \$14,074.46 for a not to exceed cost of \$154,819.10.

Dr. Dean asked about a consent agenda for June 28th, Items VII. A, B, D, E, F, G, H will go on the consent agenda with Items VII C and I to be voted on separately.

VIII. INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION 8:30 pm

A. GPPSS Extended COVID-19 Learning Plan Update

Dr. Dean noted no changes to the plan.

B. Return to School for 2021-2022

Dr. Dean updated the board and the community. He noted that GPPSS will be back to school in the typical way. GPPSS will be holding in person instruction for the 2021-2022 school year. Virtual classes did not have enough interest for the next school year.

C. Board Requests

Trustee Papas asked about adding a DEI presentation to the website.

IX. FUTURE MEETINGS OF THE BOARD

- A.** Regular Meeting of the Board, Monday June 28, 2021, 7:00 pm, Brownell Multipurpose Room
- B.** BOE Facilities Committee, Thursday, July 1, 2021, 6:00 pm, 389 St. Clair, Board Room
- C.** Regular Meeting of the Board, Monday, July 26, 2021, 7:00 pm, Brownell Multipurpose Room

X. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-ACTION ITEMS - 8:30 pm

Biz Williamson, 105 Tonnacour Place, GPF she thanked Dr. Dean and board members for attending the listening session at Grosse Pointe South. She noted that she supports a value system of being kind and respectful to all.

Terence Collins, 1222 Harvard, GPP spoke to the Board about the Welcome Speech at Grosse Pointe South High School commencements titled “Welcome Speech to the Class of 2021 from the Class President”. Mr. Collins has asked the Board of Education to support a resolution to prohibit the teaching of critical race theory in Grosse Pointe Schools.

Rob Remelius, 1264 Bishop Road, GPP shared his thoughts on Critical Race Theory.

Jim Copas, 768 Harcourt, GPP shared his thoughts on Critical Race Theory.

Ruth Azar, 21478 Morning Side Drive, GPW shared her questions and comments on Critical Race Theory.

Alison Lorkowski, 671 Vernier, GPW, shared her thoughts on Critical Race Theory

Monica Palmer, 2000 Lennon, GPW reminded the public that they had a right to speak for three minutes to the Board of Education. She also questioned the student council policy change at Grosse Pointe South and asked that the results be made public.

XI. OTHER COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS AND SUPERINTENDENT - 9:10 pm

Trustee Brumbaugh, thanked Dr. Dean and Principals for hosting community listening sessions.

Trustee Papas, shared her thoughts on the student government elections at GP South. She also shared her feelings on critical race theory.

Trustee Ismail, shared his golden rule, treat others better than you expect to be treated. Trustee Ismail asked that administration advise the Board if the District should ever consider critical race theory, that the Board be advised.

Trustee Worden, she attended both graduations and it was a beautiful and meaningful experience. It was great to see some normalcy. She noted that she appreciated the listening sessions with Dr. Dean. It was a very positive experience. She also noted that she is happy about moving forward to in person learning next year.

Trustee Lee, thanked our retirees and 25 year employees, he is proud to be a part of their celebration. He enjoyed the presentation by the American Heart Association and how great it was to be a part of the High School graduations. He also thanked the community for coming out this evening and expressing their thoughts on critical race theory.

Trustee Weertz, congratulated the 25 year and retired employees and she appreciates Dr. Dean doing the listening sessions.

Superintendent Niehaus mentioned that Sara Delgado has accepted a position elsewhere and that he wishes her well. He noted that the Grosse Pointe Foundation for Public Education held their benefit recently and was very well done raising over \$270,000 in funds for the Foundation. Dr. Niehaus also stated that he is not aware of any critical race theory that has been introduced into our curriculum or been brought before EPLC, nor the board.

President Herd, he was happy that we were able to recognize the 25 year and retired staff this evening. They do make a difference. There have been a lot of good things shared this evening. He also noted that “race is real”. We have been working on the fact that each of us are individuals and that everyone deserves to be treated with respect and dignity. President Herd is also appreciative for the community listening sessions with Dr. Dean.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

President Herd adjourned the meeting at 9:35 p.m..

Christopher Lee, Secretary