



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

Enclosure: V. A.

CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/ROLL CALL

President Herd called the regular meeting to order at 7:04 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 APRIL 26, 2021

Trustee Ismail motioned to amend the agenda to include a consent agenda for items A, B, C, E, F, G and H with a **second from Trustee Weertz.**

That the Board approve to amend the regular agenda to include a consent agenda for Items A, B, C, E, F, G and H

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

Nays: none

Absent: none

Motion carried 7 - 0 vote

Trustee Brumbaugh motioned to amend the Amended Agenda to table Item #J, Approval of Resolution to Address Mental Health and to Revise Quarantine and Close Contact Tracing Rules. **No second was received.**

Motion failed.

THAT the Board approve the amended regular agenda to include a Consent Agenda 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 - 7:06 pm

A. Grosse Pointe Foundation for Public Education Grants

Christie Scoggin, GPFPE read a synopsis of the Grosse Pointe Foundation for Public Education Grants Awarded to GPPSS.

1. Early Childhood Hands-On (E.C.H.O.) Library and Resource Center (Preschool) Trombly Early Childhood Center (\$2,000)
2. Engaging Preschoolers in Movement (Preschool) Barnes (\$2,319)
3. Moving to the Beat of My Own Drum (Y5-4th grade) Defer (\$2,775)
4. Richard Elementary Playground Replacement (Y5-4th grade) Richard (\$10,000)
5. Inchy's Bookworm Vending Machine (5th grade) Parcels (\$5,050)
6. Harmony Directors to Help Retrain Ensemble Skills (5th-12th grade) Brownell, Pierce, Parcels, South and North (\$4,775)
7. iPad Cart and Twenty iPads (9th-10th grade) South (\$8,359)
8. Peer to Peer Program Funds (9th-12th grade) North (\$500)

Total Grants awarded this cycle: \$35,778

Trustee Weertz motioned to accept the Grosse Pointe Foundation for Public Education grants with a **second from Trustee Ismail**

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

Nays: none

Absent: none

Motion carried 7 - 0 vote

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 APRIL 26, 2021, 7:30 pm

Stacey DeRubeis, 1721 Hampton, GPW has concerns with the Resolution to Address Mental Health and to Revise Quarantine and Close Contact Tracing Rules

Chris Pratt, 1305 Cadieux, GP GPEA President and community member, shared that the Resolution should not receive support this evening.

Taryn Loughlin, 871 Balfour, GPP asked that the Board listen to the professionals and the GP employee groups.

Terence Collins, 1222 Harvard, GPP, shared his support for Items D & J on the Agenda

Lakisha Barclift-Jones, 1250 Whittier, GPP has concerns with the Resolution being voted on this evening.

Jen Evans, 500 Barrington, GPP, shared her concerns with COVID cases in schools.

Mary Kroutousas, 847 Sunningdale, GPW supports in person learning and questions the quarantine for sports

Rory Knapp, 232 McKinley, GPF she supports the mental health and safety for our students and staff

James Joseph, 680 Washington, GP appreciates the steps taken to keep our students safe

Melissa Frame, 315 Merriweather, GPF parent and teacher asked the board to table Item J, Resolution

Michael Hart, student supports the resolution being voted on tonight

Dr. Hans Stricker, 445 University, GP supports the resolution this evening. The human race is not meant to be secluded. And we need to balance the risks of mental health or covid.

Kathy Abke, 2070 Hawthorne, GPW does not support the Resolution this evening.

Heather Albrecht, 548 Notre Dame is a teacher for the district, does not support the resolution this evening.

Stephanie Schultz, 411 Roland Ct, GPF does not support the resolution

Michelle Baron, 2101 Hunt Club, GPW asked that students be returned to school with negative covid results

Dan Hartley, Principal and Roy Bishop, Principal speak as President and Vice President of the Administrator Association who do not support the guideline changes in the Resolution

Stephen Warnick, 1236 Three Mile Rd, Grosse Pointe Park, does not support the Resolution

Erica Foondle, 478 Calvin Ct, GPF does not support the resolution

Mohamad Fasih, MD, 154 Stephens, GPF supports the Board and the Resolution

Tristan Guevara, 382 Washington, GP supports the Resolution

Dr. Stacey Lemanski, 1176 Bishop Rd, GPP supports the resolution tonight

Blagira Bottglierio, 483 Neff, GP has a solution for fall, 2021, test saliva

Judy Gafa, 2158 Beaufait, GPW, listen to the CDC and Wayne County Health, vote no on the resolution

Margaret O'Connell, 53 Radnor Circle, and President of the Clerical Union noted that the clerical union does not agree with the changes to the guidelines

Tom Torrento, 1821 Allard, GPW shared his concerns over the pending resolution

Sean McCarroll, 870 Nottingham, GPP a Teacher who has concerns with the change in guidelines

V. AGENDA ACTION ITEMS FOR APRIL 26, 2021 - 8:45 pm

A. Approval of the Consent Agenda for Items:

- V A** Approval of Special and Regular Meeting Minutes of April 12, 2021
- B** Approval of Human Resources Report for April 26, 2021
- C** Approval of Board Policy 7540.04.01 - Guest Acceptable Use and Safety
- E** Approval of 2021 Masonry Restoration Projects
- F** Approval of 2021 Roofing Projects
- G** Approval of NOVA Environment Amendment #2
- H** Approval of Workers Compensation Broker

It as moved by: Trustee Ismail

Supported by: Trustee Weertz

THAT the Board approve the consent agenda as presented

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

Nays: none

Absent: none

Motion carried 7 - 0 vote

D. Approval of 389 Purchase Agreement Amendment #3

Trustee Ismail motioned to approve Amendment #3 with the proviso, with reference to developing the property prior to the sale being paid in full or splitting the property or eliminated until payment in full with a **second from Trustee Weertz**. Mrs. Matheson noted that Dana Abrahams would have to go back to the purchaser with these amendments.

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

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Trustee Papas	Y
Trustee Brumbaugh	Y
Trustee Ismail	Y
Trustee Weertz	Y
Trustee Herd	Y
Trustee Lee	Y
Trustee Worden	Y

Motion carried 7 - 0 vote

J. Approval of Resolution to Address Mental Health and to Revise Quarantine and Close Contact Tracing Rules

It was moved by: Trustee Weertz

Second by: Trustee Lee

Trustee Brumbaugh motioned to strike from 3A, “per CDC Guidelines”. **No support**

Trustee Brumbaugh motioned to amend 3C, to say PCR test instead of rapid test. **No support**

Trustee Brumbaugh motioned to strike the word “rapid” and leave the question open to the professionals administering the testing as to what testing is suitable? **No support**

Trustee Brumbaugh motioned to add a Medical Advisory Council. **No support**

THAT the Board approve the Resolution to Address Mental Health and to Revise Quarantine and Close Contact Tracing Rules as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE:	Trustee Papas	Y
	Trustee Brumbaugh	N
	Trustee Ismail	Y
	Trustee Weertz	Y
	President Herd	Y
	Trustee Lee	Y
	Trustee Worden	Y

Motion carried 6 - 1 vote

VI. AGENDA ACTION ITEMS FOR MAY 10, 2021 10:00 pm

A. Approval of Special and Regular Meeting Minutes of April 26, 2021 and Special Meeting Minutes of April 27 and 28, 2021

B. Approval of Resolution Authorizing the School District to obtain a 2021-22 Line Of Credit

Mrs. Matheson noted that the line of credit would be placed with Comerica Bank, one of the District’s major depository banks. The amount available under the line of credit must not exceed 30% of the state aid expected in the fiscal year. We are requesting that the line of credit be authorized for an amount not to exceed \$13 million for fiscal year 2021-2022. During the year, the line may revolve, but it cannot automatically renew. A new resolution and state approval are needed each year. Once approval is received the designees of the District (Dr. Niehaus or Ms. Matheson) can close on e line of credit. The line of credit will be established effective July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022.

C. Approval of Summer 2021 Abatement Contractors

Mrs. Matheson and Robert Stempien from Plante Moran requested of the Board to approve the summer 2021 abatement contractors as follows:

Maire ES Qualified Abatement Services, Inc. \$ 119,000

Richard ES Qualified Abatement Services, Inc. 334,000

Brownell MS Environmental Maintenance Engineers, Inc. 57,000
GP North HS BDS Environmental 1,400,000
GP South HS Qualified Abatement Services, Inc. 61,250
\$1,971,250
Contingency 197,125
Not to Exceed Cost \$2,168,375

D. Approval of 2022 Environmental Consulting Engagement

Nova Environmental, Inc. has agreed to honor the hourly rates and unit costs presented in their April 30, 2019 RFP response. This request is to engage Nova to complete inspections for accessible suspected interior and exterior asbestos containing material (ACM), inspection for all accessible interior and exterior regulated building material (RBM), on-site x-ray fluorescence (XRF) inspections and completion of a survey report for our 2022 projects for a total cost of \$32,200 plus a 10% contingency of \$3,220 for a total not to exceed contract cost of \$35,420. Mrs. Matheson has asked for approval from the Board of Education.

VII. INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION 9:58 pm

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- A. Update on Return to Face2Face Learning**
 - B. GPPSS Extended COVID-19 Learning Plan Update**

Per Dr. Dean, no changes to discuss.

C. 2021-22 One GP Virtual Update

Chris Stanley and Sara Delgado worked with a committee that believes that there is a desire for One GP Virtual in 2021-22 and are looking for options.

D. Check Register

Monthly Financials

Mrs. Matheson advised that these are routine in nature.

Health Care Report

Dr. Dean noted that the report is a bit higher than normal.

E. Board Requests

Trustee Worden asked questions about implementation of the Resolution to Address Mental Health and To Revise Quarantine and Close Contact Tracing Rules.

VIII. FUTURE MEETINGS OF THE BOARD

- A. Special Meeting of the Board, Tuesday, April 27, 2021, 4:00 pm, Brownell Multipurpose Room
- B. Special Meeting of the Board, Wednesday, April 28, 2021, 4:00 pm, Brownell Multipurpose Room
- C. BOE Facilities Meeting, Thursday, May 6, 2021, 6:00 pm, Board Room, 389 St. Clair
- D. Regular Meeting of the Board, Monday, May 10, 2021, 7:00 pm, Brownell Multipurpose Room

IX. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-ACTION ITEMS - 10:26 pm

Terence Collins, 1222 Harvard, GPP made comments on several items from the meeting

Bonnie Leone, 824 Cadieux, GP spoke about the resolution and the superintendent candidates.

Stacey DeRubeis, 1721 Hampton, GPW thanked Trustee Brumbaugh and shared her concerns with Action Item J, Approval of Resolution.

X. OTHER COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS AND SUPERINTENDENT - 10:34 pm

Trustee Brumbaugh, he is looking forward to the upcoming superintendent interviews.

Trustee Ismail, no comment

Trustee Lee, he understands the passion on both sides of the covid issue. He hopes that we can disagree to disagree.

Trustee Papas, this evening was a hard night with tough decisions. She thanked everyone for their concerns and is looking forward to the superintendent interviews.

Trustee Worden, thanked President Herd this evening for pointing out that despite what people think of the Board's opinion, that everyone sitting on this board voted on the resolution were thinking of the students.

Trustee Weertz, provided her response to the GP News, who had contacted her about the Superintendent Search. The search firm reached out to many women and minorities as possible candidates. One woman was placed on the slate, but later decided to withdraw. We cannot interview candidates who do not apply. The pandemic has hurt industry, leaders are choosing to stay in their district. Fortunately, here in Grosse Pointe, we are ahead in the search.

Superintendent Niehaus, noted that he had to be talked into applying for the Superintendent position here in Grosse Pointe, six years ago. I hope and wish that the Board will give the four candidates a chance and opportunity to present themselves. To prejudge them, does not do anyone any good. He respects the School Exec Connect that brought these candidates to Grosse Pointe. It is the right thing to do to give the candidates their fair opportunity.

President Herd, the decision this evening regarding the resolution was a tough decision. There are legitimate arguments that can be made on both sides of the virtual, hybrid and face to face learning. He has concerns about what people say to each other and how they say it. Sometimes we will all agree and sometimes we will not.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

President Herd adjourned the meeting at 10:46 p.m..

Christopher Lee, Secretary