



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, 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 12, 2021

Trustee Ismail motioned to amend the agenda to add a consent agenda for Items V. A-E with a **second from Trustee Weertz to add a consent agenda for Items V. A-E.**

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

Nays: none

Absent: none

Motion carried 7 - 0 vote

Approve the motion to amend the Regular Agenda

It was moved by: Trustee Weertz

Seconded by: Trustee Brumbaugh

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

Nays: none

Absent: none

Motion carried 7 - 0 vote

Approval of the amended Agenda for April 12, 2021 with the Consent Agenda V. A - E as presented.

It was moved by: Trustee Weertz

Second by: Trustee Brumbaugh

- A. Approval of Special and Regular Meeting Minutes of March 2, 2021 and Work Session Minutes of March 24, 2021
- B. Approval of BOE Bylaw and Policy
 1. BOE Bylaw 0164.5 Remote Participation by Board Members at Board Meetings (Revised)
 2. BOE Policy 5111 Enrollment Eligibility of Students (Revised)

- C. Approval of World Language 7-12 Resources
- D. Approval of Y5-5 Freckle Digital Content
- E. Approval of MAISA Unit Mentor Text Resources

THAT the Board approve the amended Regular agenda for Monday April 12, 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 - 7:09 pm

A. 389 Purchase Agreement Amendment #3

Dr. Niehaus introduced Dana Abrahams from Clark Hill and Bill Bowman from Great Northern Group to update the board on Curtis Building Co. who is unable to fulfill the terms by the deadlines included in amendment #2 and requested to negotiate a third amendment to the purchase agreement. The changes incorporated to amendment #3 include:

Additional time to obtain site plan and lot split approval from the City. The plans must be submitted to the City of Grosse Pointe no later than April 30, 2021.

The purchaser is waiving their right to terminate the agreement and the \$100,000 deposit is non-refundable. Closing will occur no later than August 31, 2021. Two one-month extensions permitted upon receipt of \$5,000 for each extension requested. The land contract terms apply the \$100,000 down payment to the final principal payoff of the land contract, which is due no later than December 31, 2021. The lease allows Grosse Pointe Public School System to occupy the building rent-free through December 31, 2021. Upon execution of the lease, the purchaser is responsible for all taxes and utilities as of closing

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 12, 2021, 7:40 pm

Terrence Collins, 1222 Harvard, GPP has concerns with the Defer Greenhouse.

V. CONSENT AGENDA ACTION ITEMS V. A-E FOR APRIL 12, 2021 - 7:43 pm

It as moved by: Trustee Weertz

Supported by: Trustee Ismail

A. Approval of Special and Regular Meeting Minutes of March 22, 2021 and Work Session Minutes of March 24, 2021

B. Approval of BOE Bylaw and Policy

1. BOE Bylaw 0164.5 Remote Participation by Board Members at Board Meetings (revised)
 2. BOE Policy 5111 Enrollment Eligibility of Students (revised)
- C. Approval of World Language 7-12 Resources
D. Approval of Y5-5 Freckle Digital Content
E. Approval of MAISA Unit Mentor Text Resources

THAT the Board approve the Action Items V. A-E for April 12, 2021 as presented

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

Nays: none

Absent: none

Motion carried 7 - 0 vote

F. Approval of North GMP and Remaining Trades

It was moved by: Trustee Brumbaugh

Second by: Trustee Worden

THAT the Board approve the North GMP and Remaining Trades as presented.

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

Nays: Trustee Ismail

Absent: none

Motion carried 6 - 1 vote

G. Approval of North Track Resurfacing

It was moved by: Trustee Lee

Second by: Trustee Worden

THAT the Board approve the North Track Resurfacing as presented.

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

Nays: none

Absent: none

Motion carried 7 - 0 vote

H. Approval of Defer Greenhouse

It was moved by: Trustee Lee

Second by: Trustee Brumbaugh

THAT the Board approve the Defer Greenhouse 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 APRIL 26, 2021 7:48 pm

A. Approval of Special and Regular Meeting Minutes of April 12, 2021

B. Approval of Human Resources Report for April 26, 2021

Dr. Dean mentioned that Ms. Sue Lucchese, Supervisor, Student Services will be retiring at the end of the school year and interviews are currently being conducted to find a replacement.

C. Approval of Board Policy 7540.04.01 - Guest Acceptable Use and Safety

Dr. Dean explained that the BOE Policy Committee electronically reviewed and supported a new policy titled 7540.04.01 Guest Acceptable Use and Safety. With the recent segregation of our guest network from our staff/student wireless network all guests will need to undergo a wifi authentication process each time the guest accesses our network. This new policy will be part of that authentication process.

D. Approval of 389 Purchase Agreement Amendment #3

Discussed during the Superintendent's report.

E. Approval of 2021 Masonry Restoration Projects

Mrs. Matheson and Paul Theriault from Plante Moran CRESA, asked the Board to approve the 2021 masonry restoration contractors as follows:

Defer Elementary School Pullman SST \$ 48,600

Monteith Elementary School RAM 33,707

Richard Elementary School Grunwell-Cashero 13,650

Pierce Middle School Pullman SST 114,720

\$ 210,677

Contingency 26,123

Not to Exceed Cost \$ 236,800

F. Approval of 2021 Roofing Projects

Deputy Superintendent, Mrs. Matheson requested of the Board to approve the 2021 roofing contractors as follows:

Barnes Early Childhood Center J.D. Candler \$ 8,800

Ferry Elementary School Bloom Roofing 120,700

Kerby Elementary School J.D. Candler 14,700

Brownell Middle School Bloom Roofing 296,768

\$ 440,968

Contingency 44,097 Not to Exceed Cost \$ 485,065

G. Approval of NOVA Environmental Amendment #2

Amendment #1 was signed on March 19, 2021 to conduct asbestos containing material (ACM) inspections for our 2021 bond projects. The amount of this work was \$31,640.

Amendment #2 covers services associated with summer bid specification development as well as the project management and air monitoring for our 2021 bond projects. Air monitoring includes phase contract microscopy (PCM), transmission electron microscopy (TEM) and lead air. The total cost for these services is \$287,370 plus 10% contingency of \$28,730.

Mrs. Matheson asked the Board of Education to approve NOVA Environmental Amendment #2 bringing the total contract for NOVA Environmental to \$338,810 plus 10% contingency of \$28,730 for a not to exceed project cost of \$367,540.

H. Approval of Workers' Compensation Broker

Mrs. Matheson noted that Gallagher provided the most comprehensive proposal and received the highest evaluation score. Some of the areas Gallagher excelled in include:

The most years of experience in the workers' compensation insurance industry

Serving over 417 school clients

Financial annual report provided to support financial stability

Will seek quotes from a greater number of workers' compensation insurance carriers to obtain the best coverage on our behalf.

Standard broker commission with no annual fee

VII. INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION 8:07 pm

_____A. Update on Return to Face2Face Learning

Dr. Dean noted the presentation overview

1 Status Update, 2 Student close contact ineligibility process and 3 student athlete

B. GPPSS Extended COVID-19 Learning Plan Update

Discussed during the Return to Face2Face Learning

C. Board Requests

No outstanding requests

VIII. FUTURE MEETINGS OF THE BOARD

- A.** Regular Meeting of the Board, Monday, April 12, 2021, 7:00 pm, Brownell Multipurpose Room
- B.** Regular Meeting of the Board, Monday, April 26, 2021, 7:00 pm, Brownell Multipurpose Room
- C.** Special Meeting of the Board, Tuesday, April 27, 2021, 4:00 pm, Brownell Multipurpose Room
- D.** Special Meeting of the Board, Wednesday, April 28, 2021, 4:00 pm, Brownell Multipurpose Room
- E.** BOE Facilities Meeting, Thursday, May 6, 2021, 6:00 pm, Board Room, 389 St. Clair
- F.** Regular Meeting of the Board, Monday, May 10, 2021, 7:00 pm, Brownell Multipurpose Room

Dr. Niehaus asked President Herd to have the meetings posted for the Superintendent's search.

IX. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-ACTION ITEMS - 8:46 pm

Terrence Collins, 1222 Harvard, GPP - gave his thoughts on several topics

Dr. Chris D'Angelo, 872 Pemberton, GPP - COVID-19, would like to see more testing in the schools.

Stacey DuRubeis, 1721 Hampton, GPW, shut down face2face, why are we waiting for a mandate?

Kathy Abke, 2070 Hawthorne, GPW there have been recommendations to shut schools for two weeks because of the COVID-19 outbreak, why is GPPSS not following the recommendations.

Jen Evans, 500 Barrington, GPP pleading to pivot away from in person learning at every grade level

Stephanie Schultz, 411 Roland Ct, GPF, COVID 19, please pause on face2face learning

Clare Pfeiffer, 477 Cook Road, GPW, parents and students are stressed out and that students are nervous about missing school.

Brian Summerfield, 764 Pemberton, GPP shared his concerns that the Board is not listening to Administrators, staff, parents and students. Parents are distraught. The Board is not listening to the staff or our experts.

President Herd announced that the Board met in a special meeting with School Exec Connect who has recommended four final superintendent candidates. These candidates will be interviewed on April 27 and 28, 2021:

Dr. Stephen Bigelow, Superintendent Bay City Public Schools

Dr. Ryan McLeod, Superintendent of Eastpointe Community Schools

Dr. Lawrence Rudolph, Assistant Superintendent of High Schools,
Detroit Public Schools Community District

Dr. M. Jon Dean, Deputy Superintendent, Grosse Pointe Public Schools

X. OTHER COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS AND SUPERINTENDENT - 9:18 pm

Trustee Brumbaugh, thanked the Administration for the presentation this evening on the covid situation. We are just trying to do our best in an impossible situation.

Trustee Ismail, no comment

Trustee Lee, agrees with Trustee Worden. There are compelling reasons for both sides of the covid issue. There is very little evidence that shows covid spreads in the schools. He wants to keep the students in school and safe.

Trustee Papas, she has respect for all of the Board members. We are caring, thoughtful and wonderful people. She noted that all emails to the Board are read. She also noted that the State has mandated the PSAT and SAT this week. There is no decision that will make everyone happy.

Trustee Worden, commented that the teachers are going above and beyond, every day. Why does the Governor ask schools and restaurants to close, when everything else is open. School should be number one, our top priority for our students. In person learning is the absolute best way for our students to learn.

Trustee Weertz, agrees with Trustee Papas, Worden and Dr. Lee. We are in the business of educating students in the best possible way.

Superintendent Niehaus, he can't always agree with some of the comments before the board, that the board and administration are not working together to find the best solutions. We try to find a compromise for what parents are looking for. We need to flatten the curve within our community. He asks that the community continue to speak with the Administration and that we are happy to talk with you.

President Herd, the decisions we have made have not been easy. No matter what decision is made, someone is not going to be happy. This board and administration have had many conversations to find a way for all parents to have a choice about their child's education.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

President Herd adjourned the meeting at 9:45 p.m..

Christopher Lee, Secretary