



**Grosse Pointe Board of Education
Brownell Multipurpose Room
Minutes of the Regular Session
March 8, 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, Papas, Weertz and Worden

Absent: Trustee Lee

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

Dr. Niehaus read the legal provisions from *Stephanie Barna*, Wayne County Dept. of Health, Human and Veterans Services Environmental Compliance Monitoring Manager, regarding the meeting this evening:

Regarding the school board meeting planned for March 8th, as this meeting is being held in an auditorium, it falls under the restrictions set forth for entertainment facilities. Incidental gatherings are permitted at entertainment facilities provided that venues adhere to the following mandates:

- Individuals must remain masked at all times unless eating or drinking in a designated area
- Groups of patrons participating in activities together, such as those seated together must not exceed 25 persons indoors
- Patrons must be prevented from mingling with or engaging in physical contact with persons outside their group
- Groups must remain at least 6 feet apart at all times

Furthermore, gatherings must comply with the following density and capacity limitations:

- Occupancy must not exceed 50% of limits established by the fire marshal
- For indoor entertainment and recreation facilities, no more than 300 individuals may be gathered within any distinct space within the venue

Dr. Niehaus noted that a complaint had been filed with the Wayne County Health Department. Compliance Officer, Stephanie Barna interviewed Dr. Niehaus and Dr. Dean. She noted that the District is within compliance.

II. APPROVAL OF THE BOARD REGULAR AGENDA FOR MARCH 8, 2021

It was moved by: Trustee Brumbaugh

Supported by: Trustee Ismail

Trustee Weertz motioned to have a consent agenda on items for V. A-G. Trustee Ismail agreed to consent agenda for V. A, B and F. Items V. C. D. G. and H. would be voted on individually.

THAT the Board approve the amended Regular agenda for Monday March 8, 2021 with a consent agenda for Items V. A B and F, as presented.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Lee

Motion carried 6 - 0 vote

III. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT - 7:08 pm

A. Update on Return to Face2Face Learning

Dr. Dean and Mrs. Matheson reviewed the presentation stating that GP Traditional Elementary students successfully returned to face to face on March 1, 2021. GP Traditional Middle and High School students return to face to face on March 15, 2021 and that OneGP Virtual will remain virtual through this school year.

B. Grosse Pointe Alumni and Friends

Katie Horst, Gina Gabel, Irena Politano and Scott Smith introduced themselves and their Endowment Group.

C. Good News Report

Mary Anne Brush introduced herself and reported good news to the Board of Education.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT ON REGULAR AGENDA ACTION ITEMS FOR MARCH 8, 2021,

No comments

V. AGENDA ACTION ITEMS FOR MARCH 8, 2021 - 7:59 pm

Consent Agenda Action Items for March 8, 2021

It was moved by: Trustee Weertz

Second by: Trustee Ismail

A. Approval of the Special and Regular Meeting Minutes of February 22, 2021

B. Approval of PA 152 Resolution.

F. Approval of Parcels Auditorium Rigging and Drapery Improvements

THAT the Board approve the Consent Agenda Action Items for March 8, 2021 as presented.

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

Nays: none

Absent: Trustee Lee

Motion carried 6 - 0 vote

C. Approval of VSS and DAC Project for Bond 2021 Buildings

It was moved by: Trustee Weertz

Supported by: Trustee Worden

THAT the Board approve VSS and DAC Project for Bond 2021 Buildings as presented.

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

Nays: none

Absent: Trustee Lee

Motion carried 6 - 0 vote

D. Approval of Contract Amendment for PAs and Clocks

It was moved by: Trustee Weertz

Supported by: Trustee Ismail

THAT the Board approve the Contract Amendment for PAs and Clocks as presented.

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

Nays: none

Absent: Trustee Lee

Motion carried 6 - 0 vote

E. Approval of Spring 2021 Abatement Contractors

It was moved by: Trustee Ismail

Supported by: Trustee Papas

THAT the Board approve the Spring, 2021 Abatement Contractors as presented.

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

Nays: none

Absent: Trustee Lee

Motion carried 6 - 0 vote

G. Approval of Visual Display Improvements

It was moved by: Trustee Weertz

Supported by: Trustee Ismail

THAT the Board approve the Visual Display Improvements as presented.

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

Nays: none

Absent: Trustee Lee

Motion carried 6 - 0 vote

H. Approval of Air Purifiers

It was moved by: Trustee Brumbaugh

Supported by: Trustee Papas

Mrs. Matheson asked the Board to approve up to 550 air purifiers be purchased at a unit cost of \$563.85 per unit for a total cost of \$310,117.50 and up to 550 replacement filters at a unit cost of \$138.85 for a total cost of \$76,367.50. The combined total for air purifiers and replacement filters totals \$386,485, which will be funded by our ESSER II allocation.

THAT the Board approve Air Purifiers as presented.

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

Nays: none

Absent: Trustee Lee

Motion carried 6 - 0 vote

VI. AGENDA ACTION ITEMS FOR MARCH 22, 2021 8:19 pm

- A. **Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of March 8, 2021 and Special Meeting Minutes of March 15, 2021**
- B. **Approval of Human Resources Report for March 22, 2021**
- C. **Approval of Resolution for Designation of a School Safety Liaison and Emergency Contact to Attorney General Hotline**

Public Act 435 of 2018 establishes the Office of School Safety within the Department of State Police; the Office of School Safety is tasked with working with the Michigan Department of Education to create model practices for school safety and offering school safety training to school districts.

D. **Approval of Bond Computer Device Purchasing (Labs and Classrooms)**

Chris Stanley, Director of Technology and Alex Dietrich from Plante Moran requested Board approval of Bond Computer Devices and Equipment for \$542,435.40 (including 10% contingency). The purchase of this equipment includes the following:

- desktop computers for specific computer labs at North
- desktop computers for special ed classrooms
- updated laptops for Technology staff
- laptops and laptop storage units for Science classrooms at North
- docking stations for all 2021 construction building classrooms

E. **Approval of Contract Amendment for Classroom AV**

Mr. Stanley and Alex Dietrich asked the Board to approve an amendment to the Classroom AV contract for VSC for a total of \$1,240,205 (10% contingency included) through Bond funds and \$111,300 for a temporary cart solution through general funds. The project scope is similar to the 2020 scope:

- Removing and recycling/disposing of existing classroom AV equipment and cabling

- Implementing new classroom AV equipment (Smartboards, Audio, Document Cameras) in each classroom
- Integration services

F. Approval of Move Management

Mrs. Matheson requested the Board of Education to award the contract for the 2021 move management to Palmer Commercial Services in the amount of \$138,814 and Corrigan Moving Systems in the amount of \$161,000 and contingency of \$29,981 for a not to exceed cost of \$329,795. The cost of this project will be paid from the building & site bond.

G. Approval of Trombly ECC Program and GPPSS ECC Programs for 2021-2022

The Pre-K Tuition was refined to meet the Early Childhood needs in the GPPSS communities through the Pre-K Tuition Community Committee. Equally tuition was adjusted over three years so salary and benefits could be increased to competitive rates while remaining within budget. The Pre-K tuition program is now designed to make funds for the GPPSS School Fund. The Pre-K Tuition initially started in the Barnes School building. Originally, the Trombly Pre-K building renovation and marketing program was to be funded by a Trombly donor. Any donor or future use of the Trombly Elementary School building will require further action by the Board of Education. The Board of Education and GPPSS administration will have the 2021 - 2022 school year to plan for the future use of the Trombly building. It is requested that the Board approve the One Year Trombly Pre-K Tuition Program for the 2021-2022 School Year.

VII. INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION 9:11 pm

_____A. GPPSS Extended COVID-19 Learning Plan Update

Discussed during the Superintendent's report.

B. February 2021 Bond Dashboard

Robert Stempien, Plante Moran CRESA reviewed the 2021 Bond Dashboard with the Board

C. Health Care Report

Dr. Dean noted that the report is not unusual for this time.

D. Board Requests

Nothing outstanding

VIII. FUTURE MEETINGS OF THE BOARD

- A. Special Meeting of the Board, Monday, March 15, 2021, 6:00 pm, Virtual
- B. Regular Meeting of the Board, Monday, March 22, 2021, 7:00 pm, Brownell Multipurpose Room
- C. BOE Facilities Committee Meeting, Thursday, April 8, 2021, 6:00 pm, Location TBD
- D. Regular Meeting of the Board, Monday, April 12, 2021, 7:00 pm, Brownell Multipurpose Room

IX. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-ACTION ITEMS - 9:26 pm

Terence Collins, 1222 Harvard, GPP, questioned the protocol for quarantine students.

Stacey DeRubeis, 1721 Hampton, GPW, feels it is irresponsible to have in person meetings.

X. OTHER COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS AND SUPERINTENDENT - 9:32 pm

Trustee Brumbaugh thanked the Board for a great discussion this evening. He agreed with public comment this evening that people having to make safe choices is important.

Trustee Ismail, no comment

Trustee Lee, absent

Trustee Papas, noted that we have a lot of exciting projects going on. We continue to have some great conversations with the Board and Administration. She looks forward to moving ahead.

Trustee Worden, appreciates the detailed plans and updates on the face to face return this evening. It is clear that the District is taking great strides to make our District safe. She has heard great things with the return of elementary from teachers, students and parents. She thanked the teachers for getting vaccinated.

Trustee Weertz agreed with all Trustee Worden had to say. She went on to say that she commends the new communications team.

Superintendent Niehaus noted that he is looking forward to next Monday when the secondary students return to in person learning. He went on to say that 80 to 85% of our employees have received the vaccination and the community needs to stay diligent with hand washing, wearing masks and social distancing.

President Herd says that we have heard a lot of good news. He noted that with the GP Alumni and Friends, this community does have a lot of successful people. This organization will do wonders. He is very proud of this board and their communication efforts. We all have disagreed, but are not disagreeable. President Herd reminded people to keep coming to the Board, we are listening.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

President Herd adjourned the meeting at 9:40 p.m..

Christopher Lee, Secretary