



**Grosse Pointe Board of Education
Minutes of the VIRTUAL Regular Session
February 8, 2021**

Enclosure: V. A.

CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/ROLL CALL

President Herd called the regular meeting to order at 7:02 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 FEBRUARY 8, 2021

It was moved by: Trustee Herd

Supported by: Trustee Weertz

President Herd motioned to amend the Agenda to remove Item V. B., Approval of Resolution to Allow In Person Contact Sports.

President Herd also noted that both Item V. B. and V. C. were not drafted by Trustee Ismail. Trustee Weertz asked that Item V. C., Approval of Resolution to Permit School Boards to Meet in Person, remain on the agenda.

Trustee Weertz motioned to approve the amended agenda, removing Item V. B. and Item V. C. to remain on the agenda, supported by **Trustee Worden**.

THAT the Board approve the amended Regular agenda for Monday February 8, 2021 as presented.

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

Motion carried 7 - 0 vote

III. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT - 7:10 pm

Dr. Niehaus asked Dr. Dean to introduce the new Director of Finance, Brandy Pavlik and Mary Howlett, Communication Coordinator, who are listed on the Human Resources Report for February 8, 2021.

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

Shannon Byrne, 63 Cloverly, GPF - concerns for full face to face return

George Brown, 672 Birchlane, GPW - concerns to return to face to face

Student, GP North - disappointed with return of face to face

Jen Evans, 500 Barrington, GPP - concerns with the return of face to face

Erin Maday, 1830 Stanhope, GPW - District Teacher and Parent expressed her concerns for face to face

Vikas Relan, 770 Pemberton, GPP - Rushed transition to face to face

Natalie Zoufal, Monteith Teacher - Face to Face concerns

Curt Lawler, 30 Fair Acres, GPF - Plan to return five days face to face

Terence Collins, 1222 Harvard, GPP - Agenda Action IV. D.

Dr. D'Angelo, 872 Pemberton, GPP - Framework for full face to face return

Susan Miller, 1318 Kensington, GPP - Vote on Full Face to Face

Brooke Hess, 1405 Devonshire, GPP - Return to Full Face to Face

Nicole Graessle-Durkin, 1931 Lancaster, GPW - Vote on return to face to face

Donna Miller, 580 Hampton, GPW - Pause on vote for face to face

Jenna Torrento, 1821 Allard, GPW - full face to face learning

Stephanie Schultz, 411 Roland Ct, GPF - trust in our return to face to face

Sean McCarroll, 870 Nottingham, GPP, HS teacher - return to full face to face

Ici Ollison, 943 Lincoln, GP - return to face to face

Linda Rihani, 1010 Kensington, GPP - back to face to face

Christine Ludke, 533 Glen Arbor, - schools

Heidi Slattery, 404 Roland Ct - Full return face to face

Amber Everham, 173 McKinley, GPF - Postpone face to face

Katie Stepulla, 21860 VanK, GPW - support for face to face
Catrett, GP - Traditional in person vote

Student, North HS - approval of resolution to return face to face

George Nichols, 51 Fontana Lane - approval of resolution to return face to face

Mary Ann Magill, 2080 VanAntwerp, GPW, GPPSS Teacher - return full face to face

Colleen Ford, 1653 Blairmoor Ct, GPW - face to face

Christina Buchanan, 828 Grand Marias, GPP - full time face to face

Jennifer Reardon, 1551 Oxford, GPW - return to face to face

Student, GP South - return face to face

Kathleen Abke, 2070 Hawthorne, GPW - Face to face resolution

Beth Bailey, 20855 Hunt Club, HW - full face to face

Valarie St. John, Maryland, GPP - return face to face

Chinyere Crutcher, 1439 Edmundton, GPW - approval of resolution to return face to face

Juli Rybicki, 733 Balfour, GPP - return to face to face

Judy Gafa, 2158 Beaufait, GPW - sports resuming and in-person meetings

Taffany Van Rosen, 1352 Kensington, GPP - return to face to face

Joyce Wagner, 380 Fisher Road, GPF - full return to face to face

Deborah Karcher, 3811 Fisher Road, GP - full return to face to face

Tim Brumbaugh, 1257 Whittier, GP - return face to face

Stacey DeRubeis, 1721 Hampton, GPW - full to face to face

Adrienne Surma, 338 Fisher Rd, GP - return face to face

Laura Green, 824 Balfour, GPP - full face to face instruction

Erica Foondle, 478 Calvin, GP - face to face

Kai Lloyd, 20005 Lennon, HW - full back to school

Tim Torreto, 1821 Allard, GPW - full face to face learning
Margaret Hamilton, 274 Touraine, GPF - return face to face vote

Melinda Billingsley, 20143 Doyle Ct, GP - In person Board Meetings

Elizabeth Bojarczyk, 1382 Harvard, GPP back to fulltime

Jaclyn, 1412 Blairmoor Ct, GPW - full face to face return

ChrisAnn Roncone, 1405 Buckingham - safe return to school

Stephen Warnick, MD, 1236 Three Mile, GPP - full face to face

Dale Hacket, 19933 E Doyle Place - face to face return

Meghan Parent, 1434 Grayton, GPP - full face to face return

Michael Johnson, 89 Meadow Lane - face to face attendance

Mark Sanford, 1318 Kensington, GP - full face to face time

Cameron Fyre, student - Return to 100% face to face

Sara Biery, 1115 Buckingham - return to full face to face

Stacey Fuller, 433 Moran - return to face to face

Sarah Rabaut, 887 S. Brys - full time return to school

Kelly Boll, 1255 Nottingham - Contract Extensions

Allyson Hathaway, 746 Balfour - back to school face to face fulltime

Nicole Jensen, 770 Briarcliff, GPW return face to face

Sarah Sutherland, 192 Fisher - face to face

Andrea Gruenwald, 917 Westchester, GPP - full face to face

Shannon McCarron, 186 Stephens - return face to face

Ben Billingsley, 20143 Doyle Ct - face to face

Chris Profeta, 513 Vernier, GPW - return to school

V. AGENDA ACTION ITEMS FOR FEBRUARY 8, 2021 - 9:33 pm

A. Approval of the Regular Meeting Minutes of January 25, 2021

It was moved by: Trustee Weertz

Supported by: Trustee Lee

THAT the Board approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of January 25, 2021 as presented.

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

Motion carried 7 - 0 vote

B. Approval of Resolution to Allow In-Person Contact Sports

Removed from Agenda

C. Approval of Resolution to Permit School Boards to Meet in Person

It was moved by: Trustee Weertz

Supported by: Trustee Worden

Trustee Brumbaugh asked to amend the resolution to include language on remote participation for public comments when we return to in person meetings. Trustee Weertz suggested that this request be turned over to the Policy Committee to review first.

THAT the Board approve the Resolution to Permit School Boards to Meet in Person as presented.

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

Motion carried 7 - 0 vote

D. Approval of Resolution to return Face2Face K-4 March 1, 2021 and Grades 5-12 on March 15, 2021

It was moved by: Trustee Lee

Supported by: Trustee Worden

President Herd wanted to be clear that the Resolution presented was written by Trustee Brumbaugh and President Herd.

Dr. Niehaus publicly acknowledge that this could have been put into a more formal writing process. Administration will work on this for the upcoming week. Arrangements have been made with Wayne State University for a COVID testing site at both High Schools for families, students or adults that want to be tested. He also noted that the MHSAA, today, has allowed for winter sports to resume practicing. One other thing is that the Governor has put together a task force to begin a return to school plan. He assured the Board that we are doing everything that we can and will continue to keep the Board well informed.

THAT the Board approve the Resolution to return Face2Face K-4 March 1, 2021 and Grades 5-12 on March 15, 2021 as presented.

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

Motion carried 7 - 0 vote

E. Approval of General Appropriations Amendment Act #1 (G.A.A.A. #1)

It was moved by: Trustee Lee **Supported by:** Trustee Weertz

THAT the Board Approve the General Appropriations amendment Act #1 (G.A.A.A. #1) as presented.

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

Motion carried 7 - 0 vote

F. Approval of Superintendent Goals 2021-2022

It was moved by: Trustee Lee **Supported by:** Trustee Papas

Trustee Lee motioned to approve the goals through June 30, 2021 with a second from Trustee Papas.

THAT the Board approve the amended Superintendent Goals through June 30, 2021 as presented.

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

Motion carried 7 - 0 vote

G. Approval of Brownell HVAC & Controls and 2021 GMP

It was moved by: Trustee Lee

Supported by: Trustee Worden

THAT the Board approve the Brownell HVAC & Controls and 2021 GMP as presented.

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

Motion carried 6 - 1 vote

H. Approval of Executive Administrator Contracts

It was moved by: Trustee Lee

Supported by: Trustee Worden

THAT the Board approve the Executive Administrator Contracts as presented.

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

Motion carried 6 - 1 vote

I. Approval of Human Resources Report for February 8, 2021

It was moved by: Trustee Brumbaugh

Supported by: Trustee Worden

THAT the Board approve the Human Resources Report for February 8, 2021 as presented.

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

Motion carried 6 - 1 vote

VI. AGENDA ACTION ITEMS FOR FEBRUARY 22, 2021

- A. Approval of Special and Regular Meeting Minutes of February 8, 2021**
- B. Approval of Human Resources Report for February 22, 2021**
- C. Approval of Budget Parameters for 2021-2022**

Trustee Worden, Treasurer of the Board of Education reviewed the 2021-2022 budget parameters, asked for recommendations from the Board with objectives and strategies. She has asked Board Members to bring their goals and objects to her to adopt a resolution at the next meeting for approval of the budget parameters for 2021-2022.

D. Approval of 2021 North HS Specific Trades

Mrs. Mattheson recommends the following bid packages be approved:

- Bid Package 01 Demolition \$ 754,477
- Bid Package 02 Sitework \$ 440,505
- Bid Package 04 Plumbing \$1,409,384
- Bid Package 07 General Trades \$1,406,698
- Bid Package 08 Glass & Glazing \$1,162,145
- Bid Package 09 Millwork \$1,524,998
- Bid Package 10 Flooring \$ 471,375
- Bid Package 11 Paint \$ 186,229
- Bid Package 12 Ceramic Tile \$ 172,780
- Bid Package 14 Masonry \$ 349,396
- Bid Package 15 Steel & Misc Metal \$ 171,240
- Bid Package 17 Auditorium Hoist \$ 468,950
- Bid Package 18 Food Service Equipment \$ 98,207
- Bid Package 19 Fire Protection \$ 46,680

Her request for the Board is to approve the bid packages for demolition, sitework, plumbing, general trades, glass & glazing, millwork, flooring, paint, ceramic tile, masonry, steel & miscellaneous metal, auditorium hoist, food service equipment, fire protection and owner contingency in the amount of \$9,269,478.

E. Approval of 2021 Technology Cabling

Mr. Stanley noted that after working with Plante Moran, the District is making the recommendation to award the Cabling Project to the following vendors:

- Active Solutions Group (Maire, Grosse Pointe North): \$313, 336 + \$31,000 (10% Contingency)
- Complete Interactive Technologies (Monteith): \$9,374 + \$1,000 (10% Contingency)
- Learning Consultants, Inc. (Brownell, Richard, Parcels, Grosse Pointe South): \$256.692.48 + \$24,900 (10% Contingency)

The total cost of this project (including contingency): \$636,302.48

This above project is E-Rate eligible, which the District has worked closely with its E-Rate Consultant as part of this project.

F. Approval of Mason Title 1 iPad Purchase

Mr. Howell presented his request for approval for the purchase of 91 iPads and Nine charging Cabinets through Title I funding for a total cost of \$35,115.50 that will be provided through Title I funds.

G. Approval of MASB - Region 8 Board of Directors

Dr. Niehaus asked Trustee Ismail his recommendation for the one seat, three-year term that is up for election in Region 8. Candidates wishing to represent Region 8 are:

- Sandra Dukhie District: Ferndale Public Schools
- Mary Hanser District: Oxford Community Schools
- Birgit McQuiston District: Lake Orion Community Schools
- Gina Walker District: New Haven Community Schools

Trustee Ismail would recommend Birgit McQuiston.

Each District receives one ballot and must be submitted by Wednesday, March 3, 2021.

H. Approval of Richard ES 2021 Project Costs

Mrs. Matheson explained to the Board that the District is requesting the Board to approve the 2021 project costs for Richard ES. All trades including demolition, sitework, landscaping, plumbing, HVAC & controls, electrical, general trades, glass & glazing, millwork, flooring, paint, ceramic tile, terrazzo, masonry, structural steel along with construction management fees are included. \$2,801,766 would be awarded to Turner while the District would hold direct contracts in the amount of \$354,566 for total hard costs of \$3,156,332. Direct costs and construction management fees total \$596,730. \$220,938 is recommended for owner’s contingency. The total not to exceed cost for Richard ES is \$3,974,000.

VII. INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION 11:26 pm

A. GPPSS Extended COVID-19 Learning Plan Update

Dr. Dean reviewed the Revised, January 2021 Plan with the Board of Education, that was provided in their packet.

B. Health Care Report

Dr. Dean noted that four of the five months this year have come in over budget. There has been a greater use of health care.

C. Board Requests

Trustee Worden requested that the website be updated to include Face2Face return information.

VIII. FUTURE MEETINGS OF THE BOARD

- A. Regular Meeting of the Board, Monday, February 22, 2021, 7:00 pm, Virtual
- B. BOE Facilities Committee Meeting, Date, Time and Location TBD
- C. Regular Meeting of the Board, Monday, March 8, 2021, 7:00 pm, Location TBD
- D. Regular Meeting of the Board, Monday, March 22, 2021, 7:00 pm, Location TBD

IX. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-ACTION ITEMS - 11:33 pm

Terrence Collins, 1222 Harvard, GPP - Superintendent search and extended learning plan

Jen Evans, 500 Barrington, GPP - Politics over safety

Kathleen Abke, 2070 Hawthorne, GPW - CDC recommendations

X. OTHER COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS AND SUPERINTENDENT - 11:38 pm

Trustee Brumbaugh, we have covered a lot of ground this evening and still have a lot of work to do by the 22nd and into March. We need to reassure our teachers, staff and families that have concerns that we are going to follow through on our promises.

Trustee Ismail, no comment

Trustee Lee, thanked all on the school board. The students do come first.

Trustee Papas, responded and clarified a comment from earlier. She is also grateful to the other Board Members and is in full support of our students. She noted that the Board will continue to listen to the community.

Trustee Worden, thanked the Board for talking openly and honestly these last couple of weeks and grateful they have all worked together. She looks forward to seeing this plan get implemented safely and effectively.

Trustee Weertz, no comment

Superintendent Niehaus, wished everyone a goodnight.

President Herd, he too is very proud of the Board. He explained that no matter what decision is made, we will never be 100% approved. He also thanked the community and the teachers for all they have done.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

President Herd adjourned the meeting at 11:48 p.m..

Christopher Lee, Secretary