



Grosse Pointe Board of Education
Regular Meeting - December 8, 2025
MINUTES
Brownell Middle School - MPR
260 Chalfonte, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236

Meeting Minutes

Encl: 6.1.

1. CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/ROLL CALL

President Worden called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm

Board members present: Trustees: Worden, Klepp, Derringer, Jeup, Cotton, Hull, Derringer

Absent: None

Late Arrival: None

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by all in attendance.

Also Present: Superintendent Dr. Andrea Tuttle, Deputy Superintendent Dr. Roy Bishop, CFO Andrea Agrusa, Mr. Moussa Hamka, Officer LeBeau

2. APPROVAL OF THE MEETING AGENDA FOR DECEMBER 8, 2025

It was Moved by: Trustee Klepp

Supported by: Trustee Derringer

THAT the Board approve the Agenda for December 8, 2025, as presented.

Ayes: Trustees: Worden, Klepp, Derringer, Jeup, Cotton, St. John, Hull

Nays: None

Motion carried 7-0 vote

3. SUPERINTENDENT DR. TUTTLE

A. North/South Presentation of Fall All-State Athletes, State Runner-up Swim Team, Mr. Tennis, Ms. Volleyball

North AD, Jim Ellis presented his All-State Athletes

South AD, Andrew Rishmawi presented his All-State Athletes

B. Presentation of GPFPE Support Donations

1. Safe Spaces, Strong Foundations (Birth to age 5) Barnes (\$8,000)

2. Modeling with Augmentative and Alternative Communication Devices (Toddler and Preschool ages) Barnes (\$6,058)

3. Slates and Scholars: Reawakening a One Room Schoolhouse (2nd grades) All Elementary Schools (\$1,182)

4. Maire Safety Patrol Supply Refresh (4th grade) Maire (\$327)

5. Student Stand Up Desks (3rd grade) Richard (\$1,928)
 6. Boots On the Ground (8th grade) Parcels, Brownell and Pierce (\$2,000)
 7. Positive School Climate Initiative (5th-8th grades) Parcels (\$520)
 8. Math Manipulatives (5th-8th grades) Pierce (\$576)
 9. Pierce Field Improvement: Obstacle Course (5th-8th grades) Pierce (\$10,000)
 10. Underwater Speaker System for the GP Unified Blue Dolphins Synchronized Swim Team (9th-12th grades) North and South (\$1,930)
 11. Keeping the Beat: Renewal for the Next Generation (8th-12th grades) Parcels and North (\$2,000)
 12. General Assistance for The Gearheads (9th-12th grades) North and South (\$2,500)
 13. SIR Classroom Library Supplement (9th-12th grades) North (\$148)
 14. Marketing Shoe Project (9th-12th grades) North (\$2,200)
 15. Empowering Mathematical Thinking (9th-12th grades) North (\$3,530)
 16. Music Technology Lab (9th-12th grades) South (\$9,000)
 17. Future City High School (9th-12th grades) South (\$375)
 18. Safety Eyewear Sterilization Cabinet (9th-12th grades) South (\$1,585)
 19. Accessibility for All (9th-post high school students) North (\$3,991)
 20. iPads for Special Education Testing Compliance (Kindergarten-post high school) GPPSS (\$5,824)
 21. Pawsitive Connections: Bringing a Therapy Dog to Our Youngest Learners (Preschool, Pre-Kindergarten and Special Education Preschool) Barnes (\$470)
 22. BeaTWEEN the Books Therapy Dog (5th -8th grades) Pierce (\$380)
 23. GPPSS Therapy Dog Program (5th-8th grades) Pierce (\$350)
 24. Wellness Activities (9th-12th grades) South (\$380)
 25. KNOTS Club Funding (9th-12th grades) North (\$1,500)
 26. GPN Library Care Closet (9th-12th grades) North (\$1,329)
 27. Kerby ASD Categorical Classrooms Sensory Equipment (Kindergarten-4th grades) Kerby (\$2,500)
- GPFPE awarded a total of \$69,783 in grants for the Fall 2025 grant cycle.
This includes \$6,109 in SEED (Social, Emotional, Encouragement and Development) grants and \$63,674 in regular grants.
Next grant cycle deadline for both SEED and general grants is March 1, 2026.

C. Acceptance of GPFPE Support Donations

It was Moved by: Trustee Worden

Supported by: Trustee St. John

THAT the Board approve the Acceptance of GPFPE Support Donations, as presented.

Ayes: Trustees: Worden, Klepp, Derringer, Jeup, Cotton, St. John, Hull

Nays: None

Motion carried 7-0 vote

D. Requests from Police Departments for Wording of MOU

E. Strategic Plan Update

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ACTION ITEMS

Mariel Krupansky, HW, talked about Universal preschool.

Janine Eckert, GPP, discussed the bond.

Kevin Nugent, PFAE, talked about GSRP classrooms

Richard Schroeder, GPP, questioned the approval of the minutes from the previous meeting.

Terence Collins, GPP, discussed topics related to Universal preschool.

5. AGENDA ACTION ITEMS FOR DECEMBER 8, 2025

Trustee Worden moved to create a consent agenda for Items 5.1, 5.3, 5.4, 5.5, and 5.6

5.1. Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes for November 24, 2025

5.3. Approval of N/S Chiller Projects

5.4. Approval of Concrete/Flatwork

5.5. Approval of 2026 Paving

5.6. Approval of North Roof Replacement

It was Moved by: Trustee Worden

Supported by: Trustee St. John

THAT the Board approve to create a Consent Agenda for Items 5.1, 5.3, 5.4, 5.5, and 5.6, as presented.

Ayes: Trustees: Worden, Klepp, Derringer, Jeup, Cotton, St. John, Hull

Nays: None

Motion carried 7-0 vote

It was Moved by: Trustee Jeup

Supported by: Trustee St. John

THAT the Board approve the Consent Agenda, as presented

Ayes: Trustees: Worden, Klepp, Derringer, Jeup, Cotton, St. John, Hull

Nays: None

Motion carried 7-0 vote

5.2. Approval of 31aa Funding Resolution

President Worden made a motion to opt into 31aa Funding Resolution, with no stipulations.

It was Moved by: Trustee Worden

Supported by: Trustee St. John

THAT the Board approve to opt into the 31aa Funding Resolution, with no stipulations, as presented.

Roll Call:	Trustee Klepp	Yes
	Trustee Hull	No
	Trustee Cotton	Yes
	Trustee Derringer	No
	Trustee Worden	Yes
	Trustee St. John	Yes
	Trustee Jeup	Yes

Motion Passed 5-2

5.7. Approval to pursue RFP for Food Service

It was Moved by: Trustee St. John **Supported by:** Trustee Derringer

THAT the Board approve to pursue the RFP for Food Service, as presented.

Ayes: Trustees: Worden, Klepp, Derringer, St. John, Hull

Nays: Trustees: Jeup and Cotton

Motion carried 5-2 vote

5.8. Approval of GSRP Universal Preschool

It was Moved by: Trustee St. John **Supported by:** Trustee Derringer

THAT the Board approve GSRP Universal Preschool, as presented.

Roll Call:	Trustee Jeup	No
	Trustee Klepp	Yes
	Trustee Hull	Yes
	Trustee Derringer	Yes
	Trustee Cotton	No
	Trustee St. John	Yes
	Trustee Worden	Yes

Motion carried 5-2 vote

5.9. Approval of Series 1 Bond Project

Board members engaged in a thorough discussion of the Series 1 Bond Project.

It was Moved by: Trustee St. John **Supported by:** Trustee Klepp

To call the question

Roll Call:	Trustee Jeup	No
	Trustee Klepp	Yes
	Trustee Hull	Yes
	Trustee Derringer	Yes
	Trustee Cotton	No
	Trustee St. John	Yes
	Trustee Worden	Yes

President Worden moved to approve the Series 1 Bond Projects

THAT the Board approve Series 1 Bond Projects, as presented.

Ayes: Trustees: Worden, Klepp, Derringer, St. John, Hull

Nays: Trustees: Jeup and Cotton

Motion carried 5-2 vote

5.10. Approval to post Architect RFP Recommendation (Closed or Open)

It was Moved by: Trustee St. John

Supported by: Trustee Hull

THAT the Board approve to post the Architect RFP Recommendation as a Closed Limited RFP, as presented.

Ayes: Trustees: Worden, Klepp, Derringer, Jeup, Cotton, St. John, Hull

Nays: None

Motion carried 7-0 vote

5.11. Approval to post Construction Manager RFP Recommendation (Closed or Open)

It was Moved by: Trustee St. John

Supported by: Trustee St. Derringer

THAT the Board approve to post the Construction Manager RFP Recommendation as a Closed Limited RFP, as presented.

Ayes: Trustees: Worden, Klepp, Derringer, Jeup, Cotton, St. John, Hull

Nays: None

Motion carried 7-0 vote

5.12. Approval of Special Session Meeting Minutes for November 20, 2025

Trustee Cotton stated that there were multiple inaccuracies in the minutes but did not elaborate.

It was Moved by: Trustee St. John

Supported by: Trustee Hull

THAT the Board approve the Special Session Meeting Minutes for November 20, 2025, **as presented.**

Ayes: Trustees: Worden, Klepp, Derringer, Jeup, Cotton, St. John, Hull

Nays: Trustees: Cotton and Jeup

Motion carried 5-2 vote

6. AGENDA ACTION ITEMS FOR JANUARY 12, 2025

6.1. Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes for December 8, 2025

6.2. Election of Officers

6.3. Declaration of Board Member Compensation

6.4. Approval of Regular Board Meeting Calendar for 2026

6.5. Approval of Resolution of Continuance of Funds and Designation of Signatories on Accounts

6.6. Approval of Appointment of Representative to MAISL Joint Risk Management Trust

7. FUTURE MEETINGS

7.1. BOE Regular Meeting, Monday, January 12, 2025, 7:00 pm, North PAC

8. INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

9. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-ACTION ITEMS

Terence Collins, GPP, addressed matters related to board leadership.

Kevin Nugent, PFAE, discussed restructuring board leadership.

Diane Karabetsos, GPW, expressed appreciation to the board and spoke about the board elections.

Richard Schroeder, GPP, raised concerns regarding the absence of future plans for Trombly.

Stefanie Watkins, GPF, commented on parent fees associated with required student performances.

Rosy Knapp, GPF, thanked the individuals on stage and voiced support for President Worden.

10. BOARD MEMBER / SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

Trustee Jeup reflected on the past year, highlighting the many positive developments under the current Board and noting the approaching election of Board officers.

Trustee Klepp extended holiday greetings, wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Trustee Hull expressed appreciation for all who have supported the district throughout the year.

Mr. Hamka commended the outstanding students recognized during the meeting and spoke about the wide range of accomplishments across the district.

Trustee Cotton shared his thoughts regarding the upcoming Board elections.

Trustee Derringer encouraged everyone to enjoy time with their children over the holidays and emphasized the value of taking your children to attend student events within the district. He concluded by discussing the importance of strong and collaborative Board leadership.

Trustee St. John commented on the many positive achievements in the district over the past year and acknowledged the significant time commitment required for Board leadership.

Dr. Bishop thanked everyone for their kind words.

Dr. Tuttle noted that her integrity had been questioned in two recent meetings and wished everyone a happy holiday.

Trustee Worden thanked the administration for their ongoing work and highlighted the many accomplishments and positive developments in the district over the past school year.

11. ADJOURNMENT

President Worden adjourned the meeting at 9:35 pm.

Valarie St. John, Secretary