



Grosse Pointe Board of Education

Regular Meeting - January 12, 2026

MINUTES

North High School - PAC

707 Vernier Rd. Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236

Meeting Minutes

Encl: 8.1.

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 JANUARY 12, 2026

Trustee St. John made a motion to amend the agenda to add Item 6.7. Standing Committees

It was Moved by: Trustee St. John

Supported by: Trustee Hull

THAT the Board approve the Amended Agenda for January 12, 2026, as presented.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried 7-0 vote

3. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

3.a. Election of Officer - Board President

It was Moved by: Trustee Worden

Supported by: Trustee St. John

THAT the Board approve Trustee Derringer as Board President for 2026

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

Nays: None

Motion carried 7-0 vote

3.b. Election of Officer - Vice President

President Derringer nominated Trustee Worden as Vice President

Trustee Jeup nominated Trustee Klepp as Vice President. Trustee Klepp declined the nomination

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

Nays: Trustee: Jeup

Motion carried 6-1 vote

3.c. Election of Officer - Secretary

President Derringer nominated Trustee St. John as Secretary

Trustee Jeup nominated Trustee Cotton as Secretary

Raise of Hands for Trustee St. John as Secretary:	Trustee Derringer:	Yes
	Trustee St. John:	Yes
	Trustee Hull:	Yes
	Trustee Klepp:	Yes
	Trustee Worden:	Yes

Raise of Hands for Trustee Cotton as Secretary:	Trustee Jeup:	Yes
	Trustee Cotton:	Yes

Motion carried 5-2 vote to elect Trustee St. John as Secretary

3.d. Election of Officer - Treasurer of the Board of Education

President Derringer nominated Trustee Klepp as Treasurer

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

Nays: None

Motion carried 7-0 vote

3.2. Approval of Regular Board Meeting Calendar for 2026

It was moved by Trustee Worden to change the September 7 , 2026 date to September 14, 2026

It was moved by Trustee Jeup to move the July 20, 2026 date to July 27, 2026

It was Moved by: Trustee Hull

Supported by: Trustee St. John

THAT the Board approve the amended Regular Board Meeting Calendar for 2026, as presented.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried 7-0 vote

4. SUPERINTENDENT DR. TUTTLE

A. BOE Appreciation

Dr. Tuttle presented each of the BOE trustees with a gift of appreciation

B. North All-State Athletes

North AD, Jim Ellis, presented North's All-State Athletes

C. Presentation of STEAAM Grant Awards

Walt Fitzpatrick presented the STEAAM Grant Awards

1. Detroit Tigers Class Outside Series - STEAM - Defer \$3,000, Kerby \$1,500, Maire \$3,000
2. 360 Robot Lab - Pierce Middle School \$1,000
3. E Bikes - Girls Cross Country/Track - Grosse Pointe South \$5,670
4. "The Outsiders" Field Trip - Pierce Middle School \$3,750
5. Update Early Childhood Sensory Equipment \$4,456
6. Drone Club - Parcels Middle School \$5,699
7. STEAM-Powered Girls: Tools and Resources for GP's All-Girls Robotics Team - GP South, GP North, Brownell MS, Parcels MS, Pierce Middle School \$5,000
8. Updated Sanding and Dust Collecting Equipment - Grosse Pointe South \$1,250
9. 3D Printer - Pierce Middle School - \$1,000
10. Destination Imagination Finals - Grosse Pointe South and Pierce Middle School - \$7,000
11. Early Elementary Mathematical Book Study - GP District Curriculum Office - \$1,500
12. Updated Air Rockets - Grosse Pointe South - \$2,200
13. Michigan Thespian Festival - Grosse Pointe North - \$1,500
14. AI Summer Camp - GP District Curriculum Department - \$25,000
15. Support for Family and Consumer Science Classes - Brownell Middle School - \$10,000
16. Outdoor Obstacle Course - Pierce Middle School - \$20,000
17. Gearheads - Rebuild and Upgrade - GPN, GPS, Parcels - \$20,000
18. Culinary Class Field Trip - Grosse Pointe South - \$15,000
19. STEAM Assemblies - Defer, Ferry, Kerby, Maire, Mason, Monteith, Richard - \$15,000
20. InStat Hockey Software - Grosse Pointe South - \$3,500

It was moved by President Derringer to add Item 6.8. Acceptance of STEAAM Grant Awards

It was Moved by: Trustee Derringer

Supported by: Trustee Worden

THAT the Board approve to add Item 6.8. Acceptance of STEAAM Grant Awards, as presented.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried 7-0 vote

D. Strategic Plan Update

Dr. Tuttle gave a broad overview of the Strategic Plan meetings

E. Architecture and Construction Update (Closed Bid)

F. Bond/Sinking Fund Update

Ben Matteson gave an overview of the upcoming construction projects

G. Universal Preschool Update

Dr. Delgado spoke about the survey results and where things stand.

H. GAAA#1

CFO Agrusa gave an overview of the 2025-2026 GAAA#1 update

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ACTION ITEMS

No public comments

6. AGENDA ACTION ITEMS FOR JANUARY 12, 2026

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

It was Moved by: Trustee St. John

Supported by: Trustee Worden

THAT the Board approve the Regular Meeting Minutes for December 8, as presented

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

Nays: None

Trustee Klepp had stepped away

Motion carried 6-0 vote

6.2. Approval of Closed Session Meeting Minutes for December 8, 2025

It was Moved by: Trustee St. John

Supported by: Trustee St. Hull

THAT the Board approve the Closed Session Meeting Minutes for December 8, as presented

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

Nays: None

Trustee Klepp had stepped away

Motion carried 6-0 vote

6.3. Declaration of Board Member Compensation

Per Board Bylaw 1.17, Board members individually declare their preference for distribution of their compensation by one of four options: A) Receive his/her per meeting compensation for the current year; B) Refuse compensation for the current year; C) Request that in lieu of his/her compensation for the current school year a like amount be directed to a program of the Grosse Pointe Public School System or a District related school organization; or D) Request that the compensation be directed on his/her behalf to the Grosse Pointe Foundation for Public Education.

Trustee Jeup: Option C - donate to the STEAAM Foundation

Trustee Klepp: Option C - donate to Parcels PTO

Trustee Hull: Option A - receive the compensation

Trustee Worden: Option C - donate to Parcels PTO

Trustee St. John: Option C - donate to fund Closed Captioning capabilities of the BOE meetings

Trustee Derringer: Option D - donate to the GPFPE

Trustee Cotton: Option C - 50/50 split between North/South Athletics

6.4 Approval of Regular Board Meeting Calendar for 2026 became 3.2.

President Derringer made a motion to suspend the rules and amend the agenda again to accurately reflect how the order of actions.

It was Moved by: Trustee Derringer

Supported by: Trustee St. John

THAT the Board approve to amend the agenda, as presented.

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

Nays: None

Trustee Jeup had stepped away.

Motion carried 6-0 vote

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

It was Moved by: Trustee St. John

Supported by: Trustee Worden

THAT the Board approve the Resolution of Continuance of Funds and Designation of Signatories on Accounts, **as presented**

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

Nays: None

Motion carried 7-0 vote

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

It was Moved by: Trustee St. John

Supported by: Trustee Worden

THAT the Board approve Appointment of Representative to MAISL Joint Risk Management Trust, **as presented.**

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

Nays: None

Motion carried 7-0 vote

6.7. Establish Standing Committees

It was Moved by: Trustee St. John

Supported by: Trustee Worden

THAT the Board approve to establish Standing Committees, as presented.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried 7-0 vote

6.8. Acceptance of STEAAM Grant Awards

It was Moved by: Trustee St. John

Supported by: Trustee Jeup

THAT the Board approve the Acceptance of STEAAM Grant Awards, as presented.

Trustee Cotton recused himself from the vote

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

Nays: None

Motion carried 6-0 vote

7. AGENDA ACTION ITEMS FOR JANUARY 26, 2026

7.1. Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes for January 12, 2026

7.2. Approval of South Field Trip to Ancient Egypt

Holli McNally and Kendra Caralis discussed the details of this trip

7.3. Approval of 2025-2026 GAAA#1

7.4. Approval of South Turf Replacement Project

Ben Matteson discussed the details of this project.

7.5. Approval of Budget Parameters

Trustee Klepp gave an overview of the Budget Parameters

7.6. Approval of Fixed Cost or Cost Reimbursable Food Service for RFP

Dr. Tuttle gave a detailed overview of the RFP process

8. FUTURE MEETINGS

8.1. BOE Facilities Meeting, Wednesday, January 21, 2026, 5:30 pm, North Library

8.2. BOE Regular Meeting, Monday, January 26, 2026, 7:00 pm, Brownell MPR

8.3. BOE Strategic Plan Team Meeting, Saturday, February 7, 2026, 8:00 am,
North Library

9. INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

9.1. Monthly Financials/Check Register/Health Care Report-November

10. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-ACTION ITEMS

Matt Kahl, GPP, discussed the new board leadership and what he hopes to accomplish.

Anna Green, GPP, talked about Trombly

Terence Collins, GPP, discussed the new board leadership and what he hopes to accomplish.
Tom Torrento, teacher, talked about community in Grosse Pointe and gave thanks for the donations.
Kelly Larson, GPC, thanked the school board for their commitment to our schools
Kevin Nugent, PFAE, discussed how important the donations from this community are for our schools.
LaKeytria Felder, GPP, talked about the importance of Strategic Planning
Richard Schroeder, GPP, discussed the bond and Trombly

11. BOARD MEMBER / SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

Trustee Jeup highlighted the opportunities available within the community and expressed appreciation to the STEAAM Foundation for its grant support. She thanked staff members who applied for the grants and congratulated the district's new leadership.

Trustee Klepp discussed the Strategic Plan survey and emphasized the importance of maximizing enrollment.

Trustee Hull thanked attendees for their participation and shared her anticipation for serving on upcoming committees. She encouraged board members to remain focused on the work ahead.

Dr. Bishop spoke about Martin Luther King Jr. Day and stressed the importance of making the day meaningful.

Dr. Delgado expressed gratitude to administrators and staff who participated in the district's information nights.

Mr. Hamka discussed the legacy of Martin Luther King Jr., emphasizing its significance to the community and the importance of valuing every student.

Trustee Cotton addressed the district budget and referenced economists' perspectives on the State of Michigan's economic outlook.

Trustee St. John shared her hopes for collaboration in the coming year and referenced potential barriers to school board candidates.

Trustee Worden thanked Mrs. Agrusa for her transparent budget report and recognized the student athletes honored at the meeting. She also reflected on the message and importance of Martin Luther King Jr.

Superintendent Tuttle stated that she looks forward to working with President Derringer and the Board of Education.

President Derringer reiterated remarks regarding Martin Luther King Jr. Day and shared his long-standing admiration for Dr. King. He spoke about the need for a call to action, particularly for his generation, and emphasized the importance of communication, student feedback, and listening to student voices.

12. ADJOURNMENT

President Worden adjourned the meeting at 10:41 pm.

Valarie St. John, Secretary