



Grosse Pointe Board of Education
Regular Meeting - January 26, 2026
MINUTES
Brownell Middle School - MPR
260 Chalfonte, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236

Meeting Minutes

Enclosure: 6.1.

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

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

Board members present: Trustees: Cotton, Derringer, Hull, Jeup, Klepp, St. John and Worden

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, Dr. Sara Delgado, and Officer LeBeau

2. APPROVAL OF THE MEETING AGENDA FOR JANUARY 26, 2026

It was Moved by: Trustee St. John

Supported by: Trustee Worden

THAT the Board approve the Agenda for January 26, 2026, as presented.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried 7-0 vote

3. SUPERINTENDENT DR. TUTTLE

A. North High School Presentation - Applied Med/Corewell Partnership

Mr. Shubnell provided information on the outstanding partnership with Corewell and recognized three students participating in the program.

B. Update on future meetings

Dr. Tuttle noted that future meetings will include a Monthly Financial Update, Monthly Curriculum, Achievement & Assessment Update and every meeting will have a student presentation alternating with North and South High School. There will also be a Monthly Student Services Update.

4. STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT REPORTS (FOR FUTURE MEETINGS)

Noted above in Item 3.B. during the Superintendent's report.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ACTION ITEMS

Janine Eckert, GPP - spoke about the budget parameters and elementary busing.

6. CONSENT AGENDA ACTION ITEMS FOR JANUARY 26, 2026

It was Moved by: Trustee St. John

Supported by: Trustee Worden

THAT the Board approve the Consent Agenda, as presented.

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

6.2. Approval of South Field Trip to Egypt

6.3. Approval of South Turf Replacement Project

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

Nays: None

Motion carried 7-0 vote

7. AGENDA ACTION ITEMS FOR JANUARY 26, 2026

7.1. Student Code of Conduct

It was Moved by: Trustee Derringer

Supported by: Trustee Klepp

Trustee Derringer read the Resolution for the Student Code of Conduct for clarity to those attending and watching the meeting. He made it clear that at this time, the Code of Conduct is not being rewritten this year. This Agenda Action Item is strictly for clarity and direction for the High School Principals.

THAT the Board approve the Student Code of Conduct, as presented.

Roll Call Vote:	Trustees Jeup:	Yes
	Trustee Klepp:	Yes
	Trustee Worden:	Yes
	Trustee Derringer:	Yes
	Trustee St. John:	Yes
	Trustee Hull:	Yes
	Trustee Cotton:	Yes

Motion carried 7-0 vote

Nays: None

7.2. Approval of HR Report

It was Moved by: Trustee Hull

Supported by: Trustee Cotton

THAT the Board approve the HR Report, as presented.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried 7-0 vote

7.3. Approval of 2025-2026 GAAA#1

It was Moved by: Trustee Klepp

Supported by: Trustee Worden

THAT the Board approve the 2025-2026 GAAA#1, as presented.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried 7-0 vote

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

Trustee Derringer made a motion to approve a Cost Reimbursable Food Service RFP.

Supported by: Trustee Worden

Trustee Derringer noted that the current contract is set-up as Cost Reimbursable and it seems to be working. Dr. Tuttle noted that Taher was the only company to bid last time and would hope that they will bid again.

Trustee St. John “Called the Question” to end the debate on Cost Reimbursable or Fixed Cost. A Roll Call vote was made to Call the Question:

Supported by: Trustee Worden

ROLL CALL Vote:	Trustee Jeup	Y
	Trustee Klepp	Y
	Trustee Worden	Y
	Trustee Derringer	Y
	Trustee St. John	Y
	Trustee Hull	Y
	Trustee Cotton	N

Motion carried 6-1

THAT the Board approve the Cost Reimbursable Template for Food Service for RFP, as presented.

ROLL CALL Vote:	Trustee Jeup	Y
	Trustee Klepp	Y
	Trustee Worden	Y
	Trustee Derringer	Y
	Trustee St. John	Y
	Trustee Cotton	N
	Trustee Hull	Y

Motion carried 6-1 vote

7.5. Approval of Budget Parameters

It was Moved by: Trustee St. John

Supported by: Trustee Worden

Trustee St. John asked if “foundations and private citizens” could be removed from Parameters Two and Eight.

Trustee St. John moved to revise the Budget Parameters to strike from Parameter Two , “Foundations and Private Citizens” and to strike from Parameter Eight, “Foundations and Private Citizens.”

No Support.

Trustee Worden expressed concern regarding the language in Parameter Four in putting specific areas listed for busing.

Trustee Worden made a motion to remove the “(eg Harper Woods, South of Jefferson and Special Services)” from Parameter Four.

Supported by: Trustee Klepp

THAT the Board approve the amendments to the Budget Parameters.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried 7-0 vote

THAT the Board approve the amended Budget Parameters as presented.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried 7-0 vote

8. AGENDA ACTION ITEMS FOR FEBRUARY 9, 2026

8.1. Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes for January 26, 2026

8.2. Approval of Masonry and Tuckpointing bid

8.3. Approval of Roofing Replacement Bid

Dr. Tuttle noted that the Facility Committee is recommending the two lowest bids on both 8.2 and 8.3. Plante Moran does concur with this recommendation.

8.4. Approval of Bond Program Project Procedures

Last year Plante Moran made a suggestion to revisit the Bond Program Project Procedures. Plante Moran provided their information this month and this would be the result of their recommendations.

8.5. Approval of Bond Oversight Committee

President Derringer noted that this item did not make the link for the Board Agenda on line. However, the Board was presented a copy this evening and it is posted on the shared drive for review. A small number of revisions were made. He noted that this committee is made up of community members.

9. FUTURE MEETINGS

9.1. Strategic Plan Team Meeting, Saturday, February 7, 2026, North Library

9.2. BOE Closed Session, Monday, February 9, 2026, 6:15 pm, Brownell Library

9.3. BOE Regular Meeting, Monday, February 9, 2026, 7:00 pm, Brownell MPR

9.4. BOE Regular Meeting, Monday, February 23, 2026, 7:00 pm, Brownell MPR

10. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-ACTION ITEMS

Blagica Bottiglieri, GPW - discussed her observations with the Romeo Public Schools Systems
Kevin Nugent, Pointers for Academic Excellence, discussed a walkable school district and busing.

11. BOARD MEMBER / SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

Trustee Jeup thanked Dr. Tuttle and the North Team for tonight's presentation and continued meaningful work that expands opportunities for our students. She acknowledged the work that they received tonight for the proposed budget parameters. She also noted that your emails do matter.

Trustee Klepp, no comment.

Trustee Worden congratulated a South Grad who has made the Olympic Team. She thanked Mr. Shubnell for highlighting the collaboration between G.P. North and Corewell. She also thanked Mr. Matteson for his hard work on making the schools safe and ready after the snowstorms and cold weather. One more person to thank, Mrs. Fannon, for all of her communications and keeping the Board up-to-date.

CFO Agrusa, no comment.

Dr. Bishop thanked Mr. Shubnell and his students for presenting this evening.

Officer LaBeau shared advice with parents about good sportsmanship and the car ride home. It is a perfect time to reflect with your child in a positive way, not a negative one. For a child, it is the most vulnerable time, after a game.

Dr. Delgado took the time to thank the stakeholder group for the Magnet Program Committee, which is currently held in four of our elementary schools for third and fourth graders. She noted that a letter is being mailed to parents of second and third graders that will explain the process.

Trustee Cotton asked that everyone at this Board should review Robert's Rules of Order and that he would be happy to meet with anyone to discuss.

Trustee Hull thanked everyone for focusing on student safety when calling a snow or cold day. She is happy that a review of the student code of conduct is being reviewed for revising, so that we are following what we need to. She also thanked the students who attended this evening.

Trustee St. John thanked the staff for coming out with the weather the way it is tonight, Officer LaBeau for reminding us that safety also includes our children's mental health, and Dr. Delgado for working to strengthen our Magnet Program. She also highlighted the Strategic Planning Meeting on February 7th, Middle School Musicals and Budget Parameters.

Dr. Tuttle responded to speaker Ms. Bottiglieri, that she is not familiar with Romeo Schools but she agrees 100% about student opportunities and engaging rigours for real life opportunities. She also clarified, regarding the Strategic Plan, public comment will be at the end.

Trustee Derringer, thanked Trustee Cotton for the feedback on Robert's Rules. He also gave a shout out to Mrs. Fuga for all her work in the Superintendent's office and thanked Mrs. Sharples for filling in while Mrs. Fuga takes a well earned vacation. One more shout out to Bethany Derringer for helping at home, so that they could move to this community.

11. ADJOURNMENT

President Derringer adjourned the meeting at 9:07 pm.

Valarie St. John, Secretary