



Grosse Pointe Board of Education

Regular Meeting - February 9, 2026

MINUTES

Brownell Middle School -MPR

260 Chalfonte, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236

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: Derringer, Jeup, Klepp, St. John and Worden

Absent: Trustees Cotton and Hull

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, Mr. Moussa Hamka and Officer LaBeau

2. APPROVAL OF THE MEETING AGENDA FOR FEBRUARY 9, 2026 It was

Moved by: Trustee Klepp **Supported by:** Trustee Worden **THAT the Board**

approve the Agenda for FEBRUARY 9, 2026, as presented.

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

Absent: Trustees Cotton and Hull

Nays: None

Motion carried 5-0 vote

3. SUPERINTENDENT DR. TUTTLE

A. Pierce Middle School - Mrs. Dirkse

Mrs. Dirkse introduced Counselor Andrea Bolton, one of two counselors at Pierce Middle School, and two students, Lila and Siofra who shared their experiences they have had with the Pierce Counselors who have offered specialized support during the critical four year transition period to high school.

B. MASB Superintendent Search Presentation - Greg Sieszputowski

Mr. Sieszputowski discussed the path that the Board of Education can take in bringing a new superintendent into the District. They have the opportunity to do a direct appointment, internal search, or external search, with or without support from a search firm.

C. Family Center - Dr. Tuttle

Dr. Tuttle thanked Jennifer Bingaman and Mary Jo Harris from the Family Center for their donation of \$2200 to the Special Education Transition Services Department to support students with disabilities. Kimberly King and Kelly Keyes from the GP Transition Campus provided the Board information regarding the program, GPTC Cafe and Store.

D. Strategic Planning - Dr. Tuttle

Dr. Tuttle noted that Dr. Julie Kaminsky from MASB met with a group of Administrators, Students, Secondary and Elementary Faculty, Board and Community Members to discuss the Strategic Planning for Grosse Pointe Schools. It was a full day of teaching and learning on Saturday, February 7th, 2026.

E. Academic Achievement - Dr. Delgado

Dr. Delgado provided a Teaching and Learning Update for this evening. She provided numbers on the NWEA Reading and the Reading Tiers from Fall 2025 and Winter 2026. Next steps will be to duplicate processes in MS/HS and duplicate processes for Math/Behavior.

F. Student Services Administration Report - Dr. Bishop and Mrs. Lillie Loder

Dr. Bishop advised that the Student Services Administration Report will provide information on celebrating and what needs to be worked on. He introduced Mrs. Loder who provided some great achievements from our 18-26 year old students. This is a growth opportunity bridging the gap between General Education and Special Education.

4. STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

President Derringer noted that this will be Future Reports from external groups that will be invited to the BOE meetings.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ACTION ITEMS FOR FEBRUARY 9, 2026

Terrence Collins, GPP disappointed to see Dr. Tuttle retire and comments regarding the search process.

6. AGENDA ACTION ITEMS FOR FEBRUARY 9, 2026

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

It was Moved by: Trustee St. John **Supported by:** Trustee Worden **THAT the Board approve the Regular Meeting Minutes for January 26, 2026 as presented.**

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

Absent: Trustees Cotton and Hull

Nays: None

Motion carried 5-0 vote

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6.2. Approval of Resolution to accept Dr. Tuttle's Retirement

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

President Derringer read the Resolution into the record.

THAT the Board approve the Resolution to accept Dr. Tuttle's Retirement, as presented.

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

Absent: Trustees Cotton and Hull

Nays: None

Motion carried 5-0 vote

6.3. Approval of Masonry and Tuckpointing bid

It was Moved by: Trustee Worden **Supported by:** Trustee Klepp **THAT the Board**

approve the Masonry and Tuckpointing bid, as presented.

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

Absent: Trustees Cotton and Hull

Nays: None

Motion carried 5-0 vote

6.4. Approval of Roofing Replacement bid

It was Moved by: Trustee Worden **Supported by:** Trustee Klepp **THAT the Board**

approve the Roofing Replacement bid, as presented.

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

Absent: Trustees Cotton and Hull

Nays: None

Motion carried 5-0 vote

6.5. Approval of Bond Program Project Procedures

It was Moved by: Trustee Worden **Supported by:** Trustee Klepp

Trustee Jeup questioned Item #2. A, Procurement Strategy Review.

Trustee Jeup made a **motion** to amend the document with **no support**.

THAT the Board approve the Bond Program Project Procedures, as presented.

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

Absent: Trustees Cotton and Hull

Nays: Trustee Jeup

Motion carried 4-1 vote

7. AGENDA ACTION ITEMS FOR FEBRUARY 23, 2026

7.1. Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes for February 9, 2026

7.2. Approval of Bond Oversight Committee Resolution

President Derringer clarified that this was brought to the Board at the last meeting, however the document was not finalized, so, today would be for a first read with discussion at the February 23rd meeting.

7.3. Approval of Superintendent Search Process

Per President Derringer, discussion will be held for the process of the Superintendent Search with a vote on the process.

7.4. Approval of Resolution Opposing School of Choice

Trustee Worden spoke about this Resolution and how important it is for the Board to work together to affirm the Resolution. There is a lot of discussion happening in Lansing to make School of Choice mandatory.

7.5. Approval of AT&T Contract

Mr. Kelley explained the contract with AT&T and asked for the board to renew. He noted that the Schools own the tower and AT&T owns the equipment. Dr. Tuttle noted that this is a five year contract.

8. FUTURE MEETINGS

- 8.1.** BOE Regular Meeting, Monday, February 23, 2026, 7:00 pm, Brownell MPR
- 8.2.** BOE Facilities Committee Meeting, March 4, 2026, 5:30 pm, North Library
- 8.3.** BOE Policy Committee Meeting, March 4, 2026, 6:30 pm, North Library
- 8.4.** BOE Regular Meeting, Monday, March 9, 2026, 7:00 pm, Brownell MPR

9. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-ACTION ITEMS

Terence Collins, GPP - questioned the Board on the Superintendent Search.
Kevin Nugent, Pointers for Academic Excellence - spoke regarding the Bond Committee

10. BOARD MEMBER / SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

Officer LaBeau, wished everyone a safe and wonderful mid-winter break.

Dr. Delgado, acknowledged that North vs South swim is tomorrow. She pointed out an example of how OneGP will be present at this meet. GP South Coach will be highlighting all senior swimmers from both GP North and GP South at the meet being held at GP South.

Mr. Hamka, no comment

Trustee St. John, wished everyone a Happy Black History month. She also congratulated Emilea Z., a recent graduate on her amazing ice dance on the Olympic stage and noted that there are two Grosse Pointers in the Olympics to see.

Trustee Jeup, commented that the BOE covered a lot of ground this evening and that she is deeply grateful for Dr. Tuttle's leadership and service. Also noted that we cannot ignore the discussion happening in Lansing regarding mandatory Schools of Choice. She thanked Trustee Cotton for taking community members to Lansing to speak on Schools of Choice.

Trustee Klepp, thanked the 55 community members who participated on Saturday for a full day to talk about the future of this District.

Trustee Worden, commented on the Public Comments this evening. To say anything other than the Administration having the highest integrity is offensive. We have some of the highest caliber of people that she has come in contact with. Trustee Worden noted that we had a momentous occasion this week at one of our high schools, Eva B., who reached her 1000th career point at GP North in her basketball career. She also thanked the community that came out on Saturday for Strategic Planning.

CFO Agrusa, no comment

Dr. Bishop, says that he has had the pleasure of talking to a lot of students recently and one of the things they are talking about is the winter Olympics and that the District has other people competing as well. He noted that we are half way through the school year with a lot still to do.

Dr. Bishop gave a huge shout out to our Crossing Guards. He applauds their dedication to be out there during this unprecedented weather. Everyone have a wonderful break.

Dr. Tuttle, had nothing further.

Trustee Derringer, gave a shout out to the GP Wrestling teams. We are fortunate that both our schools will host the District Meet. President Derringer also noted that our musicians have performed over the last three or four weeks at the MSBOA Solo Ensemble Festivals. We had many First Division ratings. Our musical talents, all the way down to the elementary level, are absolutely awe inspiring.

11. ADJOURNMENT

President Derringer adjourned the meeting at 9:07 pm.

Valarie St. John, Secretary