



Grosse Pointe Board of Education
Regular Meeting - February 23, 2026
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 Derringer called the meeting to order at 7:09 pm

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

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, Mr. Moussa Hamka, Officer LeBeau

2. APPROVAL OF THE MEETING AGENDA FOR FEBRUARY 23, 2026

It was Moved by: Trustee St. John

Supported by: Trustee Worden

THAT the Board approve the Agenda for February 23, 2026, as presented.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried 7-0 vote

3. SUPERINTENDENT DR. TUTTLE

A. Kerby Presentation

Katy Vernier presented an overview of the Cougar Dens.

B. Financial Update - CFO Agrusa

CFO Agrusa gave a broad overview of the Financial Update

4. STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT REPORTS

A. Teachers and Support Service Personnel

Taryn Loughlin gave a general update on the GPEA

The other Stakeholder groups were not available for this meeting

F. Grosse Pointe Parent Advisory Council

The GPPAC presented a brief overview of their mission and the resources they provide to the district.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ACTION ITEMS

Richard Schroeder, GPP, discussed the superintendent search process.

Max Wiener, GPP, discussed the loss of our superintendent.

Terence Collins, GPP, discussed the superintendent search process and school of choice.

Ahmed Ismail, GPW, discussed the superintendent search process.

6. AGENDA ACTION ITEMS FOR FEBRUARY 23, 2026

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

It was Moved by: Trustee St. John

Supported by: Trustee Worden

THAT the Board approve the Regular Meeting Minutes for February 9, 2026, as presented.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried 7-0 vote

6.2. Approval of AT&T Contract

It was Moved by: Trustee St. John

Supported by: Trustee Worden

THAT the Board amend the AT&T Contract from 389 St. Clair to 20601 Morningside, as presented.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried 7-0 vote

It was Moved by: Trustee Klepp

Supported by: Trustee Worden

THAT the Board approve the AT&T Contract with the amended address, as presented.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried 7-0 vote

6.3. Approval of Resolution Opposing School of Choice

It was Moved by: Trustee Worden

Supported by: Trustee St. John

THAT the Board approve the Resolution Opposing School of Choice, as presented.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried 7-0 vote

6.4. Approval of Resolution Establishing Bond Oversight Committee

President Derringer highlighted that he added some additional language to this resolution.

It was Moved by: Trustee St. John

Supported by: Trustee Hull

THAT the Board approve the Resolution Establishing Bond Oversight Committee, as presented.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried 7-0 vote

6.5. Approval of Superintendent Search Process Selection

Trustee Worden made a motion for a direct appointment of the superintendent. A lengthy discussion followed, during which all trustees shared numerous comments, questions, and differing opinions.

It was Moved by: Trustee Worden

Supported by: Trustee Hull

THAT the Board make a direct board appointment of the next superintendent, as presented.

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

Motion carried 5-2 vote

It was Moved by: Trustee St. John

Supported by: Trustee Worden

THAT the Board suspend the rules to amend the agenda and add 2 agenda items as a first read , to be voted upon at the following meeting: 7.5. to name Dr. Bishop as the next superintendent, and 7.6. to authorize legal counsel and the board president to negotiate a contract, as presented.

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

Nays: Trustees: Cotton and Jeup

Motion carried 5-2 vote

7. AGENDA ACTION ITEMS FOR MARCH 9, 2026

7.1. Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes for February 23, 2026

7.2. Approval of HR Report

7.3. Approval of Bond Program Project Procedures Amendment

7.4. Approval of Architectural Firm

Gary Kent and Ben Matteson provided an overview of the Architectural Firms that had submitted bids

7.5. Approval of Appointment of Dr. Bishop as the next Superintendent

7.6. Approval to Authorize the Board to Enter into Contract Negotiations with Dr. Bishop as Superintendent

Trustee Jeup made a motion to add Agenda Item before 7.5. to conduct an interview process with Dr. Bishop

It was Moved by: Trustee Jeup

Supported by: Trustee Cotton

THAT the Board insert a third Agenda Item to Conduct an Interview Process before he would be appointed, as presented.

Ayes: Trustees: Jeup, Cotton

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

Motion failed 2-5 vote

8. FUTURE MEETINGS

8.1. BOE Facilities Committee Meeting, March 4, 5:30 pm, North Library

8.2. BOE Policy Committee Meeting, March 4, 6:30 pm, North Library

9. **MONTHLY FINANCIALS/CHECK REGISTER/HEALTH CARE REPORT**

10. **PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-ACTION ITEMS**

Kevin Nugent, PFAE, discussed the decision to appoint the new superintendent
Terence Collins, GPP, discussed the decision to appoint the new superintendent
Stephen Gmeiner, GPF, discussed the decision to appoint the new superintendent
Richard Schroeder, GPP, discussed the decision to appoint the new superintendent
Taryn Loughlin, GPEA, discussed the decision to appoint the new superintendent

11. **BOARD MEMBER / SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS**

Trustee Jeup stated that she was appalled by the events that had just occurred.

Trustee Worden commented on the excitement surrounding the Olympics and referenced additions made to the meeting agenda. She noted that there had been multiple discussions on social media regarding the selection of the next superintendent. She stated that representatives from MASB were present and reviewed the available options for selecting the next superintendent, and that she is pleased with the decision that was made.

CFO Agrusa thanked Ms. Loughlin for her kind words and expressed appreciation for the finance team and for all of the work they do, and their continued efforts.

Dr. Bishop thanked Ms. Loughlin and others for their kind words. He also noted that four students received the Evans scholarship this year and emphasized the importance of empathy and mutual respect.

Officer LeBeau shared information regarding the upcoming Unified Basketball game scheduled for Wednesday.

Dr. Delgado commented on the increasing division within communities and stated that her priority remains service to the students, staff and community.

Mr. Hamka stated that regardless of the Board's decision, it is the responsibility of Central Office administration to continue moving forward without losing momentum, and he expressed his full support.

Trustee Cotton congratulated Dr. Bishop but expressed disappointment in the process and concern regarding how the Board handled the decision.

Trustee Hull stated that her decision was made independently and was not directed by anyone. She affirmed her support of her decision and expressed hope for a positive outcome at the next meeting.

Trustee St. John stated that officials from Grosse Pointe Park no longer wish to communicate with her regarding Trombly. She expressed support for the decision involving Dr. Bishop and noted that the transition period provides an opportunity to build trust within the community. She also spoke about students with disabilities and the progress made in expanding opportunities for those students, and concluded by recognizing Olympians from Grosse Pointe.

President Derringer thanked the administrative team for their work since the beginning of the year, particularly in increasing transparency through agenda changes. He encouraged the Board to focus on the positive aspects of the process in order to continue growing and acknowledged that there would be contention surrounding the evening's decision. He stated that there were no "back room" discussions and that each trustee acted independently.

12. ADJOURNMENT

It was Moved by: President Derringer

Supported by: Trustee St. John

THAT the Board adjourn the meeting

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

Nays: None

Motion carried 7-0 vote

President Derringer moved to adjourn the at 9:25 pm.

Valarie St. John, Secretary