



Grosse Pointe Board of Education
Regular Meeting - May 4, 2026
MINUTES
Brownell Middle School - MPR
260 Chalfonte, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236

Meeting Minutes

Encl: 5.1.

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, Klepp, Worden, Jeup, Hull, Cotton, St. John

Absent: None

Late Arrival: None

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by all in attendance.

Also Present: Deputy Superintendent Dr. Roy Bishop, CFO Andrea Agrusa, Officer LeBeau

2. APPROVAL OF THE MEETING AGENDA FOR MAY 4, 2026

It was Moved by: Trustee Worden

Supported by: Trustee Jeup

THAT the Board approve the Agenda for May 4, 2026, as presented.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried 7-0 vote

3. Superintendent / Stakeholder Engagement Reports

A. Defer Elementary-Kids Heart Challenge

B. North Student Representative - Alejandro Delgado

C. Athletic Offerings-Rishmawi and Ellis

D. GPFPE Spring Grants - Cynthia Sohn

1. Grosse Pointe Destination Imagination Global Finals (5 th - 9 th grade) Pierce and South (\$500)

2. Medical Training Equipment (all grades) GPPSS (\$1,724)

3. DI at Defer (1 st - 4 th grade) Defer (\$500)

4. Art Enhancement Program Sponsored by the Michigan State University Wharton Center (3 rd and 4 th grade) Monteith (\$300)

5. Richard's Real-World Reads: Updating the Nonfiction Collection (Youngs 5s - 4 th grade) Richard (\$4,000)
6. Morphology Training (Kindergarten - 4 th grade) District Elementary Schools (\$16,500)
7. Conquering Dyslexia by Jan Hasbrouck, A Book Study (Kindergarten - 5 th grade) District Elementary Schools (\$965)
8. The Connected Classroom: iPads for Math Instruction (5 th - 8 th grade) District Middle Schools (\$5,844)
9. iPads Enhance Artistic Achievement (7 th and 8 th grade) Parcels (\$5,597)
10. Technology for Digital Artists and Photographers (6 th - 8 th grade) Brownell (\$7,024)
11. Emergency Supplies (5 th - 8 th grade) Brownell (\$1,500)
12. AAC in Action: Increasing Student Communication (5 th - 8 th grade) Parcels (\$353)
13. DI at Pierce (5 th - 8 th grade) Pierce (\$500)
14. Marketing Shoes Project (9 th - 12 th grade) North (\$2,500)
15. Literacy in Spanish Class (9 th - 12 th grade) North (\$1,534)
16. Adapted Home Living (9 th grade – post graduate) North (\$2,000)
17. AED Life-Saving Equipment (District and Community-Wide) South (\$3,000)
18. Empowering the Next Generation: Closing the STEM Gender Gap with Botmasterz Robotics (5 th - 12 th grade) District Middle and High Schools (\$2,500)

E. Team Appreciation Week

F. Curriculum - Delgado

Holli McNally introduced Nagham El Hage and Aileen Hurtig to discuss 2 upcoming international field trips.

G. Student Services

Lillie Loder provided an update on Student Services

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ACTION ITEMS

Matt Kahl, GPP, spoke about Trombly
 Susan Griffin, GPP, spoke about Trombly
 Terence Collins, GPP, spoke about Trombly
 Michele Hodges, GPP, spoke about Trombly
 Richard Schroeder, GPP, spoke about Trombly
 Max Wiener, GPP, spoke about Trombly

5. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA ACTION ITEMS FOR APRIL 27, 2026

- 5.1. Approval of [Regular Meeting Minutes for April 27, 2026](#)
- 5.2. Approval of [Closed Session Minutes for April 27, 2026](#)
- 5.3. Approval of [GPFPE Spring Grants](#)
- 5.4. Approval of [GP South Railing Project](#)
- 5.5. Approval of [District Truck Purchases](#)
- 5.6. Approval of [Fiber Maintenance Conditional Agreement](#)
- 5.7. Approval of [Fiber-Structured Cabling Conditional Agreement](#)

5.8. Approval of [Network Electronics Conditional Agreement](#)

It was Moved by: Trustee Worden

Supported by: Trustee St. John

THAT the Board approve the Consent Agenda Action Items for May 4, 2026, as presented.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried 7-0 vote

6. AGENDA ACTION ITEMS FOR May 4, 2026

6.1. Approval of HR Report

It was Moved by: Trustee Hull

Supported by: Trustee Klepp

THAT the Board approve the HR Report for May 4, 2026, as presented.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried 7-0 vote

6.2. Approval of Bond Program Architectural Services for the Trombly Building

Several comments were made by multiple board members.

Trustee Cotton made a motion to amend the resolution to strike the “Be it further resolved that the first floor of the Trombly Building shall be designated...” and also “Be it further resolved the second floor classrooms of the Trombly Building shall...” and replace it with “Be it further resolved that Trombly Building shall be designated an elementary school”

It was Moved by: Trustee Cotton

Supported by: Trustee Jeup

THAT the Board approve to amend the Bond Program Architectural Services for the Trombly Building, as presented.

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

Motion fails 2-5 vote

It was Moved by: Trustee Klepp

Supported by: Trustee Hull

THAT the Board approve the Bond Program Architectural Services for the Trombly Building resolution, as presented.

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

Motion carried 5-2 vote

7. AGENDA ACTION ITEMS FOR MAY 18, 2026

- 7.1.** Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes for May 4, 2026
- 7.2.** Approval of Closed Session Minutes for May 4, 2026
- 7.3.** Approval of Additional High School Athletic Offerings
- 7.4.** Approval of 2 North Field Trips - Holli McNally
 - 7.4.a.** Field Trip to France
 - 7.4.b.** Field Trip to Germany
- 7.5.** Approval of Wayne RESA Preliminary Budget 2026-2027

8. FUTURE MEETINGS

- 8.1.** BOE Regular Meeting, Monday, May 18, 2026, 7:00 p.m. Brownell MPR
- 8.2.** Facilities Committee Meetings, North Library
 - Tuesday, May 12 (6:30 p.m.)
 - Tuesday, May 26 (6:30 p.m.)
 - Wednesday, June 10 (5:30 p.m.)
 - Tuesday, June 23 (6:30 p.m.)
- 8.3.** Policy Committee Meetings, Central Office Board Room
 - Tuesday, May 26 (5:30 p.m.)
 - Tuesday, June 23 (5:30 p.m.)

9. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-ACTION ITEMS

Richard Schroeder, GPP, talked about the decisions made about Trombly.
Terence Collins, GPP, discussed fiduciary responsibilities.
Kevin Nugent, PFAE, discussed Trombly and the decision made regarding this.

Maureen Krasner, GPF, discussed Trombly and the decision made regarding this.
Christine Jacobs, GPF, discussed Trombly and the GP Chamber celebrating the 250 year fund raiser.

10. BOARD MEMBER / SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

Officer LeBeau wished all of the mothers a Happy Mother's Day.

Dr. Delgado talked about the elementary schools and highlighted the many positive activities and accomplishments taking place throughout the district.

Trustee Cotton discussed the words used about Trombly during public comments and stated that he felt some of the remarks were dismissive of others.

Trustee Hull spoke about Teacher Appreciation Week and thanked all staff members for their dedication and hard work.

Trustee St. John thanked Mrs. Neely at Maire for organizing the Living Museum, recognized Autism Acceptance Month, highlighted the many events that took place throughout the district, and gave a shout-out to all of our teachers.

Trustee Jeup talked about the many voices that reached out regarding Trombly and the additional concerns that were raised. She also discussed what could have been done with the Trombly building moving forward.

Trustee Klepp discussed that the passage of this resolution is not the end, but rather the beginning. He stated that he plans to work toward identifying the best possible future use for the building.

Trustee Worden discussed her continued commitment to advocating for students and stated that regardless of comments made about her during public remarks, she will continue working to ensure that decisions are made in the best interest of kids.

Dr. Bishop wished everyone a Happy Educator Week and expressed his appreciation for all of our educators. He also discussed that the end of the school year is quickly approaching and highlighted the many upcoming end-of-year activities and celebrations.

Superintendent Tuttle discussed the use of the word "unconstrained" regarding Trombly and spoke about the importance of remaining thoughtful and respectful as discussions continue moving forward.

President Derringer talked about preparing for board meetings with positive energy and shared how he has tried to instill that mindset in his children. He also praised our music teachers and discussed how they help students and the community develop an appreciation for music.

11. ADJOURNMENT

It was Moved by: Trustee Derringer

Supported by: Trustee St. John

THAT the Board adjourn the meeting, as presented.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried 7-0 vote

President Derringer adjourned the meeting at 9:21 pm.

Valarie St. John, Secretary