Grosse Pointe Board of Education
Regular Meeting - May 18, 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 7:16 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, Dr. Sara Delgado, Moussa Hamka, CFO Andrea Agrusa, Officer LeBeau

2. APPROVAL OF THE MEETING AGENDA FOR MAY 18, 2026

President Derringer made a motion to make a consent agenda with items:

- **5.1.** Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes for May 4, 2026
- **5.2.** Approval of Closed Session Minutes for May 4, 2026
- **5.4.** Approval of 2 North Field Trips - Holli McNally
  - **5.4.a.** Field Trip to France
  - **5.4.b.** Field Trip to Germany
- **5.5.** Approval of Wayne RESA Preliminary Budget 2026-2027

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

THAT the Board approve the Consent Agenda for May 18, 2026, as presented.

Ayes: Trustees: Derringer, Klepp, Worden, Jeup, Hull, Cotton, St. John
Nays: None

Motion carried 7-0 vote

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

THAT the Board approve the Agenda for May 18, 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.** Monteith - Monty's Character Quest - Principal Shelleyann Keelean and Ms. Jo
- **B.** South Student Representative - Betsy Ropke
- **C.** Gearheads - Grosse Pointe North & South Robotics Team - Jeff Santrock
- **D**. Officer Jeff Martel - Officer of the Year
- **E.** Elementary Program of Studies
- **F.** Parent Advisory - GPPAC
- **G.** Financial Update - CFO Agrusa

4. <u>PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ACTION ITEMS</u>

Ahmed Ismail, GPW, spoke about making agenda items available to the public.

5. <u>CONSENT AGENDA ACTION ITEMS FOR May 4, 2026</u>

Trustee Cotton asked to have item 5.4 Removed from the Consent Agenda.

Trustee St. John made a motion to approve the updated Consent agenda

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

THAT the Board approve the updated Consent Agenda, as presented

Ayes: Trustees: Derringer, Klepp, Worden, Jeup, Hull, Cotton, St. John
Nays: None

Motion carried 7-0 vote

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6. AGENDA ACTION ITEMS FOR May 4, 2026

6.1. Approval of 27l Tentative Agreement

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

THAT the Board approve the 27l Tentative Agreement, as presented

Ayes: Trustees: Derringer, Klepp, Worden, Jeup, Hull, Cotton, St. John
Nays: None

Motion carried 7-0 vote

6.2. Approval to hire Pierce AP

It was Moved by: Trustee Derringer **Supported by:** Trustee Hull

THAT the Board approve to hire Pierce AP, as presented

Ayes: Trustees: Derringer, Klepp, Worden, Jeup, Hull, Cotton, St. John
Nays: None

Motion carried 7-0 vote

6.3. Approval to hire Executive Director of Student Services

It was Moved by: Trustee Derringer **Supported by:** Trustee Jeup

THAT the Board approve to hire the Executive Director of Student Services, as presented

Ayes: Trustees: Derringer, Klepp, Worden, Jeup, Hull, Cotton, St. John
Nays: None

Motion carried 7-0 vote

6.4. Approval Resolution to honor District Retirees

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

THAT the Board approve the Resolution to honor District Retirees, as presented

Ayes: Trustees: Derringer, Klepp, Worden, Jeup, Hull, Cotton, St. John
Nays: None

Motion carried 7-0 vote

6.5. Approval of Wayne RESA Preliminary Budget 2026-2027

Several board members raised questions regarding the details of this budget.

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

THAT the Board approve the Wayne RESA Preliminary Budget 2026-2027, as presented

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

Motion carried 5-2 vote

7. **Agenda Action Items for June 9, 2026**

7.1. Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes for May 18, 2026
7.2. Approval of Closed Session Minutes for May 18, 2026
7.3. Approval of MHSAA Membership - 2026-2027
7.4. Approval of Elementary Program of Studies
7.5. Approval of GPPSS Superintendent Contract
7.6. Approval of Strategic Plan

Multiple administrators gave a detailed presentation on the Strategic Plan. This was followed by comments and questions from several trustees.

7.7. Approval of Freedom of Information Act Coordinator (FOIA)
7.8. Approval of Virtual Server Equipment Purchase
7.9. Approval of Backup Servers Purchase
7.10. Approval of Debit/Credit Card Users
7.11. Approval of Fidelity and Treasurer's Bonds
7.12. Approval of Designated Asbestos Coordinator
7.13. Approval of Designated Agent
7.14. Approval of Homeless Liaison Coordinator
7.15. Approval of Resolution on Liability Indemnification
7.16. Approval of the Michigan Association of School Boards (MASB)
7.17. Approval of Resolution to Decline School of Choice

7. **Future Meetings**

7.1. BOE Regular Meeting, Tuesday, June 9, 2026,7:00 p.m. Brownell MPR
7.2. Facilities Committee Meetings, North Library

- Tuesday, May 26 (6:30 p.m.)

- Wednesday, June 10 (5:30 p.m.)
- Tuesday, June 23 (6:30 p.m.)

7.3. Policy Committee Meetings, Central Office Board Room

- Tuesday, May 26 (5:30 p.m.)
- Tuesday, June 23 (5:30 p.m.)

7.4. BOE Regular Meeting, Monday, June 22, 2026,7:00 p.m. Brownell MPR

8. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-ACTION ITEMS

Ahmed Ismail, GPW, discussed comments regarding his board compensation.
Richard Schroeder, GPP, discussed the superintendent's contract and legal bills.
Joseph Herd, GPW, talked about his family's positive experience with the Grosse Pointe Schools.

9. APPROVAL OF MONTHLY FINANCIALS/CHECK REGISTER/HEALTH CARE REPORT

Several questions were raised by multiple board members

10. BOARD MEMBER / SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

Trustee Jeup shared that all of the speakers that evening demonstrated just how special our district is and represented both themselves and the district exceptionally well. She also thanked the Cotton family for their support of our schools and spoke about the seriousness and responsibility involved in running a school district.

Trustee Klepp spoke about the retirees and recognized their years of service and dedication.

Trustee Worden reflected on her earlier comments regarding past trustees and compensation. She also spoke about what makes Grosse Pointe Schools so special, highlighting many examples of the district's success. In addition, she gave a shout-out to Joe Herd for his comments during the meeting and recognized Dr. Bishop and his team for their work.

Dr. Delgado discussed the experience of being the parent of a graduating senior and all that comes with this important milestone.

Moussa Hamka thanked Dr. Bishop for developing the Strategic Plan and commented on the strength, depth, and vision reflected throughout the plan.

Trustee Cotton thanked Joe Herd for highlighting the accomplishments of students and stated that there is no limit to what our students can achieve. Keeping students at the forefront, he requested the formation of an Ad Hoc Finance Committee to create a student-centered balanced budget.

Trustee Hull spoke about the Strategic Plan and praised the outstanding work that went into developing it. She also wished the seniors good luck with their upcoming testing and end-of-year activities.

Trustee St. John discussed the many resources available within the community to support students, noting that these opportunities are what truly set the district apart.

Dr. Bishop thanked the entire Board of Education for the time and commitment they have devoted to the district. He also expressed appreciation for the Central Office team and all of their contributions to the Strategic Plan. In addition, he spoke about the outstanding students and teachers throughout the district. He recognized several retirees and concluded by stating that there is room for everyone to contribute positively to the district.

President Derringer echoed his appreciation for the administration team, support staff, teachers, and everyone who helps keep the district running successfully. He also recognized Mrs. Loder for all she has done for the district throughout her years of service.

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 10:18 pm.

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Valarie St. John, Secretary