

Grosse Pointe Board of Education
Regular Meeting - June 9, 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 7:01 pm

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

Absent: Cotton, Hull

Late arrival: None

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by all in attendance.

Also Present: Acting Superintendent Dr. Roy Bishop Jr., Dr. Sara Delgado, Moussa Hamka, CFO Andrea Agrusa, Officer LaBeau

2. APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA FOR JUNE 22, 2026

President Derringer moved to amend the agenda Item 8.4, changing the Monday, August 10, 2026 meeting to take place now on Monday, August 17, 2026, 7:00 p.m., and cancel the August 24, 2026 meeting.

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

THAT the Board approve the amended Agenda for June 22, 2026, as presented.

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

Motion carried 5-0 vote

3. SUPERINTENDENT / STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT REPORTS

3.1 Parent Advisory - GPPAC

Jill Wurm, Dima Hauser, and Andrea Pietrowsky presented.

A presentation was given by Garrett Kelley on the Chromebook purchase for K-5.

4.1 PUBLIC COMMENTS ON 2026-2027 BUDGET HEARING

Mike Vethacke, GPP, spoke about the Budget Hearing

Terence Collins, GPP, spoke about the Budget Hearing

Trustee Worden made a motion to amend the agenda to add Item 4.2 to waive the attorney-client privilege and discuss the memo from Attorney John Kava regarding the May 28, 2026 Closed Session Meeting.

It was Moved by: Trustee Worden

Supported by: Trustee St. John

During the discussion, Trustee Jeup requested that a copy of the memo be shared with her before voting on waiving attorney-client privilege. A subsequent motion was made to take a brief recess to review the memo.

It was Moved by: President Derringer

Supported by: Trustee Worden

THAT the Board recess the meeting to review the memo from Attorney John Kava regarding the May 28, 2026 Closed Session Meeting.

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

Nays: Trustee: Jeup

Motion carried 4-1 vote

Meeting recessed at 7:56 p.m.

Meeting reconvened from recess at 8:07 p.m.

The motion is still on the table to amend the agenda to add Item 4.2 to waive the attorney-client privilege and discuss the memo from Attorney John Kava regarding the May 28, 2026 Closed Session Meeting.

THAT the Board approve to amend the Agenda to add Item 4.2 to waive attorney-client privilege to discuss the memo from Attorney John Kava regarding the May 28, 2026 Closed Session Meeting, as presented.

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

Motion passes 4-1

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ACTION ITEMS FOR JUNE 22, 2026

Terrence Collins, GPP, discussed his thoughts on facility rentals and the budget.

Kevin Nugent, PFAE, discussed his thoughts on facility rentals.

Rev. Richard Yeager-Stiver, GPF, expressed appreciation for facility rentals.

Richard Schroeder, GPP, discussed his thoughts on facility rentals

Michelle White, GPP, talked about Moms Demand Action and gun violence awareness.

Cheryl Denman, GPP, discussed thoughts on facility rentals.

6. AGENDA ACTION ITEMS FOR JUNE 22, 2026

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

It was Moved by: Trustee St. John

Supported by: Trustee Worden

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

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

Nays: None

Motion carried 5-0 vote

6.2. Approval of 2025-2026 GAAA#2

It was Moved by: Trustee Worden

Supported by: Trustee St. John

THAT the Board approve the 2025-2026 GAAA#2, as presented.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried 5-0 vote

6.3. Approval of 2026-2027 Proposed Budget

It was Moved by: Trustee Klepp

Supported by: Trustee St. John

THAT the Board approve the 2026-2027 Proposed Budget, as presented.

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

Motion carried 4-1 vote

6.4. Approval of Tax Rate Request Form L-4029

It was Moved by: Trustee Worden

Supported by: Trustee Jeup

THAT the Board approve the Tax Rate Request Form L-4029, as presented.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried 5-0 vote

6.5. Approval of Property and Casualty Insurance for 2026-2027

It was Moved by: Trustee Klepp

Supported by: Trustee Worden

THAT the Board approve the Property and Casualty Insurance for 2026-2027, as presented.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried 5-0 vote

6.6. Approval of 2026-2027 Tuition Rates

It was Moved by: Trustee St. John

Supported by: Trustee Klepp

THAT the Board approve the 2026-2027 Tuition Rates, as presented.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried 5-0 vote

6.7. Approval of Food Service Management Company Bid

It was Moved by: Trustee St. John

Supported by: Trustee Jeup

THAT the Board approve the Food Service Management Company Bid, as presented.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried 5-0 vote

6.8. Approval of Revised Administrative Guideline 8.06 (Use of District Facilities)

It was Moved by: Trustee St. John

Supported by: Trustee Worden

THAT the Board approve the Administrative Guideline 8.06 (Use of District Facilities), as presented.

Roll Call: Trustee St. John Yes

President Derringer Yes

Trustee Worden Yes

Trustee Klepp Yes

Trustee Jeup No

Motion carried 4-1 vote

6.9. Approval to Hire Chief Personnel Officer (CPO)

It was Moved by: Trustee Worden

Supported by: Trustee St. John

THAT the Board approve to Hire Chief Personnel Officer (CPO), as presented.

Roll Call: Trustee Jeup No

Trustee Klepp Yes

Trustee Worden Yes

President Derringer Yes

Trustee St. John Yes

Motion carried 4-1 vote

6.10. Approval of Four-Year Tentative Agreements

6.10.1. GPEPA (Paraprofessionals)

6.10.2. GPP (Plant)

6.10.3. GPO (Office)

It was Moved by: President Derringer

Supported by: Trustee Worden

THAT the Board approve the Four-Year Tentative Agreements for GPEPA, GPP, and GPO, as presented.

Roll Call: Trustee St. John Yes

President Derringer Yes

Trustee Worden Yes

Trustee Klepp Yes

Trustee Jeup Yes

Motion carried 5-0 vote

6.11. Approval of Chromebook Purchase

It was Moved by: President Derringer

Supported by: Trustee St. John

THAT the Board approve the Chromebook Purchase, as presented.

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

Motion carried 4-1 vote

6.12. Approval to Relinquish 2023-2024 Stronger Connections Grant Funds

It was Moved by: President Derringer

Supported by: Trustee St. John

THAT the Board approve to Relinquish 2023-2024 Stronger Connections Grant Funds, as presented.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Jeup

**stepped away from board table at 10:31 p.m, returned after the vote at 10:36 p.m.*

Motion carried 4-0 vote

7. AGENDA ACTION ITEMS FOR JULY 27, 2026

- 7.1.** Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes for June 22, 2026
- 7.2** Approval of Revised Board Policy and Administrative Guideline 4.21 (Cell Phones)
- 7.3.** Approval of Administrative Guideline 3.38 (Use of Artificial Intelligence)
- 7.4.** Approval of Sinking Fund and Bond Program - Technology Designer Services

8. FUTURE MEETINGS

8.1. Facilities Committee Meetings, North Library

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

8.2. Policy Committee Meetings, Central Office Board Room

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

8.3. BOE Regular Meeting, Monday, July 27, 2026, 7:00 p.m. Brownell MPR

8.4. BOE Regular Meeting, Monday, August 17, 2026, 7:00 p.m. Brownell MPR

8.5. Superintendent Listening Sessions -

9:00 a.m., August 20th, Parcels, 20600 Mack Ave.

6:00 p.m., August 27th, South's front lawn, 11 Grosse Pointe Blvd.

3:45 p.m., September 10th, Mason's Outdoor Classroom, 1640 Vernier

6:00 p.m., September 17th, Ferry's Gym, 748 Roslyn Rd.

8:30 a.m., September 29th, Pierce front lawn, 15430 Kercheval

9. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-ACTION ITEMS

Danielle Carlomusto, GPW, shared thoughts on technology screen use

Terence Collins, GPP, shared thoughts on the budget and negotiations

Maria Williams, GPP, shared thoughts on a screen-free education

John Goldwater, New Baltimore, shared thoughts on facility use.

Kevin Nugent, PFAE, shared thoughts on the new CPO hire

Richard Schroeder, GPP, shared thoughts on the CPO hire

10. MONTHLY FINANCIALS/CHECK REGISTER/HEALTH CARE REPORT - MAY

No comments

11. BOARD MEMBER/SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

Officer Ross addressed the growing use of e-bikes by students, encouraging both parents and children to prioritize safe riding practices. He also emphasized that e-bikes should not be operated like motorcycles and reminded riders to follow the rules of the road when riding in the street. He shared that the district and local communities are exploring opportunities to provide students with education on safe e-bike operation through a lesson or training program.

Dr. Delgado: No comments

Mr. Hamka: No comments

Trustee St. John reflected on the conclusion of Pride Month by expressing pride in the Grosse Pointe community's progress toward inclusion and acceptance of LGBTQ individuals. She acknowledged that while some negative comments persist, the community has demonstrated respect and support for LGBTQ students. She highlighted recent positive actions by the Board and administration, including scheduled community listening sessions, the development of a student cellphone policy, and the introduction of initial guidelines for the use of artificial intelligence. She concluded by expressing pride in serving on the Board and being part of the Grosse Pointe community.

Trustee Jeup, thanked community members for staying engaged with the Board's work before expressing concerns about the district's governance, transparency, and accountability. She feels the Board was expected to approve decisions without sufficient information, describing the experience as acting like a "rubber stamp." She raised concerns that the budget did not clearly reflect known expenses and that staffing, organizational changes, and shifting responsibilities were occurring without adequate explanation. Expressed that effective leadership requires providing trustees with enough information to understand, explain, and defend decisions, and concluded that the Board did not meet that standard during the meeting.

Trustee Klepp, emphasized the need for the district to act with urgency in addressing student technology use. While acknowledging that changes require thoughtful planning and additional data gathering, he stressed that technology is one of the most significant factors affecting student learning and development. He also noted that although schools cannot solve every societal issue, the district has a responsibility to support—not undermine—parents who are making informed decisions about their children's technology use based on growing research and experience.

Trustee Worden, commended Dr. Bishop and the district leadership team for their early efforts to

strengthen community engagement, highlighting the scheduling of multiple listening sessions and the district's responsiveness to community concerns, including discussions about Chromebooks. She praised the successful negotiation of four-year contracts with several employee groups, describing them as an important step toward district stability, and expressed support for the district's budget, characterizing it as a collaborative and transparent effort. She also called for greater adherence to board norms and Robert's Rules of Order, expressing concern that uncivil behavior and personal attacks prolonged the meeting and detracted from productive governance. She encouraged the community to reject negativity and online hostility, emphasizing that the district should remain focused on supporting all students with respect, inclusion, and care.

Andrea Agrusa: No comments

Dr. Bishop, thanked district staff for their extensive work on several major initiatives, including technology planning, community listening efforts, contract negotiations, budget development, facilities, and special education. He also expressed appreciation to the district's unions for their collaborative approach to negotiations, emphasizing that the process can strengthen relationships when handled effectively. Additionally, he shared that he recently met with the mayors of all six municipalities served by the district to discuss student safety and continued collaboration. He emphasized the importance of ensuring that the district's communications and social media messaging support a welcoming environment that helps attract families while keeping the focus on students.

President Derringer, reflected on Father's Day, expressing appreciation for fathers who take responsibility and do the difficult work that needs to be done. He spoke about the district and broader community as being at a pivotal moment, requiring thoughtful leadership and collaboration to address significant economic, social, and educational challenges. He emphasized that discussions surrounding student technology are among the most important issues facing the district and noted that the decisions made in the coming months will have lasting impacts on students. He encouraged board members, administrators, staff, and the community to focus on collaboration, problem-solving, and finding common ground despite differing viewpoints, stressing that productive teamwork should take precedence over conflict.

12. ADJOURNMENT

It was Moved by: President Derringer

Supported by: Trustee St. John

THAT the Board adjourn the meeting, as presented.

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

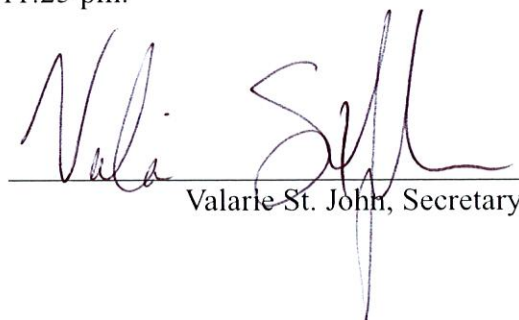
Nays: None

Absent: Jeup

**exited the meeting at 11:18 p.m.*

Motion carried 4-0 vote

President Derringer adjourned the meeting at 11:25 pm.



Valarie St. John, Secretary