

Grosse Pointe Board of Education
Regular Meeting - August 17, 2026
MINUTES
Brownell Middle School - MPR
260 Chalfonte, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236

Meeting Minutes

Encl: 5.2.

1. CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/ROLL CALL

President ^{Derringer MW} Worden called the meeting to order at 7:17 pm

Board members present: Trustees: ^{Jeup AN} Jeup, Klepp, Worden, Derringer, St. John, Cotton

Absent: Trustees: Hull

Late Arrival: None

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by all in attendance.

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

2. APPROVAL OF THE MEETING AGENDA FOR AUGUST 17, 2026

It was Moved by: Trustee St. John

Supported by: Trustee Worden

Trustee Jeup moved to suspend the rules amend the agenda to add a meeting on Monday, August 31, 2026.

Supported by Trustee Cotton.

Motion fails 2-4

THAT the Board approve the Agenda for August 17, 2026, as presented.

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

Nays: Trustees: Cotton

Motion carried 5-1 vote

3. SUPERINTENDENT / STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT REPORTS

3.1. Financial Update - CFO Agrusa

CFO Agrusa provided a presentation summarizing the financial impact of the GPAA Tentative Agreement and the cost of all currently settled TAs. She also provided a timeline on upcoming Financial Updates and what can be expected.

3.2. Curriculum Update - Delgado

Principal Cindy Parravano - South High School and Principal Kevin Shubnell - North High School provided an update on the Off & Out of Sight policy at the High School moving into the new school year. The goal of the policy is not to be punitive, but to place a renewed emphasis on teaching and learning. They shared the names of the 2026/27 BOE Meeting Student Representative for North - Elliana Orlando and for South - Lauren Cole

Mr. Hamka provided an update on the Open Campus Lunch at the High School level. Parents will have the opportunity to opt students out

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ACTION ITEMS FOR AUGUST 17, 2026

Danielle Carlomusto, GPW, shared her thoughts on the cell phone policy proposed.

Terry Collins, GPP, shared his thoughts on the GPAA agreement.

Kevin Nugent, PFAE, spoke about the Human Resources Report and GPAA agreement.

5. AGENDA ACTION ITEMS FOR AUGUST 17, 2026

5.1. APPROVAL OF SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES FOR JULY 27, 2026

It was Moved by: Trustee St. John

Supported by: Trustee Worden

THAT the Board approve the Special Meeting Minutes for July 27, 2026, as presented

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

Nays: None

Motion carried 6-0 vote

5.2. APPROVAL OF REGULAR MEETING MINUTES FOR JULY 27, 2026

It was Moved by: Trustee St. John

Supported by: Trustee Worden

THAT the Board approve the Regular Meeting Minutes for July 27, 2026, as presented

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

Nays: None

Motion carried 6-0 vote

5.3 APPROVAL TO HIRE SUPERVISOR OF SPECIAL EDUCATION

It was Moved by: Trustee Worden

Supported by: Trustee St. John

THAT the Board approve the Hire of Supervisor of Special Education, as presented

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

Nays: None

Motion carried 6-0 vote

Melanie Danley shared her appreciation to the Board for approving and shared her excitement for the new position.

5.4. APPROVAL OF HUMAN RESOURCES REPORT

It was Moved by: Trustee St. John

Supported by: Trustee Klepp

THAT the Board approve the Human Resources Report, as presented

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

Nays: None

Motion carried 6-0 vote

**5.5 APPROVAL OF REVISED BOARD POLICY AND ADMINISTRATIVE GUIDELINE
4.21 (CELL PHONES)**

It was Moved by: Trustee St. John

Supported by: Trustee Worden

THAT the Board approve the Revised Board Policy and Administrative Guideline 4.21, as presented

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

Nays: None

Motion carried 6-0 vote

**5.6. APPROVAL OF THREE-YEAR TENTATIVE AGREEMENT - GPAA
(ADMINISTRATORS)**

It was Moved by: Trustee St. John

Supported by: Trustee Worden

THAT the Board approve the Three-Year Tentative Agreement - GPAA (Administrators), as presented

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

Nays: Trustees: Cotton, Jeup

Motion carried 4-2 vote

5.7. APPROVAL OF SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER (SRO) AGREEMENTS

It was Moved by: Trustee Klepp

Supported by: Trustee Worden

THAT the Board approve the School Resource Officer (SRO) Agreements, as presented

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

Nays: None

Motion carried 6-0 vote

6. AGENDA ACTION ITEMS FOR SEPTEMBER 14, 2026

6.1. Approval of Special Meeting Minutes for August 17, 2026

6.2. Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes for August 17, 2026

7. FUTURE MEETINGS

7.1. BOE Regular Meeting, Monday, September 14, 2026, 7:00 pm, Brownell MPR

7.2. BOE Regular Meeting, Monday, September 21, 2026, 7:00 pm, Brownell MPR

7.3. Superintendent Listening Sessions -

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

8. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-ACTION ITEMS

Mandy Grattan, Teacher, spoke about the impact teachers have and encouraged a contract agreement.

Shaughan Rumohr, Teacher, spoke about her hope for a fair and equitable contract.

Melanie Baka, Teacher, shared her love for the District and hope for a fair and equitable contract.

Jodie Mellos, Teacher, spoke about the need for a contract that retains and attracts teachers.

James Fisher, Teacher, spoke about his experience in the District and advocated for a fair contract.

Tera Smith, Teacher, shared her experience in the District and hope for a fair and equitable contract.

Jessica DeWitt, Teacher, encouraged the District to settle a contract before the start of the school year.

Anne Westmeier, Teacher, shared her hope for a settled teacher contract.

Amy Callaway, Teacher, shared her experience in the District and hope for a fair and equitable contract.

Julie Nurse, Teacher, shared her experience in the District and hope for a fair and equitable contract.

Nicole Wallace, Teacher, shared her experiences and advocated for long-service teacher retention.

Kayci Veres, Teacher, spoke about her experience in the District and compensation.

Andrea Pizzuti Wolosin, Teacher, spoke about her experience in the District and the need for a sustainable, fair contract.

Dorothy Heitjan, Teacher, shared her experience in the District and the need to retain teachers for the future of our District.

Sarah Neely, Teacher, spoke about her time in the District and the hope for a fair and equitable contract.

Katrina Soucy, Teacher, spoke about the need to fight to keep our amazing teachers and attract new ones.

Angie Kuczewski, Teacher, shared her experience in GP and hope for a fair and equitable contract.

Amanda Kotes, Teacher, shared her appreciation for the teachers in GP and hope for a fair contract.

Kelly Page, Teacher, shared her commitment to the District and hope for a fair contract.

Natalie Kosmal, Harper Woods, advocated that a fair and equitable contract be reached for teachers.

Pam Albrecht, Teacher, advocated for a contract that keeps our teacher pay competitive.

Terry Collins, Grosse Pointe Park, shared his thoughts on how contract talks affect the budget. Kevin Nugent, PFAE, shared information on the Board Member Candidates and how donations to the District are handled.

9. CHECK REGISTER

10. BOARD MEMBER / SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

Trustee Jeup - Wished all students a great start to the school year and shared her hopes that a contract is reached with teachers before the start of the school year.

Trustee Klepp - Thanked the GPEA and Administration for their efforts to reach an agreement before the start of the school year.

Trustee Worden - Thanked all the teachers who spoke tonight advocating for a teacher contract. Acknowledged that they are what makes this District great and that she is hopeful an agreement is reached as quickly as possible. She also shared her condolences with everyone on the loss of our beloved teacher, Megan Brown.

CFO Andrea Agrusa - No comment

Officer LaBeau - Thanked everyone for the kind words and approval of the SRO Agreement. He shared his love for this job and his excitement for the upcoming school year.

Dr. Delgado - Thanked Trustee Worden for her kind words about Megan Brown and her personal experiences working with the Brown Family.

Mr. Hamka - No comment

Trustee Cotton - Shared his disappointment with the numbers provided tonight and the poor direction from the Board on negotiations.

Trustee St. John - Agreed that teachers should be paid more and that she is happy to vote for any agreement reached through the negotiation process. She is hopeful that an agreement will be reached soon.

Acting Superintendent Bishop - Thanked all the teachers who came to speak and support reaching an agreement on a fair and equitable contract. He shared that the Administrator Retreat was successful as well as the New Teacher Orientation that welcomed newly hired educators this week. He also extended his condolences to the Brown Family on the loss of wife, mother, daughter, and teacher, Megan Brown.

President Derringer - Thanked all who attended tonight's meeting and shared their thoughts and feelings. Encouraged all of our bargaining teams to attend the Board Meetings during the Stakeholder Engagement section of the Superintendent's Report. He thanked those teachers who spoke tonight for their constructive and positive tone.

11. ADJOURNMENT

It was Moved by: Trustee Derringer

Supported by: Trustee St. John

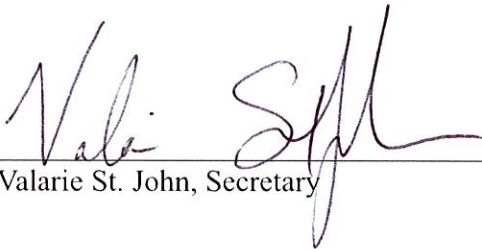
THAT the Board adjourn the meeting, as presented.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried 6-0 vote

President Derringer adjourned the meeting at 9:19 p.m.



Valarie St. John, Secretary