# Grosse Pointe Board of Education
**Regular Meeting - October 19, 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 called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**Board members present:** Trustees: Cotton, Hull, St. John, Derringer, Worden, Klepp, Jeup
**Absent:** None
**Late Arrival:** None

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by all in attendance.

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

## 2. APPROVAL OF THE MEETING AGENDA FOR OCTOBER 19, 2026

President Derringer moved to amend the agenda, removing items 3.3 and 6.3

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

**THAT the Board amend the Regular Meeting Agenda for October 19, 2026, as presented.**

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

**Motion passed 7-0**

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

**THAT the Board approve the amended Regular Meeting Agenda for October 19, 2026, as presented.**

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

**Motion passed 7-0**

## 3. SUPERINTENDENT / STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT REPORTS

### 3.1. North Student Representative - Elliana Orlando

The student representative highlighted homecoming activities, student awards, athletic achievements, marching band recognition, the club fair, and upcoming rivalry week.

### 3.2. Presentation by Maire Elementary - 90th Celebration - Nicole Filiccia

Principal Nicole Filiccia and second-grade students shared the school's history and 90th anniversary celebration. Sarah Neely was recognized for her leadership and Michigan History Teacher of the Year honor.

### 3.3. Teachers & Support Service Personnel (GPEA) - Taryn Loughlin

GPEA President Taryn Loughlin reported that members ratified the October 1 tentative agreement. Insurance benefits and GSRP teacher working conditions remained under discussion.

### 3.4. Financial Update and Audit Presentation - CFO Andrea Agrusa & Plante Moran

Auditors Keith Szymanski and Jake Scully presented an unmodified (clean) audit opinion for the year ended June 30, 2026, with no significant findings. General fund balance increased to approximately $19.2 million, or 19.1% of expenditures. Board discussion addressed fund balance, budget variances, bond arbitrage, and internal controls. CFO Agrusa reviewed September financial activity, fiscal 2026 results, costs of negotiated and proposed compensation adjustments, and three preliminary multiyear forecasts. The first budget amendment was targeted for December. The proposed $8 million line of credit was discussed as a cash-flow measure.

### 3.5. Strategic Plan Update - Superintendent Roy Bishop Jr.

Superintendent Bishop and district leaders presented progress on the strategic plan, including academic programming, student safety and belonging, staff recruitment and retention, communications, community partnerships, baseline data, and implementation work. Board members discussed progress measures and thanked the team.

## 4. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ACTION ITEMS FOR OCTOBER 19, 2026

Keven Nugent, PFAE, commented on the audit, fund balance, and financial stewardship.

Terrence Collins, GPP, addressed district financial decisions and the implications of future expenditures.

Richard Schroeder, GPP, spoke on past financial decisions and the need for action to address the budget.

Lisa Pappas, Grosse Pointe City, commented on the resolution of the GPEA contract and long-term sustainability of the fund balance.

## 5. AGENDA ACTION ITEMS FOR OCTOBER 19, 2026

### 5.1. APPROVAL OF SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES FOR OCTOBER 5, 2026

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

**THAT the Board approve the Special Meeting Minutes for October 5, 2026, as presented**

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

**Motion passed 7-0**

### 5.2. APPROVAL OF REGULAR MEETING MINUTES FOR OCTOBER 5, 2026

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

**THAT the Board approve the Special Meeting Minutes for October 5, 2026, as presented**

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

**Motion passed 7-0**

### 5.3. APPROVAL OF 2026 AUDIT REPORT FROM PLANTE MORAN

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

**THAT the Board approve the 2026 Audit Report from Plante Moran, as presented**

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

**Motion passed 7-0**

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

**Motion passed 7-0**

### 5.5. APPROVAL OF GPEA TENTATIVE AGREEMENT

President Derringer recused himself and transferred the chair to Vice President Worden for this item.

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

**THAT the Board approve the GPEA TA, as presented**

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

**Motion passed 6-0**

### 5.6. APPROVAL OF COMPENSATION SCHEDULES FOR NON-BARGAINING GROUPS

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

**THAT the Board approve the Compensation Schedules for Non-Bargaining Groups, as presented**

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

**Motion passed 7-0**

## 6. AGENDA ACTION ITEMS FOR NOVEMBER 9, 2026

- **6.1.** Approval of Special Meeting Minutes for October 19, 2026
- **6.2.** Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes for October 19, 2026
- **6.3.** Approval of 2026-2027 Line of Credit

## 7. FUTURE MEETINGS

- **7.1.** Facilities Committee Meeting, Monday, November 02, 2026, 5:30 pm, North Library
- **7.2.** Policy Committee Meeting, Monday, November 02, 2026, 6:30 pm, North Library
- **7.3.** BOE Regular Meeting, Monday, November 09, 2026, 7:00 pm, Brownell MPR
- **7.4.** BOE Regular Meeting, Monday, November 23, 2026, 7:00 pm, Brownell MPR

## 8. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-ACTION ITEMS

Kevin Nugent, PFAE, spoke about legal expenditures, fiscal oversight, and contract negotiations.

Lisa Pappas, Grosse Pointe City, discussed the upcoming Board election and district finances

Richard Schroeder, Grosse Pointe Park, commented on Board accountability and projected deficits.

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

No comments

## 10. BOARD MEMBER / SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

**Trustee Jeup** - Celebrated the settlement of the GPEA contract and the District's positive audit results, acknowledging the leadership and efforts that contributed to financial improvements. She requested that administration consult legal counsel regarding policies and legal obligations related to fairness, privacy, and student participation in athletics. She also expressed concerns about the District's financial outlook and emphasized the importance of addressing the structural deficit while maintaining a focus on students.

**Trustee Klepp -** No comment.

**Trustee Worden -** Clarified her position regarding school consolidation and recognized the success of homecoming activities, the District's clean audit, and progress on the strategic plan. She thanked administration and staff for their work on the three-year teacher contract and encouraged community members to become informed about the upcoming Board election and library millage.

**CFO Andrea Agrusa -** Expressed appreciation to the GPEA bargaining team for its collaboration throughout contract negotiations and recognized the finance team for its dedication and work in achieving a successful audit.

**Officer Ross -** Reflected on the longstanding tradition of the North-South football rivalry, highlighting its significance to students, alumni, and the community. He wished both teams success in the upcoming game.

**Dr. Delgado -** Recognized the strong involvement of parents and families in the District, highlighting participation in curriculum review discussions and parent-teacher conferences. Thanked teachers, students, and families for their continued engagement and support.

**Mr. Hamka -** Thanked the District's bargaining team, administrators, and staff for their contributions to contract negotiations. Recognized the success of homecoming activities, encouraged community participation in the upcoming North-South football game, and celebrated Maire Elementary's 90th anniversary, highlighting the longevity and dedication of the District's building leadership.

**Trustee Cotton -** Reiterated concerns regarding the District's structural deficit and the budget approved in June. Expressed appreciation for Dr. Bishop's leadership, the successful opening of the school year, and progress on the strategic plan. Also recognized the positive atmosphere surrounding homecoming and rivalry week.

**Trustee Hull -** Expressed appreciation for student participation in the meeting and the District's financial and administrative updates. Highlighted the North-South rivalry as an example of community unity and celebrated Maire Elementary's 90th anniversary.

**Trustee St. John -** Acknowledged the District's ongoing structural deficit and emphasized the importance of making difficult financial decisions to maintain a healthy fund balance and minimize borrowing costs. Recognized staff collaboration, student involvement, and the importance of safety during upcoming community events.

**Superintendent Bishop -** Thanked the GPEA and District bargaining teams for their efforts in reaching a three-year agreement and emphasized the importance of continuing to support and retain staff. Recognized the finance team for the clean audit, celebrated the achievements of both high school marching bands, and encouraged community participation in the North-South football game. Reaffirmed the Administration's commitment to collaboration, strategic priorities, and student success.

**President Derringer -** Emphasized that budget decisions reflect District priorities and acknowledged that negotiated employee compensation agreements contribute to the structural deficit, requiring future budget adjustments. Highlighted the strategic plan as a framework for transparency, accountability, academic improvement, and enrollment growth. Expressed support for the Teacher Pathway CTE program as an opportunity to develop future educators and District leaders.

## 11. ADJOURNMENT

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

**THAT the Board adjourn the meeting, as presented.**

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

**Nays: Trustees:** None

**Motion passed 7-0**

President Derringer adjourned the meeting at 9:50 p.m.

Valarie St. John, Secretary