



**CITY OF GROSSE POINTE PARK, MICHIGAN  
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
April 28, 2025, at 6:00 P.M.**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Pro-Tem Caulfield and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. The meeting convened at the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building, 15115 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park, Wayne County, Michigan 48230.

**ROLL CALL**

**PRESENT MEMBERS:** Councilmembers Kolar, Gallagher, Mayor Pro-Tem Caulfield, Wiener, Dreaver, McMillan and Mayor Hodges.

**ABSENT:** None

**ALSO PRESENT:** City Manager- Nick Sizeland, City Clerk- Bridgette Bowdler.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

No public comments were made.

**25-60**

Motion by Councilmember Wiener, seconded by Councilmember Dreaver, to approve the Regular Agenda.

**AYES:** Councilmembers Kolar, Gallagher, Mayor Pro Tem Caulfield, Wiener, Dreaver, McMillan, and Mayor Hodges

**NAYS:** None

Motion Carried Unanimously

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

### **25-61**

Motion by Mayor Pro-Tem Caulfield, seconded by Councilmember Gallagher, to approve the Resolution to support further action in support of Trombly Elementary School by the Grosse Pointe Public School System.

AYES: Councilmembers Kolar, Gallagher, Mayor Pro Tem Caulfield, Wiener, Dreaver, McMillan, and Mayor Hodges

NAYS: None

Motion Carries unanimously

STATE OF MICHIGAN  
COUNTY OF WAYNE  
CITY OF GROSSE POINTE PARK

**RESOLUTION TO SUPPORTING FURTHER ACTION IN SUPPORT OF TROMBLY  
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BY THE GROSSE POINTE PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM**

At a regular meeting of the City Council for the City of Grosse Pointe Park, Wayne County, Michigan, held in the Municipal Building of said City, on the 28th day of April 2025 at 6:00 p.m., the following resolution was adopted.

Present Members: Councilmembers Kolar, Gallagher, Mayor Pro-Tem Caulfield, Wiener, Dreaver, McMillan, and Mayor Hodges.

Absent Members: None

Motion by Mayor Pro-Tem Caulfield, seconded by Councilmember Gallagher to adopt the following resolution:

**WHEREAS**, the Grosse Pointe Public School System closed Trombly Elementary School in 2020, thereby crippling a critical piece of community infrastructure and seriously impacting the economic and social competitiveness of the community;

**WHEREAS**, in 2024 a historic marker memorializing the significance of Trombly Elementary School was installed and celebrated;

**WHEREAS**, multiple resolutions have been adopted and presented by this body to the Grosse Pointe Public School System that document the impacts of its decision to close Trombly, and the urgent need to restore it to a healthy and contributing part of the community;

**WHEREAS**, the City of Grosse Pointe Park has been clear it will use its power to ensure compliance with all Michigan Building Codes and the rule of law, and that it will also use such power to protect its tax base, its stakeholders, and its status as a highly desirable community;

**WHEREAS**, the City of Grosse Pointe Park understands decisions cannot be made in isolation, without data to support long term sustainability, or without a system wide mindset that values the overall competitiveness of the District;

**WHEREAS**, this body would like to recognize the outcomes of a recent survey process that empirically confirms and aligns with anecdotal evidence in support of Trombly;

**WHEREAS**, this body will host a Town Hall meeting on May 7th to present additional analysis and support for the reopening of Trombly to further inform future Bond Committee and Board of Education decision making;

**WHEREAS**, this body has extended an invitation to District leadership to enter into discussions about strategic solutions related to Trombly that ensure system wide operational excellence;

**WHEREAS**, this body would like to acknowledge a recent resolution of this Board of Education to support the dedication of future bond dollars toward keeping Trombly in compliance with local codes;

**WHEREAS**, this body rejects any effort to prematurely remove the utilization of Trombly as a Pre School plus Elementary school from consideration;

**WHEREAS**, this body requests an allocation of the largest available sum of bond proceeds be directed to Trombly for the following reasons:

1. The sum ensures that the building is brought to full compliance with all codes and legal requirements;
2. The sum ensures leadership is equipped to implement operational solutions with system wide benefits, such as Early Childhood Care, Preschool, Great Start Readiness Program, and other services in high demand that the lack thereof is driving families elsewhere;
3. The sum ensures that programming and other high-quality measures lost due to high student counts at Defer is reinstated;
4. The sum ensures that the Trombly neighborhood and the District as a whole is served in an equitable manner;
5. The sum ensures that Trombly is part of a long-term solution for filling the student pipeline in a manner that supports system wide viability, and increases the potential for Trombly to function as an elementary school;
6. The sum ensures that trust is restored amongst key stakeholders due to the loss of previously allocated bond funds;

7. The sum ensures the likelihood of securing bond and philanthropic funds is improved;
8. The sum ensures Trombly once again contributes rather than detracts from the community.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the Grosse Pointe Park City Council of the City of Grosse Pointe Park, Michigan do hereby urge the Grosse Pointe Public School System to ***appropriate not less than \$12.6 Million of future Bond proceeds to the restoration of Trombly***, and to continue due diligence aimed at giving the best possible chance of Trombly once again becoming a thriving Elementary School.

#### **RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED**

At a regular meeting of the City Council for the City of Grosse Pointe Park held on the 28th day of April 2025, at 6:00 p.m., the following roll call vote was taken:

YEAS: Councilmembers Kolar, Gallagher, Mayor Pro-Tem Caulfield, Wiener, Dreaver, McMillan, and Mayor Hodges.

NAYS: None

#### **CERTIFICATION**

STATE OF MICHIGAN)

) ss.

COUNTY OF WAYNE )

I, the undersigned, the duly qualified City Clerk of the City of Grosse Pointe Park, Wayne County, Michigan, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of proceedings taken by the City Council of the City of Grosse Pointe Park, at a regular meeting held on the 28th day of April 2025.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my official signature, this 28<sup>th</sup> day of April 2025.

---

Bridgette Bowdler, City Clerk  
City of Grosse Pointe Park

**Council Comment:**

Mayor Pro-Tem Caulfield: Thank you to everyone here and also to all the people involved with this. Goes to show that when we all come together, how fast and efficiently we can get stuff done.

Councilmember McMillan: Thank you to those involved in putting this paperwork for Trombly together, it really does say it all. Very well put together and great bullet points.

Mayor Hodges: These folks are dedicated and have been great partners. I believe our School Board will be too. I think they are listening and that's good. We just need to keep vocalizing and building the momentum in the right direction.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Councilmember McMillan, seconded by Councilmember Kolar, to approve to adjourn the meeting.

AYES: Council members Kolar, Gallagher, Mayor Pro-Tem Caulfield, Wiener, Dreaver McMillan and Mayor Hodges

NAYS: None

Motion Carried Unanimously

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:24 p.m.

Bridgette Bowdler - City Clerk

Danielle Caudill- Deputy City Clerk

