

City of Grosse Pointe Woods

Resolution

RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION TO SCHOOL OF CHOICE MANDATE

At a rescheduled meeting of the Grosse Pointe Woods City Council held on Monday, August 15, 2011, the following Resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS, on April 27, 2011, Governor Rick Snyder published his plan for Education Reform to the Michigan Legislature, specifically "Any Time, Any Place, Any Way, Any Pace", proposing legislation to include a provision for "schools of choice" and will no longer allow school districts to opt out of accepting out-of-district students;

WHEREAS, the Grosse Pointe communities have already been financially, legislatively, and culturally affected by the redistricting map signed by Governor Snyder on Tuesday, August 9, 2011, and will further dilute the five Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods communities influence when addressing common school interests of the Grosse Pointe Public School System;

WHEREAS, the Grosse Pointe Public Schools taxpayers take pride in our schools and voted for increased millage to provide a high-level curriculum to our students, and to enact school of choice would be an injustice to community taxpayers;

WHEREAS, tax-paying students stand the chance of being bumped from their ability to participate in extracurricular programs such as athletics and clubs;

WHEREAS, it is due to local control that has established high standards for education through the efforts of its Board of Directors, Administration, teachers, staff, parent-boosters, and students who fully vest themselves into the community by giving of their time for extracurricular activities, fund raising, and community service events;

WHEREAS, school of choice may necessitate a lower-standard curriculum to ensure graduate ratios;

AND, WHEREAS, a proposed House Bill is anticipated to be drafted and presented to the legislature in fall of 2011 and the City of Grosse Pointe Woods is taking a proactive approach by voicing opposition now to the anticipated proposed legislation from Lansing that would mandate school of choice to all Michigan districts and legislation that interferes with local control of our schools;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Grosse Pointe Woods requests that Governor Snyder eliminate verbiage from proposed legislation relating to a mandate for schools of choice or eliminating local control of schools, and that a copy of this resolution be immediately provided to the Governor, the legislative leaders of the State House and Senate, the current State Representative and Senator representing the Grosse Pointes, Grosse Pointe Public Schools Board of Education, all Grosse Pointe communities and City of Harper Woods.

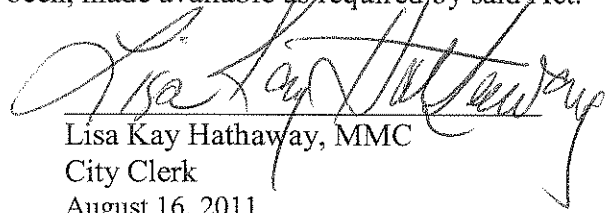
AYES: Bryant, Granger, Howle, Ketels, McConaghy, Novitke, Sucher

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

CERTIFICATION

I, Lisa Kay Hathaway, Clerk of the City of Grosse Pointe Woods, do hereby certify that the foregoing constitutes a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Council on August 15, 2011, and that said meeting was conducted and public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in full compliance with the Open Meetings Act, being Act 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, and that the minutes of said meeting were kept and will be, or have been, made available as required by said Act.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lisa Kay Hathaway", written over a horizontal line.

Lisa Kay Hathaway, MMC
City Clerk
August 16, 2011