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EAST GRAND RAPIDS PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Kent County, Michigan

REGULAR MEETING of the East Grand Rapids Board of Education

The High School Learning Commons
2211 Lake Drive SE, East Grand Rapids, MI 49506

Tuesday, August 14, 2018

MINUTES

The **REGULAR MEETING** of the East Grand Rapids Public Schools Board of Education, Kent County, Michigan, was held on Tuesday, August 14, 2018, in the High School Learning Commons, 2211 Lake Drive SE, East Grand Rapids, MI 49506.

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Present: Natalie Bernecker, Elizabeth Welch, Beth Milanowski, Mark Hessler, Brian Coles, Robert Wolford
Absent: Brad Laackman
Administration: Dr. Heidi Kattula, Kevin Philipps, Jenny Fee

Meeting Called to Order

President Bernecker called the meeting to order at 7:30 a.m.

Public Comments

Board Secretary's Report: Communications to and from the Board – None

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First Read of Revised Policy #8363 – Jenny Fee (Enclosure #4)

ACTION ITEMS - CONSENT AGENDA

Background: In order to save time during the meeting, we are using a Consent Agenda. Items in the Consent Agenda include those that are routine or have been previously discussed by the Board of Education. Any board member may request to have any item removed for a separate discussion and vote.

Recommendation: Motion to approve the items in the Consent Agenda, Numbers 5-10.

Approval of Minutes of REGULAR Meeting of 6/11/2018 (Enclosure #5)

Approval of Minutes of SPECIAL Meeting of 6/13/2018 (Enclosure #6)

Approval of Minutes of SPECIAL Meeting of 6/15/2018 (Enclosure #7)

Approval of Minutes of SPECIAL Meeting of 6/19/2018 (Enclosure #8)

Approval of Minutes of SPECIAL Meeting of 6/21/2018 (Enclosure #9)

Approval of Payment of Bills – June and July 2018 (Enclosure #10)

Member Welch moved to approve Consent Agenda items 5-10. Member Coles seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

OTHER ACTION ITEMS

Approval of New Teacher Contracts (Enclosure #11)

Dr. Kattula announced that the district has hired six additional teachers as listed in Enclosure #11.

Member Hessler moved to approve the Teacher Contracts as presented. Member Milanowski seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

Approval of a 2-Year Contract with the East Grand Rapids Association of Support Staff Employees (EGRASE)–Kevin Philipps (Enclosure #12)
Kevin Philipps, Assistant Superintendent of Business, presented an overview of the EGRASE contract including the salary and benefits provisions as detailed in Enclosure #12.

Member Coles moved to approve the 2-Year Contract with the East Grand Rapids Association of Support Staff Employees (EGRASE). Member Welch seconded the motion. A discussion was held among the board. Motion passed 6-0.

Approval of Confirming Resolution for Sale and Refunding of Bonds – Kevin Philipps (Enclosure #13)

Background: In June of 2018, the Board of Education granted administration the authority to sell the remaining \$13.5 million in bonds from the 2014 bond issue as well as refund \$2.1 million in bonds from the 2007 and 2008 bond sales. The bonds were priced on Tuesday, August 7, 2018. Overall \$14,030,000 in bonds were sold at a premium of \$1,554,091 to provide the financing for the construction fund and refinance the \$2.1 million in 2007 and 2008 bonds. The overall true interest cost for the sale is 3.45%. Net present value savings on the \$2.1 million refunding was \$53,131, or 2.72%. Administration, in partnership with its financial advisor, Public Financial Management, recommend accepting the interest rates offered and supporting the resolution to complete the sale and refunding.

Recommendation: Motion to approve the confirming resolution accepting the interest rates for the sale of 2018 Building and Site bonds and refunding of 2007 and 2008 Athletic Facility bonds as recommended by the Superintendent.

Kevin Philipps provided background information on the projected sale and refunding of bonds as detailed in Enclosure #13. A discussion was held among the board.

Member Milanowski moved to approve the confirming resolution accepting the interest rates for the sale of 2018 Building and Site bonds and refunding of 2007 and 2008 Athletic Facility bonds as recommended by the Superintendent. Member Hessler seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Superintendent

Dr. Kattula shared that her family recently moved into East Grand Rapids and her three children are enrolled in our schools. During her first week as superintendent, she has been involved in administrative meetings, new teacher orientation, and county superintendent meetings. She also reported that the new middle school student registration process went smoothly and was well organized.

Assistant Superintendent of Business

Kevin Philipps provided a budget update and shared that approximately \$150,000 will be added to the fund balance which is an increase in projections. He also provided an enrollment update with an increase in projected kindergarten students. Therefore, an additional section of kindergarten has been added at Breton Downs.

Assistant Superintendent of Instruction

Jenny Fee reported that a successful New Teacher Orientation was held last week with the largest group of new staff involving 30 new teachers.

Board Member Reports

Communications Committee – No reports.

Facilities Committee – Member Hessler reported that roof replacements were discussed and a new roofing system was selected. A proposal will be brought to the full board for approval at the September board meeting.

Finance Committee – No reports.

Joint Facilities Committee – No reports.

Personnel Committee – No reports.

Policy Review Committee – No reports.

Legislative Liaison Committee – Member Welch reported that the September 11 Town Hall preparations are underway.

Liaisons

EGR Schools Foundation – No reports.

Community Action Council – No reports.

Leadership & Youth Development (LYD) – No reports.

Parks & Recreation – Member Hessler reported that there are planned changes in the cancellation policy for activities/events.

PTO Council – No reports.

Parent Advocates for Special Education (PASE) – No reports.

Superintendent's Advisory Council (SAC) – No reports.

ADJOURNMENT

President Bernecker adjourned the meeting at 7:59 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Beth Milanowski, Secretary
East Grand Rapids Public Schools Board of Education

* Minutes for this meeting will be available in the Superintendent's Office at 2915 Hall St. SE, East Grand Rapids, MI 49506. The phone number is 235-3535.

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