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SPECIAL Meeting of the East Grand Rapids Board of Education

Woodcliff Center, 2915 Hall Street, SE, East Grand Rapids, MI 49506. Phone 616-235-3535.

Monday, March 13, 2006

7:00 p.m.

MINUTES

The SPECIAL MEETING of the East Grand Rapids Public Schools Board of Education, Kent County, Michigan, was held on Monday, February 27, 2006 in the Community Board Room, Woodcliff Center, 2915 Hall Street SE, East Grand Rapids, MI 49506.

Board of Education:

Present: Mrs. Beth Lent, Mr. Charlie Denton, Mr. Joe Camp, Mrs. Stacy Trierweiler, Mrs. Diane Bok, Mrs. Julie Ridenour, and Mr. Brian Ellis

Administration: Mrs. Jeanne Glowicki, Mr. Doug Jenkins, Mr. Pat Cwayna, Mrs. Jenny Fee, Mr. Peter Stuursma, Mrs. Linda Kehm, Mr. Kris Vydareny, Mr. Mark Tompkins, and Mr. Larry Fisher

Meeting Called to Order

Mrs. Lent called the meeting to order at 6:57 p.m.

Public Comment - None

Superintendent Search Process

Mrs. Lent reviewed the reason for the meeting, Dr. Morse's retirement. She distributed a guideline to everyone.

Goal for Timeline for New Superintendent: Mrs. Lent indicated that she would like the goal to be to have a new Superintendent in place by July 1, 2006. If not successful, the Board would have to appoint an interim superintendent as of July 1, 2006 until a new superintendent is hired. Discussion by the Board. Board is in agreement to pursue a new Superintendent in place by July 1, 2006.

Structure of Search Process: Mrs. Lent reviewed Policy #2080 – Recruitment. The Board agreed to conduct an open search process to locate the best possible superintendent and would consider internal and external candidates. She then discussed the various ways of finding a new

Superintendent - conducting our own search and also possible use of a search consultant. To hire a consultant we would first request proposals from search firms. Proposals would identify how the firm would market the district and complete the search. Discussion by the Board of the benefits, learning opportunities and disadvantages of hiring a search firm. The Board is in agreement to request proposals from search firms.

Description and Criteria for New Superintendent: Policy #2070 describes what Superintendent qualifications should be and also what is expected of a Superintendent. #2070-R goes into greater detail. Board members feel that key groups should have input. Mrs. Lent indicated that The Board may consider a Community Forum asking for input from staff, community members, students, etc. The Board feels it would benefit from community input sooner rather than later in this process. The Policy Committee will look at clarifying discrepancies between policy and rules and make the changes prior to beginning. Mrs. Lent stated that rules are guidelines and the policy would take precedence.

Facilitation of Search Process: Mrs. Lent stated that per Board Policy, the Board President is able to appoint an advisory committee. Mrs. Lent appointed a temporary advisory committee to begin the search process. The committee will be comprised of Charlie Denton, Chair of Superintendent Search Committee and Brian Ellis and Stacy Trierweiler as members of this committee. This committee will issue a Request for Proposal and bring forth recommendations and requests to the full Board. The Board would like to have a recommendation of a search committee and approval prior to Spring Break. The Request for Proposal will be distributed to the full Board once it is completed.

Any other matters that come before the Board - None

Adjournment

Mrs. Lent adjourned the meeting at 7:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stacy L. Trierweiler, Secretary
East Grand Rapids 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.

** If you plan to attend and have a special need and require accommodation to attend this meeting, please contact Dr. James Morse at 235-3535.

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