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SPECIAL Meeting of the East Grand Rapids Board of Education

Community Board Room at the James E. Morse Administration Center at Woodcliff, 2915 Hall Street, SE,
East Grand Rapids, MI 49506. Phone 616-235-3535.

Tuesday, June 13, 2006

8:00 p.m.

MINUTES

The SPECIAL MEETING of the East Grand Rapids Public Schools Board of Education, Kent County, Michigan, was held on Tuesday, June 13, 2006 in the Community Board Room, James E. Morse Administration Center at Woodcliff, 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, Mr. Brian Ellis, and Mrs. Julie Ridenour

Meeting Called to Order

Mrs. Lent called the meeting to order at 8:02 p.m.

Public Comment -

Steve Edison - 2855 Elmwood SE - Thanked the Board for letting him be a part of the site visit yesterday. He commented that he was impressed with the many positive comments from the people he met with and his questions were answered. He feels she has the skills and vision to compliment what she sees here in East Grand Rapids and can take us to the level we would like to reach. He strongly endorses her as the next Superintendent of East Grand Rapids School.

Cynthia Bischoff - a Teacher at Wealthy Elementary - Feels Dr. Shubel has led an outstanding educational community in Ingham. She feels that she is a visionary and would be a good leader for EGR.

Susan Armstrong - 2552 Hampshire SE - Agrees with the words of Steve and Cynthia and was very impressed with what she saw on the visit yesterday. Feels Dr. Shubel will enhance not only the schools but also our community.

Deliberations on Superintendent Search Process

Mrs. Lent stated that a total of 15 people were involved in the site visit to the Ingham ISD including all 7 Board members, administrators from District office, secondary and elementary, staff members and

community members. Each Board member then shared their thoughts on the site visit to the Ingham ISD. Mrs. Lent thanked all members of the site visit team for their feedback.

Mrs. Lent then discussed our policy and process of searching for a new Superintendent. The policy was written over three years ago, at which point in time we were not looking for a Superintendent. Mrs. Ridenour moved to suspend policy #2070 and #2070-R (School Superintendent) at this point in time. Mrs. Trierweiler seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Mr. Denton moved to agree to offer the position of Superintendent of Schools to Dr. Sara Shubel with a contract to be negotiated. Mrs. Trierweiler seconded the motion. Mr. Denton moved to amend the motion to state: "agree to offer the position of Superintendent of Schools to Dr. Sara Shubel pending completion of a contract to be negotiated by the Personnel Committee and brought forward to the full Board prior to the end of June." The motion was seconded by Mrs. Trierweiler. Finally Mr. Denton moved to amend the motion to state "agree to offer the position of Superintendent of Schools to Dr. Sara Shubel authorizing completion of a contract to be negotiated by the Personnel Committee and brought forward to the full Board prior to the end of June." Mrs. Trierweiler seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Mr. Ellis thanked Mrs. Lent and Mr. Denton for their leadership in the search. He then thanked Tom and Sharron Pridgeon of Michigan Leadership Institute, for their guidance. And he wanted to publicly thank the community for their support and input in this process.

Mrs. Ridenour asked the community, the administrators and the staff to enthusiastically support Dr. Shubel.

Mrs. Lent outlined the next steps in the process: contacting Dr. Shubel with the Board's decision; receiving a positive response from Dr. Shubel; Personnel Committee will begin contract negotiations; and then another Special meeting will be called for contract approval (most likely the last week of June). If Dr. Shubel is not available to start July 1st then the Board will appoint an interim Superintendent. Once there is a start date determined then will come a transition and welcoming phase. There will be a Board/Superintendent retreat most likely in August.

Adjournment

Mrs. Lent adjourned the meeting at 8:38 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.

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