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MINUTES

A *SPECIAL MEETING* of the Board of Education was held on **Tuesday, September 18, 2007 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Community Board Room in the James E. Morse Administration Center at Woodcliff, 2915 Hall Street, SE, Grand Rapids, Michigan 49506. The telephone number for information is 235-3535.

PURPOSE OF THE SPECIAL MEETING

Board of Education:

Present: Mr. Brian Ellis, Mrs. Diane Bok, Mrs. Stacy Trierweiler, Mrs. Julie Ridenour, Mr. Joe Camp and Mr. Steve Edison

Administration: Dr. Sara Shubel

Meeting Called to Order

Mr. Ellis called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

Acknowledgement of Guests - Mr. Peter Yardley

Public Comment - None

Board Secretary's Report - Mrs. Trierweiler

Mrs. Trierweiler read the names of the eight candidates for consideration: Eileen Chamberlin; Marilee A. Fisher; Paul Howland; Tom Koperski; Rita Maddox; Kori Crandall Quinn; A. Michelle Rabideau; and Peter G. Ruppert.

Mrs. Trierweiler stated that one of the individuals who was interested in applying for the Board position never received the email sent out to all interested candidates. Mrs. Trierweiler apologized to the individual on behalf of the Board. Mrs. Thomasma will check sent email to make sure something was sent to the interested party.

Board Vacancy

Due to the resignation of Beth Lent on August 27, 2007, the Board of Education has 30 days to appoint someone to fill her seat until the next election in May of 2008. The Board will be screening all applicants to determine finalists to be interviewed on Wednesday, September 19, 2007.

The Board discussed how many candidates to interview and arrived at the consensus of interviewing the four top candidates. Following the meeting, Mr. Ellis will call all eight candidates and thank them for their interest. He will let each candidate know that if they are further interested in the position, they can run for the Board seat in May of 2008. Mr. Ellis asked for each member to state the names of the individuals they would like to interview.

Mrs. Ridenour moved to interview Rita Maddox, Kori Crandall Quinn, A. Michelle Rabideau and Peter G. Ruppert on Wednesday, September 19, 2007 beginning at 5:00 p.m. Mr. Camp supported the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

The Board discussed how to handle the issue of offering the position to a candidate and if the candidate turns the position down, what happens at that point. There will be a period of time for the Board to discuss the candidates following the interviews on Wednesday evening. If necessary, the Board may choose to reconvene on Thursday, September 20, 2007 at 9:00 a.m. to make a final decision.

Any other matters that come before the Board - None

Adjournment

Mr. Ellis adjourned the meeting at 7:28 p.m.

Respectfully,

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. Sara M. Shubel at 235-3535. aht 09/19/07