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MINUTES

A *SPECIAL MEETING* of the Board of Education was held on **Wednesday, September 19, 2007 at 5:00 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 5:03 p.m.

Acknowledgement of Guests - None

Public Comment - None

Board Secretary's Report - Mrs. Trierweiler

Mrs. Trierweiler read the names of the four candidates to be interviewed this evening: 5:00 p.m. Rita Maddox; 6:00 p.m. Kori Crandall Quinn; 7:00 p.m. A. Michelle Rabideau; and 9:00 p.m. Peter G. Ruppert.

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 interviewing finalists on Wednesday, September 19, 2007.

Mr. Ellis thanked the four candidates who are not finalists - Eileen Chamberlin; Marilee A. Fisher; Paul Howland; and Tom Koperski. He stated they were very credible and said the Board appreciated them stepping forward and expressing interest in the open Board seat and also thanked them for their continued involvement with the schools.

Mr. Ellis explained that the Board will interview the four candidates this evening and following the interviews the Board will decide whether to make a decision this evening or to meet again at 9:00 a.m. Thursday, September 20, 2007.

5:00 p.m. – Interview of Mrs. Rita Maddox

Mrs. Maddox gave a brief opening statement, then answered questions from the Board members. Following the questions, Mrs. Maddox presented a closing statement.

6:00 p.m. – Interview of Mrs. Kori Crandall Quinn

Mrs. Quinn gave a brief opening statement, then answered questions from the Board members. Following the questions, Mrs. Quinn presented a closing statement.

7:00 p.m. – Interview of Mrs. A. Michelle Rabideau

Mrs. Rabideau gave a brief opening statement, then answered questions from the Board members. Following the questions, Mrs. Rabideau presented a closing statement.

8:00 p.m. – Interview of Mr. Peter G. Ruppert

Mr. Ruppert gave a brief opening statement, then answered questions from the Board members. Following the questions, Mr. Ruppert presented a closing statement.

Mr. Ellis thanked all eight applicants for coming forward and wanting to serve. There was then general discussion on the four people interviewed. Each Board member felt each candidate was outstanding and that the district is fortunate to have such high caliber people willing to serve.

Mr. Edison moved to appoint Peter G. Rupert as the seventh member of the East Grand Rapids Public Schools to fill out the term of Beth Lent ending June 30, 2008. Mrs. Ridenour seconded the motion. Per Board Policy #1030, a roll call vote was taken: Mrs. Bok – yes; Mrs. Trierweiler – yes; Mrs. Ridenour – yes; Mr. Camp – yes; Mr. Edison – yes; and Mr. Ellis - yes. Motion passed 6-0.

Mr. Ellis will call each of the four candidates this evening and let them know the results. He thanked each of the members for their time and efforts on finding a new member.

Any other matters that come before the Board - None

Adjournment

Mr. Ellis adjourned the meeting at 9:33 p.m.

Respectfully,

Stacy L. Trierweiler, Secretary
East Grand Rapids Board of Education

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