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EAST GRAND RAPIDS PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Kent County, Michigan

SPECIAL MEETING of the East Grand Rapids Board of Education

Pioneer Conference Room at the James E. Morse Administration Center at Woodcliff
2915 Hall Street SE, East Grand Rapids, MI 49506

Monday, December 12, 2011

MINUTES

The **SPECIAL MEETING** of the East Grand Rapids Public Schools Board of Education, Kent County, Michigan, was held on Monday, December 12, 2011, in the Pioneer Conference Room of the James E. Morse Administration Center at Woodcliff, 2915 Hall Street, SE, East Grand Rapids, MI 49506.

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Present: Brian Ellis, Steve Edison, Michelle Rabideau, Beth Milanowski, Bob Minnema, Peter Ruppert

Absent: None

Administration: Dr. Sara Magaña Shubel, Jeanne Glowicki, Jenny Fee

Meeting Called to Order

President Ellis called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.

Acknowledgment of Guests – None.

Public Comments – None.

Board Secretary's Report: Communications to and from the Board – Steve Edison

- The Board received communication from Trevor Strickland on technology.
- The Board received letters of application for the Board Trustee position from Mary Ann Berdan, Jerry Brown, Kathleen Clark, Jennifer Coles, Michael Farrell, Gina Kuyers, Mary Reed Kelly, and Robert Wolford.

OTHER ACTION ITEMS

Approval of the OK Conference Re-Alignment Proposal (Enclosure #5)

President Ellis introduced Jenny Fee who provided background information on the OK Conference Re-Alignment Proposal.

Member Minnema moved to vote on the OK Conference Re-Alignment Proposal as described in Enclosure #5. Member Ruppert seconded the motion. A discussion was held with questions and answers from the Board, specifically addressing student safety concerns relating to an alignment with districts having enrollment numbers much greater than ours. Motion failed 6-0.

Board Vacancy (Enclosure #6)

Background: Due to the resignation of Julie Ridenour on November 30, 2011, the Board of Education has 30 days to appoint someone to fill her seat until the next election in November, 2012. Discussion and determination of candidate finalists. Candidate finalists as determined by the Board will be interviewed at the December 13 and December 14 board meetings.

President Ellis explained that the Board will hold a discussion to determine the candidate finalists to be interviewed at the December 13 and December 14 special board meetings. On Wednesday, December 14, the Board will conduct deliberations and make a selection.

President Ellis explained the suggested methodology of going around the table, asking each board member to explain his/her rationale in evaluating the applications. Each board member is requested to present their top four candidate recommendations to advance as finalists. Ellis commented that we are fortunate to have 15 qualified candidates willing to serve on the Board.

A discussion was held with questions and answers from the Board. Board members provided their recommendations, narrowing down the field of applicants to six finalists to be interviewed for the board trustee position.

Member Ellis moved to interview the following six applicants as finalists for the board trustee position:

Kathleen Clark	Jennifer Coles	Susan Levine
Mary Reed Kelly	Trish Reid	Bob Wolford

President Ellis will contact the six finalists this evening to invite them to be interviewed on either December 13 or December 14 at a special board meeting. Member Edison seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

PRESENTATION/DISCUSSION

Curriculum Work Session (Enclosure #7)

Jeanne Glowicki presented an in-depth update on curriculum initiatives and areas supported by the Instruction Office for the 2011-2012 school year.

A general discussion was held with questions and answers from the Board.

ADJOURNMENT

President Ellis adjourned the meeting at 7:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Stephen W. Edison, Secretary
East Grand Rapids Public Schools Board of Education

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