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## **EAST GRAND RAPIDS PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

Kent County, Michigan

### **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

**Tuesday, December 13, 2011**

### **MINUTES**

The **SPECIAL MEETING** of the East Grand Rapids Public Schools Board of Education, Kent County, Michigan, was held on Tuesday, December 13, 2011, in the Community Board 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

#### Meeting Called to Order

President Ellis called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Acknowledgment of Guests – None

Public Comments – None

#### Board Secretary's Report – Stephen Edison

Member Edison read the names of the six candidate finalists to be interviewed for the board trustee position. This evening, the Board will interview: Kathleen Clark at 6:30 p.m., Jennifer Coles at 7:15 p.m., and Mary Reed Kelly at 8:00 p.m. The following candidates will be interviewed tomorrow evening, December 14: Susan Levine at 6:00 p.m., Trish Reid at 6:45 p.m., and Bob Wolford at 7:30 p.m.

#### **ACTION ITEMS**

##### Board Vacancy (Enclosure #4)

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. Three of the six candidate finalists, Kathleen Clark, Jennifer Coles, and Mary Reed Kelly, as determined by the Board at the December 12 board meeting, will be interviewed at this meeting.

President Ellis explained that the Board will interview three of the six candidate finalists this evening, and will interview three of the six candidate finalists tomorrow evening, December 14. Following the final interviews on the 14<sup>th</sup>, the Board will conduct deliberations and then the Board will vote to appoint a replacement to serve until the next regularly scheduled election of November 2012 as required by law.

6:30 p.m. – Interview of Kathleen Clark

Kathleen Clark gave a brief opening statement, then answered questions from the board members. Following the questions, Ms. Clark presented a brief closing statement.

7:15 p.m. – Interview of Jennifer Coles

Jennifer Coles gave a brief opening statement, then answered questions from the board members. Following the questions, Ms. Coles presented a brief closing statement.

8:00 p.m. – Interview of Mary Reed Kelly

Mary Reed Kelly gave a brief opening statement, then answered questions from the board members. Following the questions, Ms. Reed Kelly presented a brief closing statement.

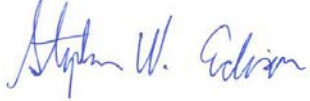
President Ellis thanked the applicants for coming forward and wanting to serve on the Board.

Any other matters that come before the Board – Board members held a general discussion regarding candidate interviews.

**ADJOURNMENT**

President Ellis adjourned the meeting at 8:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Stephen W. Edison". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Stephen W. Edison, Secretary  
East Grand Rapids Public Schools 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, Superintendent, at 235-3535.

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