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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

Wednesday, December 14, 2011

MINUTES

The **SPECIAL MEETING** of the East Grand Rapids Public Schools Board of Education, Kent County, Michigan, was held on Wednesday, December 14, 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 6:03 p.m.

Acknowledgment of Guests – None.

Public Comments – None.

Board Secretary's Report – Stephen Edison

Member Edison read the names of the three candidate finalists to be interviewed for the board trustee position this evening. The Board will interview: 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, Susan Levine, Trish Reid, and Bob Wolford, 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. Following these final interviews, 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.

6:00 p.m. – Interview of Susan Levine

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

6:45 p.m. – Interview of Trish Reid

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

7:30 p.m. – Interview of Bob Wolford

Bob Wolford gave a brief opening statement, then answered questions from the board members. Following the questions, Mr. Wolford presented a brief closing statement.

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

Deliberation and Selection/Appointment of New Board Member (Motion and Vote on Appointee)

There was a general discussion on the six candidates interviewed. Each board member felt that all candidates were outstanding and that the district is fortunate to have such a high caliber of people willing to serve.

Member Brian Ellis moved to appoint Susan Levine as the seventh member of the East Grand Rapids Public Schools Board of Education to fill out the term of Julie Ridenour's seat until the next election in November, 2012. Member Minnema seconded the motion. Per Board Policy #1030, a roll call vote was taken: Ellis – Yes; Minnema – Yes; Edison – Yes; Rabideau – Yes; Ruppert – Yes; Milanowski – Yes. Motion passed 6-0.

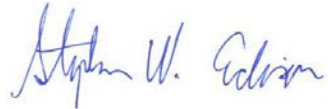
President Ellis explained that he will contact all candidate finalists and let them know the results. He thanked the board members for their time and efforts in selecting a new board member.

Any other matters that come before the Board – None.

ADJOURNMENT

President Ellis adjourned the meeting at 9:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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.

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