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EAST GRAND RAPIDS PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Kent County, Michigan

REGULAR 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

Monday, February 4, 2013

MINUTES

The **REGULAR MEETING** of the East Grand Rapids Public Schools Board of Education, Kent County, Michigan, was held on Monday, February 4, 2013, 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, Bob Minnema, Steve Edison, Michelle Rabideau, Elizabeth Welch Lykins, Beth Milanowski, Susan Levine

Absent: None.

Administration: Dr. Sara Magaña Shubel, Kevin Philipps, Jeanne Glowicki, Kathy Wisniewski, Doug Jenkins, Jenny Fee, Craig Weigel, Lori Johnston, Peter Stuursma, Caroline Breault-Cannon, Anthony Morey

Meeting Called to Order

President Ellis called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Administration of Oath to Re-Elected Board Member, Michelle Rabideau

Judie Malec, Secretary to the board and superintendent, administered the Oath of Office to Michelle Rabideau. Member Rabideau was re-elected at the November 6, 2012, election, and will serve as a member of the Board of Education for East Grand Rapids Public Schools, Kent County, Michigan. Member Rabideau's term will run through December 31, 2016.

Election of Officers

President

Member Edison moved that Member Rabideau serve as President for two years with the term ending December 31, 2014. Member Welch Lykins seconded the motion. There were no other nominations. Motion passed 7-0.

Vice President

Member Edison moved that Member Ellis serve as Vice President for two years with the term ending December 31, 2014. Member Minnema seconded the motion. There were no other nominations. Motion passed 7-0.

Secretary

Member Welch Lykins moved that Member Milanowski serve as Secretary for two years with the term ending December 31, 2014. Member Edison seconded the motion. There were no other nominations. Motion passed 7-0.

Treasurer

Member Ellis moved that Member Levine serve as Treasurer for two years with the term ending December 31, 2014. Member Edison seconded the motion. There were no other nominations. Motion passed 7-0.

President Rabideau thanked all board members for their service to the Board of Education. She expressed special thanks to Member Ellis for his extraordinary commitment and leadership as the past board president. Dr. Shubel also thanked Member Ellis for his support over the past 5-1/2 years while serving in the role of board president. Member Ellis was presented with a gift of appreciation for his service to the Board of Education.

Member Ellis expressed his appreciation to the board and the EGR community for their support and reported that it has been a privilege to serve as board president for the past 5-1/2 years. He thanked the board and administration for the gift of appreciation. Member Ellis reported that there are significant challenges ahead and that he still wants to be part of the solution.

Acknowledgment of Guests – Representative Peter MacGregor was recognized as a guest at tonight’s meeting. President Rabideau welcomed her family; her husband, Chris Rabideau, and her sons, Jacob and Josh.

Public Comments – Dr. Shubel congratulated EGRHS high school student, Suzanna Feldkamp, who has been invited to perform in the Michigan All-State Choir. Suzanna was chosen through her auditions for Regional and State Honors Choir participation, sponsored by the Michigan School Vocal Music Association. She will perform with 120 Michigan choir students chosen for this honor at the Michigan Youth Arts Festival held at WMU in early May.

Peter Stuursma, Middle School Principal, commented on the Kabookie Week assembly recognizing Jimmy Gerken’s legacy, and recognized Bruce Towne on his award received as a Greenville Outstanding Alumnus.

Board Secretary’s Report: Communications to and from the Board – Beth Milanowski

- The Board received communication from Jim Schipper on athletics.

High School Student Council President’s Report

Karl Schneider, Senior Class President, thanked Peter Stuursma for being the keynote speaker at the Kabookie Assembly. He reported that the Student Council is working on their annual blood drive, hoping to receive over 100 pints of blood and surpass their goal from last year. Students are looking forward to finishing up the school year strong and working on further Student Council initiatives for the remainder of the year. Karl reported that students are looking forward to honoring the message to “Be Nice” to everyone, and thanked Mr. Bruce on his representation for what Jimmy Gerken stood for. Karl also congratulated Michelle Rabideau on her election to Board President.

PRESENTATION / DISCUSSION

Recognition of Michigan School Principals’ Week – February 11-15, 2013 - Dr. Shubel

Dr. Shubel announced that February 11-15, 2013 is Michigan School Principals’ Week and expressed gratitude to our outstanding administrators in the district for their leadership. Principals will be acknowledged during Lead Team this week, and Dr. Shubel thanked them for all the work they do on behalf of our staff and students.

First Reading of 16 New and Revised Policies (Enclosure #9)

President Rabideau provided an overview of the 16 policies presented in Enclosure #9, many of which are mandated by the State of Michigan.

Member Ellis asked for clarification on Policies #2220 and #5550. Dr. Shubel provided an explanation in that the law requires us to follow MCL 380.1229, and this language was followed in making revisions to Policy #2220. Dr. Shubel also provided further explanation on Policy #5550. Dr. Shubel provided background information on the new mandates by the State of Michigan. A discussion was held among the board.

ACTION ITEMS - CONSENT AGENDA

Background: In order to save time during the meeting, we are using a Consent Agenda. Items in the Consent Agenda include those that are routine or have been previously discussed by the Board of Education. Any Board Member may request to have any item removed for a separate discussion and vote.

Recommendation: Motion to approve the item in the Consent Agenda, Numbers 10-13.

Approval of Minutes of SPECIAL Meeting of 01/14/2013 – Curriculum Workshop (Enclosure #10)

Approval of Minutes of SPECIAL Meeting of 01/14/2013 – Supt. Mid-Year Evaluation (Enclosure #11)

Approval of Petition to Strike Delinquent Personal Property Taxes (Enclosure #12)

Approval of Proposed AP Psychology (Enclosure #13)

Member Edison moved to approve Consent Agenda Items 10-13. Member Welch Lykins seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

OTHER ACTION ITEMS

Michigan Law on Conflict of Interest (PA 317 of 1968 and PA 145 of 1997)

President Rabideau reminded board members if they have a conflict of interest on any item on the agenda, a notice must be given ahead of time to the President or Superintendent.

Approval of Schools of Choice Resolutions for 2013-2014–Dr. Shubel (Enclosure #15a-c)

East Grand Rapids Public Schools has participated in the Kent Intermediate School District Collaborative Schools of Choice Program since its inception in the 1996-97 school year.

a. Approval of a Resolution to Opt Out of Section 105

East Grand Rapids Public Schools has opted out of the State Choice Plan since the inception of the KISD Collaborative Schools of Choice Plan in the 1996-97 school year.

Member Minnema moved to pass a resolution to exercise the option permitted by Section 105 of the State School Aid Act of 1979, as amended by Public Act 300 of 1996, to not accept Section 105 applications of non-resident students from outside our district, for purposes of operating an intermediate school district-wide schools of choice program in accordance with Section 105 for the 2013-2014 school year. Member Levine seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

b. Approval of a Resolution to Opt In of Section 105c

In accordance with Section 105c as permitted in the State School Aid Act, Public Act 119 of 1999, as amended by Public Act 297 of 2000, it is recommended that East Grand Rapids Public Schools accept applications for enrollment from residents of contiguous intermediate school districts for the 2013-2014 school year.

Member Edison moved to approve a Resolution to Opt In to Section 105c for the 2013-2014 school year. Member Welch Lykins seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

c. Approval of a Resolution to Participate in the 2013-2014 Kent Intermediate School District Collaborative Schools of Choice Program

This is the ninth year of the KISD Schools of Choice Program.

Member Edison moved to pass a resolution to participate in the Kent ISD Collaborative Schools of Choice Program for the 2013-2014 school year. Member Welch Lykins seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

14. Approval of Best Practices Incentive Grant Resolution – Kevin Philipps (Enclosure #16)

Background: The State School Aid Act for the 2012-2013 fiscal year includes a one-time incentive grant of \$52 per pupil if a local district complies with at least seven of eight “Best Practices” that were defined by the Legislature. The District is in a position to certify that it has met seven of eight best practices, therefore, qualifying for the grant. To apply for the grant, the Board of Education must pass the Best Practices resolution being presented by administration. The Finance Committee and Superintendent have reviewed the resolution and recommend approval of the resolution.

Kevin Philipps reported that the district has complied with 7 of the 8 Best Practices. A discussion was held among the Board.

Member Milanowski moved to approve the Best Practices Incentive Grant Resolution as recommended by the Finance Committee and Superintendent. Member Levine seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Superintendent

- Dr. Shubel provided a Safety Update, reporting that we are reviewing our school safety and emergency action plans and will continue to look at those. We work closely with our local law enforcement, with another meeting being held again tomorrow. We are reviewing whether our current protocols in place are adequate and if we need to add additional safety measures. Our goal is to be ready to learn and teach, and determine what we can do to strengthen our safety measures.

Assistant Superintendent of Business

- State Aid Update (Enclosure #18)
Kevin Philipps reported on the January Revenue Conference. He provided a School Aid Fund Projection. An Enrollment Projection was presented with a projected increase in students attending public school academies. Philipps reported on the SAF Balance Sheet and the Foundation Allowance projection. MSPERS vs. Funding through fiscal year 2017-2018 was presented, as well as School Aid Fund “changes” during Governor Snyder’s term. Philipps provided the EGRPS 2013-2014 Budget Projection with a revised deficit of \$1.5 million.

A discussion was held among the Board.

Assistant Superintendent of Instruction

Jeanne Glowicki announced that she is looking forward to the Professional Development Learning Conference on February 20 and 21, where 201 staff members will be taking advantage of approximately 53 offerings. Extended learning for staff is accomplished throughout these two days, and the staff is excited about the opportunities presented. Board members are invited to attend any or all of the conference sessions.

Board of Education Members' Report

- Member Edison provided a Legislative Committee Update, reporting that a presentation made to Friends of Kent County Schools provided community members with the possibilities of getting their feelings across to our state legislators. We are keeping any eye on key items happening in Lansing. The Center for Michigan's reports came out on education and the desire for parents strongly favoring the support of local schools and preserving communities within the schools was evident.
- Member Welch Lykins further reiterated the goals of our legislative committee.
- President Rabideau announced that board committee representatives will remain the same for the remainder of the school year, with the current committee structure. She thanked her family for coming to tonight's meeting and reported that she is honored to serve in the capacity of President of the EGR Board of Education.

President Rabideau announced the next board meeting will be held on Monday, March 11, 2013, a Budget Workshop/Regular Meeting, at 5:00 p.m. in the Community Board Room.

ADJOURNMENT

President Rabideau adjourned the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Beth Milanowski, 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.