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EAST GRAND RAPIDS PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Kent County, Michigan

BUDGET WORKSHOP/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, March 11, 2013

MINUTES

The **BUDGET WORKSHOP/REGULAR MEETING** of the East Grand Rapids Public Schools Board of Education, Kent County, Michigan, was held on Monday, March 11, 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: Michelle Rabideau, Brian Ellis, Beth Milanowski, Susan Levine, Bob Minnema, Steve Edison,
Elizabeth Welch Lykins

Absent: None

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

Meeting Called to Order

President Rabideau called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Acknowledgment of Guests

- Dan Ferris, Student Teacher at EGRHS, introduced himself to the board.
- Member Welch Lykins welcomed Phil Skaggs, EGR City Commissioner, to tonight's meeting.

High School Student Council President's Report

Karl Schneider, Senior Class President, reported that the Student Council has a lag between what is done in the fall and activities including graduation and prom in the spring. Community service continues to be an ongoing effort with students providing two hours of service to the community to give back in meaningful ways. Karl extended congratulations to the swim team on their state championship.

President Rabideau announced that the swim team will be recognized at the April 15 meeting.

Public Comments – None.

Budget Work Session (Enclosure #4)

Rabideau explained that the format of the budget workshop is intended for administration to present an understanding of the state of the budget in the district.

Kevin Philipps, Assistant Superintendent of Business, provided background information on the state of the district's budget to date, addressing State Funding, and Salary/Health Care/Retirement Review. Philipps reported on the reasons for an expected \$1.5 million deficit describing the influence the state has on district finances, as 85% of general fund revenues comes from state funding. Philipps reported on state funding and property taxes levied that support the schools, as well as the sources of revenue that comprise the School Aid Fund. The School Aid Fund history, State Per Pupil Funding history, Retirement Contribution Rate and Retirement Reform were reviewed and how these impact the district. Philipps described the 2013-2014 Budget Projections based on the financial impact of legislative decisions.

Philipps reported on the "State of East Grand Rapids" and presented a history of the district's budget performance. He reviewed the EGRPS budget comparison throughout the state and county. Budget Focus Groups have met and will continue to meet throughout March to assist in developing budget recommendations. The Budget Process Timeline was provided.

President Rabideau encouraged board members to bring forth their questions and suggestions as we work toward developing a budget to be approved in June.

A discussion was held among the Board throughout the budget work session.

Board Secretary's Report: Communications to and from the Board – Beth Milanowski
None.

PRESENTATION/DISCUSSION

First Reading of Revised Policy #5650-Tutoring for Pay (Enclosure #7)

Dr. Shubel provided an explanation of the revisions in Policy #5650.

First Reading of Revised Policy #5920-Non-School Employment (Enclosure #8)

Dr. Shubel provided an explanation of the revisions in Policy #5920.

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 items in the Consent Agenda, Numbers 9-11.

Approval of Minutes of REGULAR Meeting of 2/13/2012 (Enclosure #9)

Approval of Payment of Bills for January and February 2013 (Enclosure #10)

Second Reading and Approval of 15 New and Revised Policies (Enclosure #11)

Member Edison moved to approve Consent Agenda Items 9-11. Member Milanowski seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

OTHER ACTION ITEMS

Approval of Numbers for the 2013-2014 Schools of Choice Program (Enclosure #12)

Background: 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. The Finance Committee and Superintendent are recommending that we accept 32 students through the 2013-2014 Kent ISD Collaborative Schools of Choice Program.

Recommendation: Motion to accept 32 students through the 2013-2014 Kent ISD Collaborative Schools of Choice Program.

Dr. Shubel reviewed the Schools of Choice process reporting that the number of students accepted into EGRPS through the program includes a combination of current Schools of Choice students' siblings and new openings. The elementary placement is not known at this time, as Schools of Choice students are not placed until August after completion of the random drawing in the summer and the confirmation of enrollment. The district offers one opening under Section 105c for students of contiguous intermediate school districts which is recommended in Kindergarten and is included in the 32 SOC positions as proposed in Enclosure #12.

Member Minnema moved to accept 32 students through the 2013-2014 Kent ISD Collaborative Schools of Choice Program as outlined in Enclosure #12. Member Levine seconded the motion. A discussion was held among the Board. Motion passed 7-0.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Superintendent

Dr. Shubel reported that Parent/Teachers conferences will be held in the upcoming weeks and that students are excited about the upcoming Spring Break. She announced that she received a "persuasive letter" from a first grade class of students encouraging her to approve of more Snow Days.

Assistant Supt. of Business

None.

Assistant Supt. of Instruction

Jeanne Glowicki reported on the success of February Professional Development Days where all staff were provided the opportunity to learn together and that it is exciting to see how we are growing as a district.

Board Representative Reports

None

Adjournment

President Rabideau announced the next board meeting will be held on April 15, 2013, 6:00 p.m. in the Community Board Room.

Following the adjournment, Member Milanowski announced the *EGR Alumni and Arts for Life Benefit* to be held on March 16 and 17 at the PAC.

ADJOURNMENT

President Rabideau adjourned the meeting at 6:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Beth Milanowski, Secretary
East Grand Rapids Public Schools Board of Education

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