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EAST GRAND RAPIDS PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Kent County, Michigan

REGULAR MEETING/BUDGET HEARING 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, June 3, 2013

MINUTES

The **REGULAR MEETING/BUDGET HEARING** of the East Grand Rapids Public Schools Board of Education, Kent County, Michigan, was held on Monday, June 3, 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, Bob Minnema, Steve Edison, Beth Milanowski, Susan Levine

Absent: Elizabeth Welch Lykins

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

Meeting Called to Order

President Rabideau called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Acknowledgment of Guests – None

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

- The Board received communication from the following persons on proposed budget reductions:
 - Randy Allaben
 - LiAssa Grady
 - Susan Keil
 - Megan Miller
 - Bridgette Minnema
 - Joy Morgan
 - Emily Shuart
- The Board received communication from Mrs. Frank Spies on school rankings.
- The Board sent communications to Senator Mark Jansen and Representative Peter MacGregor on School Aid Budget concerns.
- The Board received a Thank You from Vikki Boersma for the Schuler gift card upon the birth of her son, Nathaniel Jansen Boersma.
- The Board received a Thank You from Linda Kehm for the board's support during her leave of absence and upon her return.

PRESENTATION / DISCUSSION

Budget Hearing: 2013-2014 General Fund Budget – Enclosure #4

President Rabideau explained the process of the Budget Hearing, involving a discussion to be held among the Board with no action to be taken this evening.

Member Welch Lykins arrived at 5:37 p.m.

Kevin Philipps, Assistant Superintendent of Business, provided an overview of the budget hearing process, focusing on the main aspects of how the district attempts to allocate funds to fulfill Strategic Plan goals. The 2012-2013 Final Amended Budget (General Fund proposal) was detailed, as well as Budget Variances. Revenues and expenses were reviewed as well as the 2013-2014 Budget Projection. Updates from the School Aid Budget/Legislation were presented showing the financial impacts for EGRPS. Philipps reported on other budget variables including taxable values. Philipps reported that \$265,000 was raised through *EGR Now!* and thanked the EGR community for their support of our schools. The 2013-2014 Proposed Budget with recommended reductions was presented.

Philipps presented trends, fund balance history, and School Aid Fund history. Bulletin 1014 was described as the state report that ranks the revenue and expenses of all public and charter school districts. Philipps presented the long-term budget forecast including long-term budget assumptions of revenues and expenses including a variance from year to year. Long-term assumptions were described to maintain a sustainable budget. The potential forecast of per pupil funding was presented. Philipps reported on the Sinking Fund and Debt Retirement Fund budgets. The budget presentation was summarized.

President Rabideau thanked Kevin Philipps and the EGRPS administration for their expertise and organization in planning for the budget recommendations.

President Rabideau proceeded to public comments.

Public Comments – None

Board of Education Discussion

The Board entered into a budget discussion and acknowledged the efforts of the community, administration, and board efforts while working through the budget process. Although revisions in budget recommendations have been made, we are still facing future budget challenges. President Rabideau clarified that the budget process is not finalized in that the Board will continue to deliberate and work toward budget adoption on June 10, 2013.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Superintendent

Dr. Shubel thanked the *EGR Now!* committee and Amy Stuursma, Jenny McMahon, and Brian Ellis for their leadership in guiding this fundraising effort with their team. She also recognized and thanked Mary Reagan for her expertise in marketing and advertising, as well as Megan Miller for her help with the Foundation website.

Dr. Shubel reported that we are in the final week of school for students and that there is incredible energy and excitement in all of the buildings. She invited everyone to stop and see the students in action.

Dr. Shubel reported that the Lakeside Running Club collected over 2,000 books to donate to Helen DeVos Children's Hospital as a tribute to Linda Kehm, Lakeside Elementary principal.

Assistant Superintendent of Business

None.

Assistant Superintendent of Instruction

Jeanne Glowicki reported that the preparations for Summer Learning continue. She also mentioned interviews will take place for teacher vacancies due to retirements.

Board of Education Members' Report

President Rabideau announced the next board meeting to be held on Monday, June 10, 6:00 p.m., in the Community Board Room.

ADJOURNMENT

President Rabideau adjourned the meeting at 6:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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

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