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EAST GRAND RAPIDS PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Kent County, Michigan

SPECIAL MEETING of the East Grand Rapids Board of Education

James E. Morse Administration Center at Woodcliff
2915 Hall Street SE, East Grand Rapids, MI 49506

Monday, January 13, 2014

MINUTES

The **SPECIAL MEETING** of the East Grand Rapids Public Schools Board of Education, Kent County, Michigan, was held on Monday, January 13, 2014, 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, Beth Milanowski, Susan Levine, Natalie Bernecker

Absent: Steve Edison, Elizabeth Welch Lykins, Robert Wolford

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, Linda Kehm, Anthony Morey

Meeting Called to Order

President Rabideau called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m.

Acknowledgment of Guests – None

Public Comments – None.

ACTION ITEMS

Approval of Refunding of Bonds – Philipps (Enclosure #4)

Background: The district has the opportunity to refund \$12 million in bonds from the 2004 bond sale. In October, the Board of Education granted approval to administration to refund bonds as long as at least 3% Net Present Value savings were realized. Administration chose to refund the \$12 million in bonds, realizing 10.64% in Net Present Value Savings. To finalize this refunding, the Board is asked to approve a ratification resolution. The Superintendent has reviewed the refunding results and recommends supporting the resolution.

Recommendation: Motion to approve the ratification resolution as presented by the Superintendent.

Kevin Phillips introduced Jeff Zylstra from Fifth Third Securities and Jeff Soles from Thrun Law Firm who provided detailed information and an explanation of the refunding of bonds. A general discussion was held among the Board.

Member Edison arrived at 4:06 p.m.

Member Welch Lykins and Member Wolford arrived at 4:10 p.m.

Member Welch Lykins moved to approve the ratification resolution as presented by the superintendent. Member Edison seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Rabideau-Yes, Edison-Yes, Milanowski-Yes, Levine-Yes, Welch Lykins-Yes, Wolford-Yes, Bernecker-Yes. Motion passed 7-0.

PRESENTATION/DISCUSSION

Strategic Planning (Enclosure #5)

President Rabideau provided an overview of past strategic planning processes and an update on the progress reports that will be presented this evening, as well as the upcoming vision for the district.

Dr. Shubel and the Administrative Team presented an in-depth update on the strategic planning process. Dr. Shubel reported on the legislative impacts on public education including administrator/teacher evaluations, appropriations for school aid, and online learning. Each district administrator presented on the goals of the 2014-2017 Strategic Plan. A general discussion was held among the board. The next step in the process is to approve the 2014-2017 Strategic Plan at the February 24, 2014, board meeting.

The board took a brief recess prior to the curriculum presentation.

Curriculum Workshop (Enclosure #6)

Jeanne Glowicki, Assistant Superintendent of Instruction, presented an in-depth update on curriculum initiatives and areas supported by the Instruction Office for the 2013-2014 school year. A general discussion was held among the board.

President Rabideau announced the next board meeting to be held on January 27, 2014, at 6:00 p.m. in the High School Little Auditorium.

ADJOURNMENT

President Rabideau adjourned the meeting at 6:47 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.

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