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EAST GRAND RAPIDS PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Kent County, Michigan

REGULAR 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, April 21, 2014

MINUTES

The **REGULAR MEETING** of the East Grand Rapids Public Schools Board of Education, Kent County, Michigan, was held on Monday, April 21, 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, Steve Edison, Beth Milanowski, Susan Levine, Elizabeth Welch Lykins, Bob Wolford, Natalie Bernecker

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, Anthony Morey, Caroline Breault-Cannon, Linda Kehm

Meeting Called to Order

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

Acknowledgment of Guests – President Rabideau acknowledged Mr. John Decker and Mr. Chris Afendoulis who were in attendance at tonight's meeting to announce their candidacy for the 73rd District Michigan State House of Representatives.

Public Comments

John Decker – 2200 Estelle, announced his candidacy for the 73rd District Michigan State House of Representatives.

Chris Afendoulis – 240 Edgehill, announced his candidacy for the 73rd District Michigan State House of Representatives.

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

- The Board received a Thank You from Andrea Eggert, Wealthy Elementary School Teacher, for the Schuler gift card on the birth of her daughter, Emma.

High School Student Council President's Report

Sally Marsh, Senior Class President, reported on a fundraiser held in March for a classmate, Emily Schneider, who is studying abroad in Kenya. A coin drive was held at the high school and middle school; a community-wide garage sale was held; and over \$2000 was raised through the support of the community. With an anonymous donation, the students reached their goal of raising \$5000 to help 10 specific families in Kenya start businesses. Campaigns are underway for next year's student council representatives, and elections will be held next week. Sally announced that she will be attending Harvard in the fall of 2014. On behalf of the board, President Rabideau congratulated Sally on her accomplishments and her acceptance into Harvard.

PRESENTATION / DISCUSSION

Recognition of Teacher and Staff Appreciation: May 5-9, 2014

Dr. Shubel announced that Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week is May 5-9, and she thanked our teachers, administrators, and support staff for their dedication and commitment to our students. President Rabideau, on behalf of the board, expressed her appreciation and thanked all staff members.

Proposed Middle School Math Implementation (Enclosure #7)

Jeanne Glowicki, Assistant Superintendent of Instruction, introduced middle school math teachers, Dale Streeter and Matt Fouch, as well as Peter Stuursma, middle school principal, who presented on the Proposed Middle School Math Implementation as outlined in Enclosure #7.

Glowicki summarized the proposed math implementation with the recommendations and total budget of \$24,182.78 for grades 6 and 7. A discussion was held among the board.

Member Edison left the board meeting at 5:45 p.m. to attend a previously scheduled City Commission meeting and will return for the Bond Information Session following the board meeting.

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 8 through 10.

Approval of Minutes of REGULAR Meeting of 03/24/2014 (Enclosure #8)

Approval of Payment of Bills – March 2014 (Enclosure #9)

Acceptance of Grants from the East Grand Rapids Schools Foundation (Enclosure #10)

Member Milanowski moved to approve Consent Agenda Items 8-10. Member Welch Lykins seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

OTHER ACTION ITEMS

Acceptance of Bids and Donations for Canepa Reconstruction Project

Background: The Joint Facilities Committee has been working the last 18 months on a plan to replace the tennis courts at the Canepa Tennis Center. The final plan will combine Joint Facilities funds and private donations totaling \$135,000 to finance the construction of post-tensioned concrete courts this summer. The district requested and received bids for the project, and the Joint Facilities Committee approved bids totaling \$270,735. The approval of the bids was a positive variance of \$92,000 compared to budget. Work will start approximately May 15, 2014, and conclude in early September 2014. The Joint Facilities Committee has reviewed and approved the bids.

Recommendation: Motion to confirm the Joint Facilities' approval to award bids totaling \$270,735 to replace the tennis courts at the Canepa Tennis Center and also publicly recognize the private donations totaling \$135,000 from the community

Member Bernecker moved to confirm the Joint Facilities' approval to award bids totaling \$270,735 to replace the tennis courts at the Canepa Tennis Center and also publicly recognize the private donations totaling \$135,000 from the community. Member Welch Lykins seconded the motion. A discussion was held among the Board. Motion passed 6-0.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Superintendent

Dr. Shubel shared that the school year is quickly coming to a close with many exciting events taking place over the next couple of weeks, and High School Graduation is Thursday, May 22.

Dr. Shubel presented information on the 'Classroom and Kids Budget Proposal' and the board will review a resolution for consideration and approval at the April 22, 2014, board meeting. A discussion was held among the board. Member Welch Lykins shared that the consensus across the state is that all school districts will benefit from the 'Classroom and Kids Budget Proposal.'

Assistant Superintendent of Business

None

Assistant Superintendent of Instruction

None

Board Member Reports

Communications Committee – President Rabideau reported that the Canepa project timeline will be reviewed and communications will be provided to the community.

Facilities Committee – No reports.

Finance Committee – No reports.

Joint Facilities Committee – No reports.

Legislative Liaison Committee – Member Edison reported that the committee is working on the collaboration of a Town Hall meeting for all candidates running for the 73rd District House of Representatives seat.

Personnel Committee – An annual Personnel Committee meeting is scheduled in May.

Policy Review Committee – No reports.

Liaisons

EGR Schools Foundation – Member Bernecker reported that a board meeting is taking place this evening at 7 p.m. Work on EGRNow! is in full force and the campaign will begin after the May 6 bond election.

Community Action Council – Member Levine reported that the Michigan Profile for Healthy Youth online survey was taken by middle school students. The results of this survey will help to identify health risk behaviors; e.g. alcohol, drugs, violence.

PTO Council – President Rabideau encouraged board members to attend the annual Spring PTO Luncheon on May 5 at 12:30 p.m. at the Middle School Learning Commons.

Parks & Recreation – No reports.

Superintendent's Advisory Council (SAC) – Member Wolford reported that the final SAC meeting was held with a good discussion on the budget.

Leadership & Youth Development (LYD) – Member Milanowski reported that everything is in line with Senior Retreat moving forward. Chairs were selected and the committee has been chosen. They are currently looking for more board members.

Parent Advocates for Special Education (PASE) – No reports.

President Rabideau announced that the final Bond Information Session will be held this evening at 7:00 p.m. All board members received the link to the MASB self-assessment survey and all board members were encouraged to complete the survey. The results of the survey will be shared publicly with the community. All board members received an invitation to the Rusty Swaney Field Dedication at Remington Park to be held on Friday, April 25 at 5:00 p.m.

The next regular board meeting will be held on Monday, May 19, 2014, at 6:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

President Rabideau adjourned the meeting at 6:15 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.