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EAST GRAND RAPIDS PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Kent County, Michigan

SPECIAL 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, August 5, 2013

MINUTES

The **SPECIAL MEETING** of the East Grand Rapids Public Schools Board of Education, Kent County, Michigan, was held on Monday, August 5, 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, Steve Edison, Elizabeth Welch Lykins

Absent: None

Administration: Dr. Sara Magaña Shubel

Meeting Called to Order

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

Acknowledgment of Guests – None

Public Comments - None

ACTION ITEMS

Board Vacancy (Enclosure #4)

Background: Due to the resignation of Robert Minnema on July 15, 2013, the Board of Education has 30 days to appoint someone to fill his seat through December 31, 2014. Discussion and determination of candidate finalists. Candidate finalists as determined by the board will be interviewed at the August 8 board meeting.

President Rabideau explained that the board will hold a discussion to determine the candidate finalists to be interviewed at the August 8 special board meeting. On Thursday, August 8, the board will conduct deliberations and make a selection. Rabideau confirmed that the Evaluation Criteria (listed below) to be used during the selection process was agreed upon by board members. Rabideau reported that David Westphal withdrew his candidate application.

Evaluation Criteria

- Proven History of Service
- Commitment to Public Education
- Skills/Perspective will bring to the current board
- Demonstrated ability to work with a team/collaborative approach
- Time available to be an effective and dedicated board member
- Good Communicator
- Knowledge/Understanding of Public Education Funding
- Commitment to EGR Community and EGR Schools
- Articulated Vision/Goals for the District
- Understanding of Board Member's Role
- Critical thinking and demonstrated problem-solving skills
- Understanding of factors related to academic achievement

Rabideau explained the suggested methodology of going around the table, asking each board member to explain their rationale in evaluating the applications. Each board member was requested to present their top four candidate recommendations to advance as finalists.

A discussion was held among the board. Board members provided their recommendations, narrowing down the field of applicants to four finalists to be interviewed for the board trustee position:

Member Edison moved to interview the following four applicants as finalists for the board trustee position:

- Jennifer Behler
- Mark Hessler
- Natalie Bernecker
- Robert Wolford

President Rabideau will contact the four finalists this evening to invite them to be interviewed on August 8 at a special board meeting. Member Levine seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

Rabideau reported that she had received prior notice that Jennifer Behler was out of town this week; therefore, Behler will be invited to be interviewed at the August 12 board meeting prior to the board conducting any deliberations and selecting a candidate.

Board Representative Report

Welch Lykins reported that she recently testified in Lansing regarding State Superintendent Flanagan's announcement to merge local school districts into county districts. She reported that she will keep an eye on this topic and continue to be part of the dialogue.

ADJOURNMENT

President Rabideau adjourned the meeting at 5:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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

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