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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

Thursday, August 8, 2013

MINUTES

The **SPECIAL MEETING** of the East Grand Rapids Public Schools Board of Education, Kent County, Michigan, was held on Thursday, August 8, 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 6:00 p.m.

Acknowledgment of Guests – None

Public Comments – None

Board Secretary's Report – Beth Milanowski

Member Milanowski read the names of the four candidate finalists to be interviewed for the board trustee position. This evening, the Board will interview: Natalie Bernecker at 6:00 p.m., Mark Hessler at 7:00 p.m., and Robert Wolford at 8:00 p.m. The following candidate will be interviewed on Monday, August 12: Jennifer Cory Behler at 5:00 p.m.

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 for the remainder of his term through December 31, 2014. Three of the four candidate finalists, Natalie Bernecker, Mark Hessler, and Robert Wolford, as determined by the board at the August 5 board meeting, will be interviewed at this meeting.

President Rabideau explained that the board will interview three of the four candidate finalists this evening, and will interview one of the four candidate finalists on Monday, August 12. Following the final interviews on the 12th, the board will conduct deliberations and then the board will vote to appoint a replacement to serve the remainder of Minnema's term through December 31, 2014.

6:00 p.m. – Interview of Natalie Bernecker

Natalie Bernecker gave a brief opening statement, then answered questions from the board members. Following the questions, Ms. Bernecker presented a brief closing statement.

7:00 p.m. – Interview of Mark Hessler

Mark Hessler gave a brief opening statement, then answered questions from the board members. Following the questions, Mr. Hessler presented a brief closing statement.

8:00 p.m. – Interview of Robert Wolford

Robert Wolford gave a brief opening statement, then answered questions from the board members. Following the questions, Mr. Wolford presented a brief closing statement.

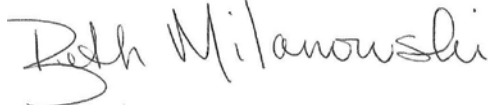
President Rabideau thanked the applicants for coming forward and wanting to serve on the Board.

Any other matters that come before the Board – Board members held a general discussion regarding candidate interviews.

ADJOURNMENT

President Rabideau adjourned the meeting at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Beth Milanowski".

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.
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