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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, November 14, 2013**

### **MINUTES**

The **SPECIAL MEETING** of the East Grand Rapids Public Schools Board of Education, Kent County, Michigan, was held on Thursday, November 14, 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, Beth Milanowski, Susan Levine, Steve Edison, Elizabeth Welch Lykins

Absent: Robert Wolford

Administration: Dr. Sara Magaña Shubel

#### Meeting Called to Order

President Rabideau called the meeting to order at 7:30 a.m.

Acknowledgment of Guests – None

Public Comments – None

#### Board Secretary's Report – Beth Milanowski

Member Milanowski read the names of the three candidate finalists to be interviewed for the board trustee position. This morning, the Board will interview: Lisa Baermann at 7:30 a.m., Marc Schulz at 8:15 a.m., and Natalie Bernecker at 9:00 a.m.

#### **ACTION ITEMS**

##### Board Vacancy (Enclosure #4)

Background: Due to the resignation of Brian Ellis on October 28, 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. The three candidate finalists, Lisa Baermann, Natalie Bernecker, and Marc Schulz, as determined by the board at the November 11 board meeting, will be interviewed at this meeting.

President Rabideau explained that the board will interview the three candidate finalists this morning. Following the final interviews, the board will conduct deliberations and then the board will vote to appoint a replacement to serve the remainder of Ellis' term through December 31, 2014.

7:30 a.m. – Interview of Lisa Baermann

Lisa Baermann gave a brief opening statement, then answered questions from the board members. Following the questions, Baermann presented a brief closing statement.

8:15 a.m. – Interview of Marc Schulz

Marc Schulz gave a brief opening statement, then answered questions from the board members. Following the questions, Schulz presented a brief closing statement.

9:00 a.m. – Interview of Natalie Bernecker

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

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

Deliberation and Selection/Appointment of New Board Member (Motion and Vote on Appointee)

There was a general discussion on the three candidates interviewed. The board members felt that the district is fortunate to have such a high caliber of people willing to serve on the board.

Member Edison moved to appoint Natalie Bernecker as the seventh member of the East Grand Rapids Public Schools Board of Education to fill out the term of Brian Ellis' seat through December 31, 2014. Member Levine seconded the motion. Per Board Policy #1030, a roll call vote was taken: Rabideau-Yes; Milanowski-Yes; Levine-Yes; Edison-Yes; Welch Lykins-Yes. Motion passed 5-0.

After deliberations, the board took a brief break while awaiting the return of board candidate, Natalie Bernecker, to be sworn in as the seventh member of the East Grand Rapids Public Schools Board of Education.

Swearing in of New Board of Education Member, Natalie Bernecker

Judie Malec, Secretary to the Board and Superintendent, administered the Oath of Office to Natalie Bernecker. Bernecker will serve as a member of the Board of Education for East Grand Rapids Public Schools, Kent County, Michigan. As appointed by law, due to Brian Ellis' resignation, Bernecker's term will run through December 31, 2014.

President Rabideau thanked the board members for their time and efforts in selecting a new board member.

Any other matters that come before the Board – None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

President Rabideau adjourned the meeting at 10:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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

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