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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, August 18, 2014**

### **MINUTES**

The **REGULAR MEETING** of the East Grand Rapids Public Schools Board of Education, Kent County, Michigan, was held on Monday, August 18, 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, Bob Wolford, Natalie Bernecker

Absent: Susan Levine, Elizabeth Welch Lykins

Administration: Dr. Sara Magaña Shubel, Jeanne Glowicki, Kevin Philipps

#### **Meeting Called to Order**

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

#### **Acknowledgment of Guests – None**

#### **Public Comments - None**

President Rabideau expressed her appreciation to the administrative team and Jeff Crawford for handling an issue at the high school last week with such professionalism and keeping the safety of our community a top priority.

Member Welch Lykins arrived at 7:31 a.m.

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

The Board received communication from Pamela MacDougal on the City of EGR Begging and Soliciting ordinance.

#### **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 5 through 6.

Approval of Minutes of REGULAR Meeting of 06/10/2014 (Enclosure #5)

Approval of Minutes of SPECIAL Meeting of 06/24/2014 (Enclosure #6)

Member Edison moved to approve Consent Agenda Items 5-6. Member Milanowski seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

#### **OTHER ACTION ITEMS**

Approval of a School Bond Loan Resolution (Enclosure #7)

Background: The district borrows annually from the School Bond Loan Program to assist in making our debt retirement payments. The application for the 2014-2015 borrowing needs to be approved by the full Board.

Recommendation: Motion to approve the attached resolution authorizing the district to borrow funds from the Michigan School Bond Loan Program as presented.

Kevin Philipps, Assistant Superintendent of Business, provided an overview of the School Bond Loan Program.

Member Bernecker moved to approve the resolution as presented in Enclosure #7. Member Edison seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

Approval of Teacher and Administrative Contracts – Dr. Shubel (Enclosure #8)

Background: Per Board Policy #5430, the Board is responsible for the formal approval of all teacher and administrative contracts.

Recommendation: Motion to approve the teacher and administrative contracts as outlined in Enclosure #8.

President Rabideau thanked Dr. Shubel and the administrative team for the time dedicated to the process of hiring new teachers and administrators. Dr. Shubel announced one administrative appointment and five teacher hires. Jeanne Glowicki, Assistant Superintendent of Instruction, shared details of the orientation session that was held with new teachers last week.

Member Milanowski moved to approve teacher and administrative contracts as outlined in Enclosure #8. Member Edison seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

Approval of Schematic Design for Elementary Main Entrances and Learning Commons – Kevin Philipps (Enclosure #9)

Background: GMB will present the schematic designs for the elementary main entrances and learning commons for the 2014 construction project. Following the GMB presentation, Owen Ames Kimball (OAK) will present the cost estimates based on those schematic designs and discuss any variations from the cost proposals developed prior to the election.

Recommendation: Motion to approve the schematic designs for the elementary main entrances and learning commons for the 2014 construction project as presented in Enclosure #9.

Representatives from GMB shared details of the schematic designs for each of the buildings which will be renovated through the approved bond program. Chris Ford, estimator from OAK, shared financial costs associated with the planned construction projects. At this point, there are expected cost savings for the district. Design development will be presented to the board at the September board meeting. A discussion was held among the board.

Member Edison moved to approve the schematic designs for the elementary main entrances and learning commons for the 2014 construction project as presented in Enclosure #9. Member Welch Lykins seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

President Rabideau thanked the representatives from GMB and OAK for their presentation this evening.

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

Superintendent

Dr. Shubel reported that she will debrief with Jenny Fee, High School Principal, on the police report from the August 15 incident at the high school and expects to receive a complete report today.

Dr. Shubel shared that Opening Day will be held on Tuesday, August 26 at the PAC and encouraged all board members to attend.

Dr. Shubel reported that a motion for approval by the board of the Teacher Contract will take place after the Teacher Association has voted on the tentative agreement. A special board meeting will be scheduled prior to the September regular board meeting. A discussion was held among the board.

Assistant Superintendent of Business

None

Assistant Superintendent of Instruction

None

Board Member Reports

*Communications Committee* – None

*Facilities Committee* – Kevin Philipps reported that the meeting next week will be canceled.

*Finance Committee* – None

*Joint Facilities Committee* – None

*Legislative Liaison Committee* – Member Edison reported that the first meeting is scheduled for September.

*Personnel Committee* – None

*Policy Review Committee* – None

Liaisons

*EGR Schools Foundation* – None

*Community Action Council* –None

*PTO Council* – None

*Parks & Recreation* – None

*Superintendent's Advisory Council (SAC)* – None

*Leadership & Youth Development (LYD)* – Member Milanowski reported that Senior Retreat was held at a new location this year, Camp Henry. Freshman Connection is expecting 265 students on Friday. Healthy High is scheduled for September 20. LYD is looking for new board member nominations, as well as interns.

*Parent Advocates for Special Education (PASE)* – None

The next regular board meeting will be held on Monday, September 22, 2014, at 6:00 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

President Rabideau adjourned the meeting at 8:56 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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

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