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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, September 4, 2014

### MINUTES

A **SPECIAL MEETING** of the East Grand Rapids Public Schools Board of Education, Kent County, Michigan, was held on Wednesday, September 4, 2014, in the Community Board Room at 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, Robert Wolford, Natalie Bernecker

Absent: Beth Milanowski, Susan Levine, Elizabeth Welch Lykins

Administration: Dr. Sara Shubel, Jenny Fee, Steve Wojciechowski

Other: None

#### Meeting Called to Order

President Rabideau called the meeting to order at 3:04 p.m.

Acknowledgment of Guests – None

Public Comments –None

#### Closed Session per Parent Request (Michigan Open Meetings Act, MCLA 15.268, Sec. 8 [b])

Member Edison moved to go into Closed Session for the purpose of a discipline hearing at the request of the parent. Member Wolford supported the motion. By a roll call vote, the motion passed 4-0.

President Rabideau described the process that would be used for the discipline hearing concerning Student A.

Member Welch Lykins arrived at 3:10 p.m.

Board heard administration's case, heard from parents, Student A, and asked questions. Following this discussion, the Board excused Student A and Student A's parents in order to hold board deliberations on the case concerning Student A. At 5:03p.m., Member Bernecker moved to return to regular session. Member Welch Lykins seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

#### Open Session

Administrators, Student A, and Student A's parents, and Student A's stepfather returned to the Open Session.

Member Edison moved to approve the suspension of Student A from East Grand Rapids Public Schools for the first marking period of the 2014-2015 school year with homebound services at the expense of the parents to be provided through October 31, 2014, as well as a co-curricular suspension through the first semester. Conditions for re-entry to the high school will be outlined in the appeal decision letter to the parents of Student A. Member Welch Lykins seconded the motion for suspension as presented. Motion passed 5-0.

Any other matters that come before the Board – None

#### Adjournment

President Rabideau adjourned the meeting at 5:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Natalie Bernecker, Secretary Pro-Tem  
East Grand Rapids Public Schools Board of Education

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