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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, May 11, 2015

MINUTES

The **REGULAR MEETING** of the East Grand Rapids Public Schools Board of Education, Kent County, Michigan, was held on Monday, May 11, 2015, 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, Elizabeth Welch Lykins, Beth Milanowski, Robert Wolford, Natalie Bernecker, Mark Hessler

Absent: Brian Coles

Administration: Dr. Sara Magaña Shubel, Jeanne Glowicki, Kevin Philipps, Kathy Wisniewski, Doug Jenkins, Jenny Fee, Peter Stuursma, Caroline Breault-Cannon, Anthony Morey, Craig Weigel

Meeting Called to Order

President Rabideau called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Acknowledgment of Guests – President Rabideau welcomed State Representative Chris Afendoulis to tonight's meeting.

Public Comments

Representative Chris Afendoulis commented on Proposal I's failure and the next steps. He also congratulated the district's We The People team on their accomplishments in the state and national competitions.

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

- The Board received communication from Carla Boyd on proposed budget reductions.

High School Student Council President's Report

Blake Driscoll, Student Council President, reported that student government elections were held, and Matthew Levitt will serve as next year's Student Council President and will represent Student Council at next school year's board meetings. He reported that the students recognized Staff Appreciation Week with treats and a luncheon for the staff. Graduation preparations are underway. Blake shared that he is going into the Naval Academy following his graduation from high school.

PRESENTATION / DISCUSSION

Recognition of Gates Millennium Scholarship Recipient, Symphonee Montgomery

Jenny Fee, High School Principal, announced that Symphonee Montgomery was chosen as a recipient of the Gates Millennium Scholarship which is an incredible honor and awards her with fully paid tuition and room and board to a college of her choice. She has selected Grand Valley State University and was unable to attend tonight's meeting due to a conflict with her college orientation. The board publicly recognized Symphonee on her accomplishments.

Recognition of We The People State Championship

Dr. Shubel and Jenny Fee announced that the high school We The People team won the State Championship competition and took 8th place in the national competition. On behalf of the board, they commended the team and coaches who worked so hard and recognized them for their accomplishments. The team was presented with certificates of recognition from the board.

Proposed Latin Curriculum (Enclosure #9)

Jeanne Glowicki and Jason Albaugh presented on the proposed Latin Curriculum. An overview was presented and the proposed budget was provided for 2015-2016. The new books being proposed will allow for a connection to IB program. This proposal will be an action item on the June 8 board agenda.

Recognition of Janice Yates, *We The People* Coach

President Rabideau welcomed Jim Saalfeld, Kent County Commissioner, who represents the East Grand Rapids district. He presented Janice Yates, the coach of the EGRPS We The People team with recognition from the county for her leadership and commitment to We The People. President Rabideau also thanked Mrs. Yates on behalf of the board.

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 items in the Consent Agenda, Numbers 10 through 12.

Approval of Minutes of REGULAR Meeting of 4/20/2015 (Enclosure #10)

Approval of Minutes of SPECIAL Meeting of 4/28/2015 (Enclosure #11)

Approval of Payment of Bills – April 2015 (Enclosure #12)

Member Milanowski moved to approve Consent Agenda Items 10-12. Member Hessler seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

OTHER ACTION ITEMS

Resolution of Kent ISD School Board Election (Enclosure #13)

President Rabideau provided background information regarding the Kent ISD School Board Election. Under Section 614(2) of the Revised School Code, the board adopts the resolution of the Kent ISD School Board Election for the purpose of designating a voting delegate and alternate from each constituent district as described in Enclosure #13.

Member Wolford moved to adopt the Kent ISD School Board Election Resolution designating Member Welch Lykins as a voting delegate and Member Coles as an alternate representative as described in Enclosure #13. A discussion was held among the board. Member Bernecker seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

Approval of KISD Budget for 2015-2016 (Enclosure #14)

Background: The State of Michigan requires that local school boards review their ISD's proposed budget and act in support or non-support of the budget. The Finance Committee has discussed the KISD 2015-2016 budget and recommends support.

Recommendation: Motion to support the KISD 2015-2016 budget as presented.

Kevin Philipps, Assistant Superintendent of Business, provided background information on the KISD Budget for 2015-2016.

Member Hessler moved to approve the KISD Budget for 2015-2016 as presented in Enclosure #14. Member Welch Lykins seconded the motion. A discussion was held among the board. Motion passed 6-0.

Approval of Furniture Bid (Enclosure #15)

Background: The district requested bids to purchase furniture for the elementary learning commons, and middle and high school classrooms. The furniture for the elementary learning commons supports the overall renovation of the learning commons, and the middle and high school classrooms will receive tables and chairs to replace the current individual student desks in classrooms. Bids were received and after reviewing the bids, administration is requesting approval of bids totaling \$587,712.92 from seven different vendors. The recommended bids are \$290,037.08 less than the budget of \$877,750. The bids have been reviewed by the Facilities Committee and Superintendent and they recommend accepting the bids as presented.

Recommendation: Motion to approve the furniture bids totaling \$587,712.92 as recommended by the Facilities Committee and Superintendent.

Kevin Philipps presented an overview of the furniture bids and recommended board approval.

Member Milanowski moved to approve the Furniture Bid as presented in Enclosure #15. Member Hessler seconded the motion. A discussion was held among the board. Motion passed 6-0.

Approval of the Superintendent's Evaluation and Contract Extension

The Board conducted the annual evaluation of Dr. Shubel on April 28, 2015. After a very thorough review, the board deemed Dr. Shubel to be highly effective. While everyone recognizes that public schools continue to be in a very difficult financial environment, Dr. Shubel is still able to move our district forward with her team. Based on those factors, the board is recommending that we extend Dr. Shubel's contract by one year to June 30, 2018.

Member Bernecker moved to approve the Superintendent's Evaluation and extend her contract by one year to June 30, 2018. Member Welch Lykins seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Superintendent

Dr. Shubel announced that there are four staff members in the district who will be receiving tenure as listed in Enclosure #17.

Dr. Shubel announced the upcoming dates of:

- Baccalaureate – Tuesday, May 19, 2015, 6:00 p.m. at Fountain Street Church
- High School Graduation Ceremony – Thursday, May 21, 2015, 7:00 p.m. at Memorial Field
- Staff Retirement Breakfast – Thursday, June 4, 2015

Assistant Superintendent of Business

Kevin Philipps reported on a Budget Update and Workgroup Recommendations as presented in Enclosure #18. He shared the recommendations from both the Community and Staff Workgroups. Further information will be shared at the Budget Hearing on June 8, 2015, with final budget adoption at the regular meeting on Monday, June 15, 2015.

A discussion was held among the board. Board members thanked Philipps for his presentation and updates on the budget.

Assistant Superintendent of Instruction

Jeanne Glowicki provided an update on Summer Learning classes to be held in June, with staff members participating in several classes as an extension of their learning.

Board Member Reports

Communications Committee – Member Bernecker reported the committee provided three communications to the community on Proposal I. The committee will work on additional general communication strategies for the future.

Facilities Committee – No reports.

Finance Committee – No reports.

Joint Facilities Committee – No reports.

Legislative Liaison Committee – Member Hessler reported that the committee met this morning and discussed the failure of Proposal I. They will work on adding more parents to their communications list and will continue to stay in contact with legislators.

Personnel Committee – No reports.

Policy Review Committee – No reports.

Liaisons

EGR Schools Foundation – Member Bernecker reported that the EGRNow! Walking Campaign will take place and encouraged everyone to sign up to walk if available.

Community Action Council – No reports.

PTO Council – Member Rabideau reported that the end of the year luncheon was held. PTO Council recognized Shelly Boeve as PTO Council Member of the Year, and Nancy Hejna received the Distinguished Service Award.

Parks & Recreation – No reports.

Superintendent's Advisory Council (SAC) – No reports.

Leadership & Youth Development (LYD) – Member Milanowski reported that several LYD groups are in planning stages. A new intern has been selected. The Be Nice component will be added to the group's programming.

Parent Advocates for Special Education (PASE) – No reports.

The next board meeting/Budget Hearing will be held on Monday, June 8, 2015, at 6:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

President Rabideau adjourned the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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.

** If you plan to attend and have a special need and require accommodation to attend this meeting, please contact Dr. Sara M. Shubel, Superintendent, at 235-3535.
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