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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, January 25, 2016**

### **MINUTES**

The **REGULAR MEETING** of the East Grand Rapids Public Schools Board of Education, Kent County, Michigan, was held on Monday, January 25, 2016, 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: Robert Wolford, Elizabeth Welch, Natalie Bernecker, Michelle Rabideau, Mark Hessler, Brian Coles

Absent: Beth Milanowski

Administration: Jeanne Glowicki, Kevin Philipps, Bill Behrendt, Jenny Fee, Steve Wojciechowski, Lori Johnston, Tim Johnston, Peter Stuursma, Caroline Breault-Cannon, Anthony Morey, Craig Weigel

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

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

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

**Public Comments** – Phil Skaggs, EGR City Commissioner, thanked Dr. Shubel and board members for attending their recent City Commission meeting to express concerns regarding Public Act 269. He reported that the City Commission shares the same concerns and sent a letter from the Mayor and Commissioners to legislators requesting a real fix to the act that allows local governments to communicate with voters on ballot proposals so voters can make informed decisions and local governments are held accountable.

President Wolford thanked Commission Skaggs for attending tonight's meeting and thanked the City Commission for sending communications to legislators. He reported that the EGRPS Board of Education has also prepared a letter to send to legislators tomorrow.

#### **Board Secretary's Report: Communications to and from the Board – None**

#### **High School Student Council President's Report – None**

#### **PRESENTATION / DISCUSSION ITEMS**

##### **Recognition of East Grand Rapids Board of Education Members for *School Board Recognition Month* January 2016**

Dr. Shubel was ill and unable to attend this evening's meeting; therefore, Jeanne Glowicki, Assistant Superintendent of Instruction, recognized and thanked the board members for their dedication and all of the work they do on behalf of our community, students, and staff. A token of appreciation was presented to each board member. President Wolford thanked the administration for their recognition of the board and shared that the board is continually impressed with the teamwork of our administration and staff and their support of our students.

Member Milanowski arrived at 6:03 p.m.

##### **IB Curriculum Update (Enclosure #7)**

Jeanne Glowicki presented an overview of the IB Diploma Programme, the diploma requirements, and curriculum enhancements. She publicly thanked Jenny Fee, High School Principal, and Heather McKinney, IB Coordinator, for their leadership and the work they have done with staff, students, and their presentations to parents.

President Wolford announced that the order of agenda items will change this evening in order to accommodate the presenters from OAK. Therefore, Agenda Item #13 was moved to follow Item #7.

Approval of Middle School and High School Construction Bids – Kevin Philipps (Enclosure #13)

Background: Administration in collaboration with its architectural and construction management partners, have requested bids for the construction projects being completed at the middle school and high school. Bids were received, and after reviewing all of the bids, administration is requesting approval of the bids being presented. The total amount of the bids is \$2,824,030. With the inclusion of the middle school and high school bids, the overall budget for the 2014 construction program is currently \$577,300 under budget. The bids have been reviewed the Facilities Committee and Superintendent, and they recommend accepting the bids.

Recommendation: Motion to approve the bids for the middle school and high school construction totaling \$2,824,030 as recommended by the Facilities Committee and Superintendent.

Kevin Philipps, Assistant Superintendent of Business, and Bill Ogden from OAK presented an overview of the middle school and high school construction bids. Member Bernecker shared that Facilities Committee met and recommends the changes as presented.

Member Bernecker moved to approve the bids for the middle school and high school construction as presented in Enclosure #13. Member Hessler seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

First Reading of New and Revised Policies (Enclosure #8)

Members Welch and Rabideau shared the policies that were reviewed by the Policy Review Committee as presented in Enclosure #8. A discussion was held among the board and these policies will be presented for approval at the February 22 board meeting. If there are any additional policies to review that were not included in Enclosure #8, they will also be brought to the board for a First Reading at the February 22 meeting.

**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 considered 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 items in the Consent Agenda Numbers 9-11.

Approval of Minutes of REGULAR Meeting of 12/7/2015 (Enclosure #9)

Approval of Minutes of SPECIAL Meeting of 1/11/2016 (Enclosure #10)

Approval of Payment of Bills – December 2016 (Enclosure #11)

Member Milanowski moved to approve Consent Agenda Items 9-11. Member Coles seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

**OTHER ACTION ITEMS**

Approval of Schools of Choice Resolutions for 2016-2017–Dr. Shubel (Enclosure #12a-c)

East Grand Rapids Public Schools has participated in the Kent Intermediate School District Collaborative Schools of Choice Program since its inception in the 1996-97 school year.

a. Approval of a Resolution to Opt Out of Section 105

Background: East Grand Rapids Public Schools has opted out of the State Choice Plan since the inception of the KISD Collaborative Schools of Choice Plan in the 1996-1997 school year.

Recommendation: Motion to pass a resolution to exercise the option permitted by Section 105 of the State School Aid Act of 1979, as amended by Public Act 300 of 1996, to not accept Section 105 applications of non-resident students from outside our district, for purposes of operating an intermediate school district-wide schools of choice program in accordance with Section 105 for the 2016-2017 school year.

Member Milanowski moved to approve a Resolution to exercise the option permitted by Section 105 of the State School Aid Act of 1979, as amended by Public Act 300 of 1996, to not accept Section 105 applications of non-resident students from outside our district, for purposes of operating an intermediate school district-wide schools of choice program in accordance with Section 105 for the 2015-2016 school year. Member Rabideau seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

b. Approval of a Resolution to Opt In of Section 105c

Background: In accordance with Section 105c as permitted in the State School Aid Act, Public Act 119 of 1999, as amended by Public Act 297 of 2000, it is recommended that East Grand Rapids Public Schools will accept applications for enrollment from residents of contiguous intermediate school districts for the 2016-2017 school year.

Recommendation: Motion to pass a resolution to exercise the option permitted by Section 105c of the State School Aid Act, Public Act 119 of 1999, as amended by Public Act 297 of 2000, to accept applications for enrollment from residents of contiguous intermediate school districts for the 2016-2017 school year.

Member Hessler moved to approve a Resolution to Opt In to Section 105c for the 2016-2017 school year. Member Bernecker seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

c. Approval of a Resolution to Participate in the 2016-2017 Kent Intermediate School District Collaborative Schools of Choice Program

Background: This is the thirteenth year of the KISD Schools of Choice Program.

Recommendation: Motion to pass a resolution to participate in the Kent ISD Collaborative Schools of Choice Program for the 2016-2017 school year.

Member Rabideau moved to approve a Resolution to participate in the Kent ISD Collaborative Schools of Choice Program for the 2016-2017 school year. Member Coles seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

### Superintendent

President Wolford restated the board's intent to send a letter to legislators regarding Public Act 269 as indicated in the Public Comments.

President Wolford reported that Dr. Shubel worked with the EGR Schools Foundation on their recommendation to establish a Memo of Understanding between the district and the foundation to codify the relationship more formally as we continue to work in a beneficial manner. Wolford explained that this Memo of Understanding is not binding; rather it is intended to document how the district and foundation operate with each other. Dr. Shubel will enter into this understanding in the near future.

Jeanne Glowicki shared an overview of the MLK activities and celebrations that took place throughout the district and continue all year long. A collage of photos from each of the buildings was presented. The board expressed their appreciation on behalf of the entire community.

President Wolford congratulated Peter Stuursma, Middle School Principal, on the head coaching position he has accepted with Hope College. On behalf of the board and administration, he shared that the district appreciates his leadership during his tenure with EGRPS and wished him well in his new position.

### Assistant Supt. of Business

Kevin Philipps reported on the January Revenue Conference summarizing the results with a projected increase of \$40 per pupil in the foundation allowance. However, monies allocated for Detroit Public Schools will affect the budget projections. Additional information will be available when the Governor presents his proposed budget for 2016-2017, which is currently scheduled for early February. As we learn more in February, Philipps will provide an update on the budget and what that will mean for the EGRPS budget.

### Assistant Supt. of Instruction

None

### Board Member Reports

*Communications Committee* – Member Milanowski reported that a meeting was held last week with discussions on the March 8 Election, the Community Budget Guide, and Social Media opportunities for the district.

*Facilities Committee* – No additional reports.

*Finance Committee* – No additional reports.

*Joint Facilities Committee* – No reports.

*Legislative Liaison Committee* – Member Welch reported that a Town Hall meeting with legislators will be held on March 23. She shared that Moody's reported that PA269 is a credit negative for future bonds and is hopeful for a change in the bill.

*Personnel Committee* – No reports.

*Policy Review Committee* – No additional reports.

### Liaisons

*EGR Schools Foundation* – Member Bernecker announced that Hurrah! will be held on March 12. She shared further information on the Memo of Understanding as mentioned earlier, as well as updates on EGRNow! And EGR Forever. The December time frame for fundraising efforts has increased designated donations.

*Community Action Council* – No reports.

*PTO Council* – President Wolford reported that a meeting was held today. A reporter from School News Network presented a summary of their organization and efforts. At the meeting, Anthony Morey, Wealthy Elementary Principal, provided an update on renovations.

*Parks & Recreation* – No reports.

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

*Leadership & Youth Development (LYD)* – Member Milanowski reported that the new intern continues to work with more students. Senior Retreat is scheduled. It was voted to move Healthy High to the winter time due to a conflict with Hearts of Gold. The group continues to look for new members to serve on the Executive Board.

*Parent Advocates for Special Education (PASE)* – Member Bernecker reported that the January meeting was canceled due to the weather, and the next meeting will be held on February 4.

The next regular board meeting will be held on Monday, February 22, 2016, at 6:00 p.m.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

President Wolford adjourned the meeting at 6:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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

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