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EAST GRAND RAPIDS PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Kent County, Michigan

SPECIAL 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

Tuesday, April 19, 2016

MINUTES

The **SPECIAL MEETING** of the East Grand Rapids Public Schools Board of Education, Kent County, Michigan, was held on Tuesday, April 19, 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, Beth Milanowski, Michelle Rabideau, Mark Hessler, Brian Coles

Absent: Natalie Bernecker, Elizabeth Welch

Administration: Dr. Shubel, Jeanne Glowicki

Meeting Called to Order

President Wolford called the meeting to order at 7:34 a.m.

Acknowledgment of Guests – None

Public Comments – None

Member Welch arrived at 7:36 a.m.

PRESENTATION / DISCUSSION

Recognition of Teacher and Staff Appreciation: May 2-6, 2016

Dr. Shubel announced that Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week is May 2-6, 2016, and she thanked our teachers and support staff for their dedication and commitment to our students. President Wolford expressed his appreciation and thanked all staff members on behalf of the board.

Proposed IB Music (Enclosure #5)

Jeanne Glowicki, Assistant Superintendent of Instruction, presented on the proposed IB Music program. An outline of the program was presented for 2016-2017. A discussion was held among the board and it was clarified that the board will be asked to approve the program at the May board meeting.

Proposed STEM Robotics Elective (Enclosure #6)

Jeanne Glowicki presented on the proposed STEM Robotics elective course. An overview of the course description and rationale was presented. Glowicki indicated that no additional funds and no additional staffing are needed at this time as this will replace a current elective at the middle school. Additionally, the EGR Schools Foundation awarded a grant to support the elective. A discussion was held among the board and it was clarified that the board will be asked to approve the course at the May board meeting.

Jeanne Glowicki shared a brochure of this year's Summer Learning offerings being provided to staff.

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 7-9.

Approval of Minutes of REGULAR Meeting of 3/14/2016 (Enclosure #7)

Approval of Payment of Bills – March 2016 (Enclosure #8)

Acceptance of Grands from the East Grand Rapids Schools Foundation (Enclosure #9)

Member Rabideau moved to approve Consent Agenda Items 7-9. Member Milanowski seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

President Wolford announced that the Administrative Reports will be addressed prior to going into closed session.

Superintendent

Dr. Shubel reported that the School Board Candidate Filing deadline is 4pm on Tuesday, July 26, 2016. Candidates are urged to file early and may contact the County Clerk's office if interested in filing for candidacy to the EGRPS Board of Education.

Assistant Supt. of Business – None

Assistant Supt. of Instruction – None

Board Member Reports – None.

CLOSED SESSION

Michigan Open Meetings Act, MCLA 15.268, Sec. 8(a)

Closed Session for Superintendent's End-Year Evaluation (Roll Call Vote required)

Member Wolford moved to go into Closed Session at 8:01 a.m., as requested in a letter to the board by Dr. Shubel, for the purpose of the Superintendent's End-Year Evaluation. Member Milanowski seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Wolford-yes; Welch-yes; Milanowski-yes; Rabideau-yes; Hessler-yes; and Coles-yes. Motion passed 6-0.

Board held a general discussion and review of the superintendent's progress versus goals collaboratively established and adopted with the Board of Education.

Member Wolford moved to return to regular session. Member Hessler seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0. The board returned to regular session at 10:06 a.m., roll call not required, and reported that Superintendent, Dr. Shubel, has been rated as Highly Effective based on the evaluation and extended the superintendent's contract by one year.

ADJOURNMENT

President Wolford adjourned the meeting at 10:06 a.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.