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*Educating and inspiring each student  
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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, September 21, 2015**

### **MINUTES**

The **REGULAR MEETING** of the East Grand Rapids Public Schools Board of Education, Kent County, Michigan, was held on Monday, September 21, 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, Bob Wolford, Natalie Bernecker, Mark Hessler, Brian Coles

Absent: Beth Milanowski

Administration: Dr. Sara Magaña Shubel, Jeanne Glowicki, Kevin Philipps, Bill Behrendt, Jenny Fee, Steve Wojciechowski, Lori Johnston, Caroline Breault-Cannon, Anthony Morey

#### Meeting Called to Order

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

Acknowledgment of Guests – None

Public Comments – None

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

High School Student Council President's Report – Matthew Levitt, Student Council President, reported that students are preparing for Homecoming activities. Jenny Fee, High School Principal, commended the Student Council on their leadership in addressing student behavior at football games and shared that the council came up guidelines and parameters for the students. She reported that last Friday night's game went very well and she appreciates working as a team to make that happen.

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

##### High School Guidance Department Update

Jenny Fee, High School Principal; and Lori Johnston, High School Director of Guidance, reported on guidance services as well as a history of EGRHS student performance. They shared statistics on college applications and acceptance numbers, postsecondary plans, ACT scores indicating college readiness, as well historical data. An overview of the Guidance Department restructuring was also shared. A discussion was held among 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 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 Number 7.

Approval of Minutes of REGULAR Meeting of 8/8/2015 (Enclosure #7)

Member Hessler moved to approve Consent Agenda Item 7. Member Welch seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

#### **OTHER ACTION ITEMS**

Approval of Superintendent Goals for 2015-2016 (Enclosure #8)

Background: The Superintendent Goals for 2015-2016 are presented.

Recommendation: Motion to approve the finalized Superintendent Goals for 2015-2016 per Enclosure #8.

President Rabideau reported that the board received Dr. Shubel's Goals for 2015-2016 in advance of tonight's meeting and had an opportunity to address any questions or concerns. Rabideau shared that the goals are closely aligned with the district's Strategic Plan and does not represent all the work of the administrative team in the district; rather, it is an overview of major items to focus on this year. Dr. Shubel reported that her goals represent some items that are reviewed on an annual basis and provided an overview of each of her goals as presented in Enclosure #8.

Member Coles moved to approve the Superintendent's Goals for 2015-2016 per Enclosure #8. Member Bernecker seconded the motion. A discussion was held among the board. Motion passed 6-0. President Rabideau thanked Dr. Shubel for her work in establishing these goals.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

### Superintendent

None

### Assistant Supt. of Business

Kevin Philipps shared an update on student enrollment numbers, currently at 2963.

### Assistant Supt. of Instruction

Jeanne Glowicki shared that the IB verification visit will take place on October 22-23, 2015.

### Board Member Reports

*Communications Committee* – Member Bernecker reported that a letter was crafted to share a bond update with the community. A future meeting will be scheduled to outline future goals.

*Facilities Committee* – Member Wolford reported that a meeting is scheduled to review middle school and high school packages before going out to bid.

*Finance Committee* – No reports.

*Joint Facilities Committee* – No reports.

*Legislative Liaison Committee* – No reports.

*Personnel Committee* – No reports.

*Policy Review Committee* – No reports.

### Liaisons

*EGR Schools Foundation* – Member Bernecker reported that the Foundation will meet on September 29. She congratulated the following staff awards presented on Staff Opening Day: Chris Kenward, Elementary Excellence in Teaching; Brian Clay, Secondary Excellence in Teaching; and Winona Tinholt, James and Georgia Nicholas Award for Math, Science, and Technology.

Bernecker shared that EGRNow! is now an all year campaign and the goal is to have 100% participation from the EGR community. She reported that the Foundation grant cycle will fund over \$140K in grants and scholarships this year. The Foundation is seeking nominations for the annual fall 2016 alumni and awards dinner.

*Community Action Council* – No reports.

*PTO Council* – Member Rabideau reported that the first meeting will kick off on September 28.

*Parks & Recreation* – No reports.

*Superintendent's Advisory Council (SAC)* – Member Hessler reported that the first meeting will be held on October 14.

*Leadership & Youth Development (LYD)* – President Rabideau reported that Healthy High was a great success.

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

The next regular board meeting will be held on Monday, October 26, 2015, at 6:00 p.m.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

President Rabideau adjourned the meeting at 6:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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

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