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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

Friday, January 27, 2017

MINUTES

A **SPECIAL MEETING** of the East Grand Rapids Public Schools Board of Education, Kent County, Michigan, was held on Friday, January 27, 2017, 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: Robert Wolford, Elizabeth Welch, Beth Milanowski, Natalie Bernecker, Brian Coles, Mark Hessler, Brad Laackman

Absent: None

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

Other: Brian Schafer, Bethany Christian Services Youth and Development Specialist

Meeting Called to Order

President Wolford called the meeting to order at 8:01 a.m.

Acknowledgment of Guests – None

Public Comments –None

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

Member Bernecker moved to go into Closed Session for the purpose of a discipline hearing at the request of the parent. Member Milanowski supported the motion. By a roll call vote, the motion passed 7-0.

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

Board heard administration's case, heard from parent, Student A, Bethany Christian Services Youth and Development Specialist, and asked questions. Mr. Behrendt left at 8:50 a.m. after providing his report to the board as he needed to attend another meeting. Following this discussion, the Board excused Mrs. Fee, Mr. Wojciechowski, Student A, Student A's parent, and Bethany Christian Services Youth and Development Specialist in order to hold board deliberations on the case concerning Student A. At 10:05 a.m., Member Coles moved to return to regular session. Member Laackman seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Open Session

Administrators, Student A, Student A's parent, and Bethany Christian Services Youth and Development Specialist returned to the Open Session.

Member Bernecker moved to approve the suspension of Student A from East Grand Rapids Public Schools for the remainder of the 2016-2017 school year. Conditions for re-entry to the high school will be outlined in the appeal decision letter to the parents of Student A. Member Hessler seconded the motion for suspension as presented. Motion passed 7-0.

Any other matters that come before the Board – None

Adjournment

President Wolford adjourned the meeting at 10:05 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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

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