

## **Our Mission**

*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**

The James E. Morse Administration Center at Woodcliff  
2915 Hall Street SE, East Grand Rapids, MI 49506

**Monday, March 13, 2017**

### **MINUTES**

The **REGULAR MEETING** of the East Grand Rapids Public Schools Board of Education, Kent County, Michigan, was held on Monday, March 13, 2017, in Community Board Room at the James E. Morse Administration Center, 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 Magaña Shubel, Jeanne Glowicki, Kevin Philipps, Doug Jenkins, Jenny Fee, Steve Wojciechowski, Tim Johnston, Carlye Allen, Caroline Breault-Cannon, Craig Weigel

#### Meeting Called to Order

President Wolford 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

The board received a Thank You from Jackie Vander Ploeg for the Schuler gift card on the birth of her son, Audie.

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

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

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 will be competing in the national competition in Washington, D.C. in April. The board 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.

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

Jeanne Glowicki, Assistant Superintendent of Instruction; Heather McKinney, IB Coordinator; and high school students: Joe Meston, Keegan Sullivan, Jagienka Timek, and Sam VanderVeen presented an overview of the first year of IB activities and personal experiences. A general 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 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 Agendas, Numbers 8-9.

#### Approval of Minutes of REGULAR Meeting of 2/20/2017 (Enclosure #8)

#### Approval of Payment of Bills – February 2017 (Enclosure #9)

Member Milanowski moved to approve Consent Agenda items 8-9. Member Hessler seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

## **OTHER ACTION ITEMS**

### Approval of Numbers for the 2017-2018 Schools of Choice Programs – Dr. Shubel (Enclosure #10)

**Background:** East Grand Rapids Public Schools has participated in the Kent Intermediate School District Collaborative Schools of Choice Program since its inception in the 1996-1997 school year. The Finance Committee and Superintendent are recommending that we accept 21 students through the 2017-2018 Kent ISD Collaborative Schools of Choice Program.

**Recommendation:** Motion to accept 21 students through the 2017-2018 Kent ISD Collaborative Schools of Choice Program.

Dr. Shubel reviewed the Schools of Choice process. Dr. Shubel and Kevin Philipps explained how recommended numbers are determined. A discussion was held among the board.

Member Milanowski moved to accept 21 students through the Kent ISD Collaborative Schools of Choice Program. Member Coles seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

### Superintendent

Dr. Shubel reported that information on the Enhancement Millage will be communicated further as we get closer to the date of the May 2 election.

### Assistant Superintendent of Business

Kevin Philipps reported that the House and Senate will present their proposed school aid budget at the end of this month.

### Assistant Superintendent of Instruction

Jeanne Glowicki reported on Summer Learning which will be held in June with staff members presenting and participating in classes. She also shared that professional development hours are offered in August prior to the start of school and throughout the school year.

### Board Member Reports

*Communications Committee* – No reports.

*Facilities Committee* – Member Bernecker reported that new pool lights at the high school are currently being tested.

*Finance Committee* – No reports.

*Joint Facilities Committee* – No reports.

*Legislative Liaison Committee* – Member Welch reported that further information will be sent to the community regarding the upcoming Legislative Forum to be held on April 24. A new Facebook page has been established where community members may receive alerts on important legislative issues. The May 2 election and potential resultant funding was discussed. Parent phone calls to our legislators were successful resulting in a no vote on the income tax repeal.

*Personnel Committee* – No reports.

*Policy Review Committee* – Member Wolford reported that a meeting is scheduled in May.

### Liaisons

*EGR Schools Foundation* – Member Milanowski reported that the endowment campaign has kicked off. The last Hurrah event will be held on April 22. EGRNow! campaign is underway. The Foundation Legacy Society has been renamed the L. Neesley Legacy Society, named after the very first legacy donor. The spring cycle of grants will be reviewed next week.

*Community Action Council* – No reports.

*Parks & Recreation* – No reports.

*PTO Council* – Member Milanowski reported that a discussion was held on the 2018-2019 school year calendar.

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

*Leadership & Youth Development (LYD)* – No reports.

*Parent Advocates for Special Education (PASE)* – Member Bernecker reported that Bill Behrendt is representing the district at a meeting which is being held this evening regarding teaching sexuality to children with intellectual disabilities.

The next regular board meeting will be held on Monday, April 17, 2017, at 6:00 p.m.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

President Wolford adjourned the meeting at 7:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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

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