

## **Our Mission**

*Educating and inspiring each student  
to navigate successfully  
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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, April 17, 2017**

### **MINUTES**

The **REGULAR MEETING** of the East Grand Rapids Public Schools Board of Education, Kent County, Michigan, was held on Monday, April 17, 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, Lori Johnston, Tim Johnston, Anthony Morey, 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 communication from Claudia Bajema on her re-election campaign to the Kent ISD Board of Education.

The board received Thank You notes from Andrea Eggert, Andrea Severns, and Amanda Hicks for the Schuler gift card on the births of their children.

High School Student Council President's Report – Francesca Aquino, reported that Prom will held on Saturday, May 13. Student Council worked with the student body to obtain donations to help the Dana family replenish some items they lost in a house fire. Student Council Elections will be held for officer positions for the 2017-2018 school year. Senior Graduation will be held on May 25, and Baccalaureate on May 23. The Senior Breakfast and locker decorations will take place on May 24.

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

Recognition of Teacher and Staff Appreciation – Dr. Shubel announced that Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week is May 1-5, 2017, 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.

#### Kent ISD School Board Election (Enclosure #7)

President Wolford and Dr. Shubel provided background information regarding the Kent ISD School Board Election. He explained that this is an information item at this meeting, and he invited board members to express their availability and wiliness to serve as representatives for the electoral body for the upcoming Kent ISD School Board Election. The resolution designating the representatives will be presented at the May 15, 2017, regular board meeting. 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 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 8-10.

Approval of Minutes of REGULAR Meeting of 3/13/2017 (Enclosure #8)

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

Acceptance of Grants from East Grand Rapids Schools Foundation (Enclosure #10)

Member Coles moved to approve Consent Agenda items 8-10. Member Bernecker seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

### Superintendent

Dr. Shubel reported that she is looking forward to supporting our high school students at the We The People National Competition in Washington, D.C. next weekend and will keep the board updated on their progress.

Dr. Shubel invited Doug Jenkins, Director of Technology and Assessment, to share the results of the high school First Robotics Team at the State Competition this past weekend. Jenkins shared that the team earned enough points to proceed to the World Competition in St. Louis at the end of April. Dr. Shubel thanked our families and community for their commitment and support provided to both teams.

### Assistant Superintendent of Business

Kevin Philipps shared an overview of the School Aid Fund budget proposals and displayed a comparison of the Governor's House and Senate proposals. We will learn more following the May Revenue Conference. A discussion was held among the board.

Philipps reported the health care rates for the 2017-2018 school year. While MESSA's rate increase is 3.54%; and WMHIP rate increase is 5.80%, the final rate comparison reflects WMHIP rates remaining 15.5% less than MESSA. A discussion was held among the board.

### Assistant Superintendent of Instruction

Jeanne Glowicki shared a Summer Learning update which will be held in June with all opportunities aligned with our district and school improvement plans. She also shared that further learning opportunities will be offered in August prior to the start of school.

### Board Member Reports

*Communications Committee* – No reports.

*Facilities Committee* – No reports.

*Finance Committee* – No reports.

*Joint Facilities Committee* – Member Wolford reported that a meeting will be held in May.

*Personnel Committee* – Member Wolford reported that a meeting will be held in May.

*Policy Review Committee* – Member Wolford reported that a meeting will be held in May.

*Legislative Liaison Committee* – Member Welch reported that Kevin Philipps presented the School Aid Fund budget to the committee. A Town Hall meeting will be held on Monday, April 24, 5:30 p.m. at the High School Little Auditorium.

### Liaisons

*EGR Schools Foundation* – Member Milanowski reported that the last Hurrah! will be held this Saturday, April 22. EGRNow! campaign is underway. Spring grants were approved. The Jimmy Gerken Open will be held at Thousand Oaks on May 31. Foundation is accepting nominations for teacher awards and student scholarships.

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

*Community Action Council* – Member Hessler reported that in-home talks about drugs and alcohol use are being held with more parental involvement continuing.

*Parks & Recreation* – Member Hessler reported that community outreach and forums are being held regarding park usage.

*PTO Council* – Member Wolford reported that a meeting will be held next week.

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

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

The next regular board meeting will be held on Monday, May 15, 2017, at 6:00 p.m.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

President Wolford adjourned the meeting at 6:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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

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