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EAST GRAND RAPIDS PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Kent County, Michigan

REGULAR MEETING – BUDGET HEARING 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, June 5, 2017

MINUTES

The **BUDGET HEARING** of the East Grand Rapids Public Schools Board of Education, Kent County, Michigan, was held on Monday, June 5, 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, Mark Hessler, Brian Coles, Brad Laackman

Absent: None

Administration: Dr. Sara Magaña Shubel, Jeanne Glowicki, Kevin Philipps, Bill Behrendt, Doug Jenkins, Jenny Fee, Steve Wojciechowski, Lori Johnston, Tim Johnston, Anthony Morey, Shelly Schram, 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 note from Josh Rabideau, high school student, for the board's continued support in purchasing an ad for the 2016-2017 EGRHS yearbook.

The board received communication from Greg and Courtney Gabridge on student matters.

PRESENTATION / DISCUSSION ITEMS

EGRNow Check Presentation

Amy Stuursma, Executive Director of EGR Schools Foundation; Abby Sorota, Foundation board member and chair for the EGRNow! campaign; and Mike Reid, Foundation board president, presented a check to the district resulting in funds raised from the EGRNow! campaign in the amount of \$254,499. Amy thank Abby and Mike for their efforts with the fundraising campaign and service on the board, as well as the whole campaign committee. President Wolford accepted the check on behalf of the school board and thanked the Foundation for their tremendous efforts and organization on running another successful campaign.

Budget Hearing: 2017-2018 General Fund Budget (Enclosure #6)

Kevin Philipps, Assistant Superintendent of Business, reviewed the General Fund Budget. The 2016-2017 Final Budget Amendments were shared as well as the variances from the amended budget of net operational changes in revenues and expenses. Philipps shared the 2017-2018 Budget Assumptions (State Funding) based on revenue assumptions including the foundation allowance, student enrollment, the enhancement millage, and EGRNow! and presented the 2017-2018 Proposed Budget, as well as Future Year Projections. He discussed state budget challenges including the state general fund budget affecting K-12 funding, and the potential closing of the MPSERS Defined Benefit program to new employees. He also discussed internal budget challenges including student enrollment and employee compensation.

In summary, the General Fund budget is in a position of greater stability right now. Local initiatives are in place to provide additional support to all budgets. The questionable issues are whether or not the district will be able to weather the state's likely future fiscal storm, as well as student enrollment pressures.

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 Agenda, Numbers 8-10.

Approval of Minutes of REGULAR Meeting of 5/15/2017 (Enclosure #8)

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

Second Reading and Approval of New and Revised Policies (Enclosure #10)

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

OTHER ACTION ITEMS

Approval of 2017 Millage Rates for the General Fund Budget, Debt Retirement, Sinking Fund, and Recreation Millage (Enclosure #11)

Kevin Philipps presented background information on the 2017 Millage Rates for the General Fund Budget, Debt Retirement, Sinking Fund, and Recreation Millage.

Member Bernecker moved to approve the 2017 Millage Rates as described in Enclosure #11. Member Laackman seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Superintendent

Dr. Shubel reported that we are looking forward to next week's budget adoption and she thanked our PTOs and our entire community for their support of the countywide enhancement millage as well as the EGRNow! campaign, and the legislative committee in helping the community to understand the challenges we face with school funding shortfalls from the state.

Assistant Superintendent of Business

None.

Assistant Superintendent of Instruction

Jeanne Glowicki reported on the professional development sessions to be held in August for EGRPS staff members, with administrators and staff members presenting at several sessions. A discussion was held among the board.

The next regular board meeting will be held on Monday, June 12, 2017, at 6:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

President Wolford adjourned the meeting at 7:04 p.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.

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