

## **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, December 5, 2016**

### **MINUTES**

The **REGULAR MEETING** of the East Grand Rapids Public Schools Board of Education, Kent County, Michigan, was held on Monday, December 5, 2016, 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, Michelle Rabideau, Brian Coles, Mark Hessler

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, 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 – None

#### High School Student Council President's Report

Steve Wojciechowski, High School Assistant Principal, reported on student council activities. The Food Drive will be held prior to holiday break in collaboration with Arbor Circle where 30 families will benefit from donations provided by high school students and families. Kabookie Week will be coming up in January.

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

##### Recognition of Tim Johnston, MIAAA Region 4 Athletic Director of the Year Award

Jenny Fee, High School Principal, announced that Tim Johnston, Director of Athletics, was recognized by the Michigan Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association (MIAAA) as the 2016 Region 4 Athletic Director of the Year Award. Johnston was congratulated by the board and presented with a certificate of recognition.

##### Recognition of Girls Swim and Dive Team State Championship

Tim Johnston, Director of Athletics, announced the district's 128th State Championship and congratulated the Girls Swim and Dive Team on this honor. Johnston shared several highlights of the team's season. All coaches and members of the team were congratulated by the board and presented with certificates of recognition.

##### First Reading of New and Revised Policies

Dr. Shubel shared the policies that were reviewed by the Policy Review Committee as presented in Enclosure #8. A discussion was held among the board, and these policies will be presented for approval at the January 2017 board meeting.

#### **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 9-10.

Member Coles expressed appreciation for the new format of the check registers, listing checks in order of largest to smallest dollar amounts.

Approval of Minutes of REGULAR Meeting of 10/24/2016 (Enclosure #9)

Approval of Payment of Bills – October/November 2016 (Enclosure #10)

Member Coles moved to approve Consent Agenda items 9-10. Member Hessler seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

**OTHER ACTION ITEMS**

Approval of Regional Enhancement Millage Resolution – Dr. Shubel (Enclosure #11)

Background: Per Proposal A, individual school districts are limited in their ability to ask the taxpayers of their communities for an increase in operating funds to fulfill their demands for services to all students. The enhancement millage would increase the amount of property taxes collected from residents throughout the Kent ISD service area to fulfill the needs of our students.

Recommendation: Motion to pass a resolution supporting an enhancement millage of 0.9 mills for 10 years to be placed on the May 2017 election ballot to fulfill the educational expectations of our community and the needs of our students.

Dr. Shubel provided an overview of the resolution presented in Enclosure #11 and as described above. She clarified that the majority of Kent County districts would need to pass the resolution in order for the regional enhancement millage proposal to be placed on the election ballot in May 2017. A discussion was held among the board.

Member Milanowski moved to approve the resolution presented in Enclosure #11 supporting an enhancement millage of 0.9 mills for 10 years to be placed on the May 2017 election ballot. Member Welch seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Election of 2017 Board Member Officer Positions

President Wolford provided background information on the election of board member officers and commended the board on their commitment and dedication as evidenced by their willingness to serve in leadership positions on the board. Wolford reported that the board officer terms are from January 1 thru December 31, 2017.

President

Member Welch moved that Member Wolford continue to serve as President beginning January 2017. Member Rabideau seconded the motion. There were no other nominations. Motion passed 7-0.

Vice President

Member Bernecker moved that Member Welch continue to serve as Vice President beginning January 2017. Member Milanowski seconded the motion. There were no other nominations. Motion passed 7-0.

Treasurer

Member Milanowski moved that Member Bernecker continue to serve as Treasurer beginning January 2017. Member Bernecker seconded the motion. There were no other nominations. Motion passed 7-0.

Secretary

Member Wolford moved that Member Milanowski continue to serve as Secretary beginning January 2017. Member Welch seconded the motion. There were no other nominations. Motion passed 7-0.

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

Superintendent

Dr. Shubel and Tim Johnston announced that the Boys Tennis Team received Academic All State honors and congratulated the team.

Member Hessler announced that the Girls Cross Country team received Academic All State honors and congratulated the team.

Dr. Shubel reported that the EGR Schools Foundation funded over \$75,000 in grant requests during the fall grant cycle. She expressed sincere appreciation on behalf of the board and staff for the grants awarded to enhance district teaching and learning.

Dr. Shubel reported that the 2016 Community Budget Guide was sent to all EGRPS families. The district's goal continues to be transparent regarding our budget and the guide has been found to be a valuable communication tool for our community.

Dr. Shubel reported that the All Staff Holiday Breakfast will be held on Wednesday, December 14, 2016.

Dr. Shubel reported that the Superintendent's Evaluation Workshop will be held on January 9, 2017. A representative from MASB will conduct the workshop as part of the requirement to train the board on the new superintendent's evaluation instrument.

Assistant Superintendent of Business

No reports.

Assistant Superintendent of Instruction

Jeanne Glowicki shared a video of the Veterans Day activities that took place in the district in November. She reported that the district's diversity group has been in existence for 15 years and the group promotes year-long themes for our students, staff, and community.

Board Member Reports

*Communications Committee* – Member Milanowski reported that the 2016 Community Budget Guide was shared with the community.

*Facilities Committee* – No reports.

*Finance Committee* – Member Bernecker reported that the committee met and received countywide statistical comparisons and a discussion was held on the effects for EGRPS.

*Joint Facilities Committee* – Member Wolford reported that the committee met and approved Remington Field improvements which was 100% funded by fundraising efforts in the community. He shared that Kevin Philipps worked with the City of EGR to review and propose amendments to the Joint Facilities Agreement.

*Legislative Liaison Committee* – Member Welch reported that the committee has been meeting monthly. Recent discussions included the state pension revisions and the tax credit bill, and the group will continue to work with legislators on behalf of our school communities.

*Personnel Committee* – No reports.

*Policy Review Committee* – Member Wolford reported that the committee met to discuss the policies that were presented this evening.

Liaisons

*EGR Schools Foundation* – Member Milanowski thanked the Foundation for their review of the fall grant requests and their commitment to providing these funds to enhance student programs.

*Community Action Council* – No reports.

*PTO Council* – Dr. Shubel reported that a recap of building activities were discussed.

*Parks & Recreation* – Member Hessler reported that new board members are in place.

*Superintendent's Advisory Council (SAC)* – Member Coles reported that the first meeting was held in November where Jenny Fee presented high school highlights, and discussions were held regarding the many organizational activities that occur outside of the classroom.

*Leadership & Youth Development (LYD)* – Member Milanowski reported that Healthy High will be held in January. A process is in place to work with administration to offer additional leadership opportunities for students.

*Parent Advocates for Special Education (PASE)* – Member Bernecker reported that a meeting was held in November. Many resources are available to families, and the district's Special Education newsletter is another great resource for families.

Member Coles reported on the MASB Annual Conference that he attended in November. Coles recommended that two board members represent the district annually at this conference. He shared some of the issues that other districts are facing in comparison to EGRPS. President Wolford thanked Coles for attending on behalf of the board.

President Wolford announced that Michelle Rabideau will be departing from her role as an EGRPS board member. He thanked her for her eight years of service to the EGRPS Board of Education and commended her on her dedication and commitment to the students, staff, and community. Member Rabideau was presented with a gift certificate from the board. Member Rabideau expressed her appreciation and felt honored to serve on the board for the past eight years. She thanked Dr. Shubel for her leadership, and thanked the staff and students, also.

**ADJOURNMENT**

President Wolford adjourned the meeting at 7:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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

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