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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, January 23, 2017

MINUTES

The **REGULAR MEETING** of the East Grand Rapids Public Schools Board of Education, Kent County, Michigan, was held on Monday, January 23, 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, Bill Behrendt, Doug Jenkins, Jenny Fee, 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 an invitation from the Grand Rapids Symphony Friends to attend an orchestra performance in February.

High School Student Council President's Report - None

PRESENTATION / DISCUSSION ITEMS

CIMS: Cross Indicator Analysis Update – IEP Related Timelines Reviewed - Bill Behrendt, Director of Special Education, provided a brief report of a Cross Indicator Analysis as a follow-up to an activity related to a Continuous Improvement and Monitoring System (CIMS) activity assigned in April of 2016. Bill Behrendt, Director of Special Education, reported that out of the 461 IEPs completed during the 2015-2016 school year, 100% of the IEPs met the timely compliance deadlines identified by the State of Michigan. One data error was identified through this review process. The EGRPS Special Education Department discovered that the data collection system for the State of Michigan does not recognize the initial date of an IEP when more than one IEP has been held during a count period. As a department, we will monitor this issue during data submission periods to ensure the absence of false submissions.

School Board Recognition Month-January 2017 – On behalf of the administrative team, Dr. Shubel recognized and thanked the board members for their dedication and the work they do on behalf of the community, students, and staff. A token of appreciation was presented to each board member.

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 8-12.

Approval of Minutes of REGULAR Meeting of 12/05/2016 (Enclosure #8)

Approval of Minutes of SPECIAL Meeting of 01/09/2017-Evaluation Workshop (Enclosure #9)

Approval of Payment of Bills – December 2016 (Enclosure #10)

Second Reading and Approval of New and Revised Policies (Enclosure #11)

Approval of Petition to Strike Personal Property Taxes (Enclosure 12)

Member Hessler moved to approve Consent Agenda items 8-12. Member Coles seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

OTHER ACTION ITEMS

Approval of Schools of Choice Resolutions for 2017-2018 – Dr. Shubel (Enclosure #13 a-c)

East Grand Rapids Public Schools has participated in the Kent Intermediate School District Collaborative Schools of Choice Program since its inception in the 1996-97 school year.

a. Approval of a Resolution to Opt Out of Section 105

Background: East Grand Rapids Public Schools has opted out of the State Choice Plan since the inception of the KISD Collaborative Schools of Choice Plan in the 1996-97 school year.

Recommendation: Motion to pass a resolution to exercise the option permitted by Section 105 of the State School Aid Act of 1979, as amended by Public Act 300 of 1996, to not accept Section 105 applications of non-resident students from outside our district, for purposes of operating an intermediate school district-wide schools of choice program in accordance with Section 105 for the 2017-2018 school year.

Member Coles moved to approve a Resolution to exercise the option permitted by Section 105 of the State School Aid Act of 1979, as amended by Public Act 300 of 1996, to not accept Section 105 applications of non-resident students from outside our district, for purposes of operating an intermediate school district-wide schools of choice program in accordance with Section 105 for the 2017-2017 school year. Member Bernecker seconded the motion. Motion passes 7-0.

b. Approval of a Resolution to Opt In of Section 105c

Background: In accordance with Section 105c as permitted in the State School Aid Act, Public Act 119 of 1999, as amended by Public Act 297 of 2000, it is recommended that East Grand Rapids Public Schools will accept applications for enrollment from residents of contiguous intermediate school districts for the 2017-2018 school year.

Recommendation: Motion to pass a resolution to exercise the option permitted by Section 105c of the State School Aid Act, Public Act 119 of 1999, as amended by Public Act 297 of 2000, to accept applications for enrollment from residents of contiguous intermediate school districts for the 2017-2018 school year.

Member Milanowski moved to approve a Resolution to Opt In to Section 105c for the 2017-2018 school year. Member Coles seconded the motion. Motion passes 7-0.

c. Approval of a Resolution to Participate in the 2017-2018 Kent Intermediate School District Collaborative Schools of Choice Program

Background: This is the 14th year of the KISD Schools of Choice Program.

Recommendation: Motion to pass a resolution to participate in the Kent ISD Collaborative Schools of Choice Program for the 2017-2018 school year.

Member Hessler moved to approve a Resolution to participate in the Kent ISD Collaborative Schools of Choice Program for the 2017-2017 school year. Member Bernecker seconded the motion. Motion passes 7-0.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Superintendent

Dr. Shubel reported that she was invited by Rep. Winnie Brinks to be her guest at the Governor's State of the State address. Dr. Shubel appreciated the invitation and shared highlights of the Governor's address as it related to education.

Dr. Shubel announced another Academic All-State team from the fall sports season, Girls Golf, and publicly recognized the team for their accomplishments.

Dr. Shubel announced that the high school We the People team, under the leadership of first year coach, Adam Horos, won the state level competition and will be moving on to compete in the national competition in Washington, D.C. in April. The team will be invited to the March 13 board meeting to publicly recognize their accomplishments.

Assistant Superintendent of Business

Kevin Philipps reported on the January Revenue Conference summarizing the results and shared that a projected increase of up to \$160 per-pupil was feasible in the foundation allowance. Additional information will be available when the Governor presents his proposed budget for 2017-2018, which is currently scheduled for early February. As we learn more in February, Philipps will provide an update on the budget and what that will mean for the EGRPS 2017-2018 budget. We currently have an estimated \$75 per-pupil increase in our budget forecast. A discussion was held among the board.

Assistant Superintendent of Instruction

Jeanne Glowicki shared an overview of the MLK activities and celebrations that took place throughout the district and the continuing diversity themes that take place throughout the school year. A video of middle school activities was presented and a discussion was held among the board. The board expressed their appreciation on behalf of the entire community.

Board Member Reports

Communications Committee – Member Milanowski reported that a meeting will be scheduled in the near future.

Facilities Committee – No reports.

Finance Committee – No reports.

Joint Facilities Committee – No reports.

Legislative Liaison Committee – Member Welch reported that the committee has tentatively scheduled a Town Hall meeting on April 24, 2017, inviting legislators to attend.

Personnel Committee – Member Wolford reported that the board attended a required training session provided by the MASB on the superintendent evaluation rubric. The board learned of the state requirements and that we are already using a similar evaluation model. We will proceed with the formal superintendent evaluation as previously scheduled in April 2017.

Policy Review Committee – No reports.

Liaisons

EGR Schools Foundation – Member Milanowski reported that the first meeting of 2017 will be held tomorrow evening. Dr. Shubel and Kevin Philipps met with members of the EGRNow! committee to discuss future plans. Giving Tuesday and the End of Year appeal were very successful. Grant requests in the amount of \$75,000 were funded in the fall grant cycle. The 10th and LAST Hurrah! will be held on April 22 on the top floor of the parking structure in Gaslight Village.

Community Action Council – No reports.

PTO Council – Member Wolford reported that the next meeting will be held on January 30.

Parks & Recreation – No reports.

Superintendent's Advisory Council (SAC) – Member Coles reported that a meeting was held last week. Topics of discussion included curriculum, third grade legislation, MLK events, and the Regional Enhancement Millage.

Leadership & Youth Development (LYD) – Member Milanowski reported that a successful Healthy High event was held last week. Existing programs were reviewed and there will be a focus on middle school programming and opportunities for mentoring throughout the district.

Parent Advocates for Special Education (PASE) – Member Bernecker reported that recent discussions focused on post-secondary transitions.

The next regular board meeting will be held on Monday, February 20, 2017, at 6:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

President Wolford adjourned the meeting at 6:54 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.

** If you plan to attend and have a special need and require accommodation to attend this meeting, please contact Dr. Sara M. Shubel, Superintendent, at 235-3535.