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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, May 15, 2017

MINUTES

The **REGULAR MEETING** of the East Grand Rapids Public Schools Board of Education, Kent County, Michigan, was held on Monday, May 15, 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, Brad Laackman

Absent: Brian Coles

Administration: Dr. Sara Magaña Shubel, Jeanne Glowicki, Kevin Philipps, Bill Behrendt, Doug Jenkins, Jenny Fee, Lori 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 communication from Rolf and Emily Smith on student matters.

The board received a Thank You note from Tad VandenBrink for the Schuler gift card on the birth of his daughter, Lena Dawn.

High School Student Council President's Report – No report.

PRESENTATION / DISCUSSION ITEMS

First Reading of Revised Policies (Enclosure #6)

Dr. Shubel presented the policies that were reviewed by the Policy Review Committee as presented in Enclosure #6. A discussion was held among the board and these policies will be presented for approval at the June 5 board meeting.

Brian Coles arrived at 6:01 p.m.

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 7-9.

Approval of Minutes of REGULAR Meeting of 4/17/2017 (Enclosure #7)

Approval of Minutes of SPECIAL Meeting of 4/18/2017 – Superintendent Evaluation (Enclosure #8)

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

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

OTHER ACTION ITEMS

Resolution of Kent ISD School Board Election (Enclosure #10)

President Wolford provided background information regarding the Kent ISD School Board Election. Under Section 614(2) of the Revised School Code, the board adopts the resolution of the Kent ISD School Board Election for the purpose of designating a voting delegate and alternate from each constituent district as described in Enclosure #10.

Member Bernecker moved to adopt the Kent ISD School Board Resolution designating Member Coles as a voting delegate and Member Hessler as an alternate representative as described in Enclosure #10. A discussion was held among the board. Member Welch seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Approval of KISD Budget for 2017-2018 (Enclosure #11)

Background: The State of Michigan requires that local school boards review their ISD's proposed budget and act in support or non-support of the budget. The Finance Committee has discussed the KISD 2017-2018 budget and recommends support.

Recommendation: Motion to support the KISD 2017-2018 budget as presented.

Kevin Philipps, Assistant Superintendent of Business, provided background information on the KISD Budget for 2017-2018.

Member Hessler moved to approve the KISD Budget for 2017-2018 as presented in Enclosure #11. Member Laackman seconded the motion. A discussion was held among the board. Motion passed 7-0.

Approval of the Superintendent's Evaluation and Contract Extension

President Wolford reported that the board complied with the state mandate to conduct the annual evaluation of Dr. Shubel on April 18, 2017, utilizing the MASB evaluation rubric. After a very thorough review, the board deemed Dr. Shubel to be highly effective. The board complimented Dr. Shubel on student growth numbers and efforts in financial areas. A discussion was held among the board. The board is recommending to extend Dr. Shubel's contract by one year to June 30, 2020.

Member Milanowski moved to approve the Superintendent's Evaluation and extend her contract by one year to June 30, 2020. Member Coles seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Superintendent

Dr. Shubel congratulated the high school First Robotics Team for their accomplishments in competing in the world competition again this year and shared that they did a great job in representing EGRPS.

Dr. Shubel congratulated the We The People team for their accomplishments in competing and earning recognition in the Top 10 in the national competition.

Dr. Shubel announced that there are seven staff members in the district who will be receiving tenure as listed in Enclosure #13.

Dr. Shubel announced the upcoming dates of:

Baccalaureate – Tuesday, May 23 at 6:00 p.m. at Fountain Street Church

High School Graduation Ceremony – Thursday, May 25 at 7:00 p.m. at Memorial Field

Staff Retirement Breakfast – Thursday, June 8 at 8:00 a.m.

Assistant Superintendent of Business

Kevin Philipps presented an update of the 2017-2018 budget. He expressed gratitude to the community for their strong support of the countywide enhancement millage. He shared that discussions around financial sustainability for the district include the "three legs of the stool" which include state funding, the enhancement millage, and EGRNow! More information will be known following the May Revenue Conference. Philipps shared that the district's proposed budget will be presented at the June 5 Budget Hearing.

President Wolford acknowledged Lucy Shair and the Legislative Committee for getting information out to the community on the enhancement millage. He also thanked Amy Stuursma, Executive Director the EGR Schools Foundation, and her team for their efforts with the EGRNow! campaign and raising awareness that this is an opportunity to restore some positions that had previously been cut. A discussion was held among the board.

Assistant Superintendent of Instruction

Jeanne Glowicki presented the modifications to the special education reproductive health curriculum. Modifications were made to provide resources for special education students. She shared that there was no change in content to the curriculum. Glowicki expressed the team's appreciation for the time to work on these modifications. A discussion was held among the board.

Board Member Reports

Communications Committee – No reports

Facilities Committee – No reports

Finance Committee – Member Bernecker reviewed the items discussed on tonight's agenda.

Joint Facilities Committee – Member Wolford reported that a meeting will be held on May 18.

Personnel Committee – Member Wolford reported that a meeting will be held on May 17.

Policy Review Committee – Member Wolford reported that a meeting was held and items were previously discussed this evening.

Legislative Liaison Committee – Member Welch reported that a meeting was held last week and the committee debriefed on the enhancement millage. The Town Hall was well attended with good feedback received. Welch provided an update on current bills being considered.

Liaisons

EGR Schools Foundation – Member Milanowski reported on EGRNow! The Gerken Open will be held on May 31.

Leadership & Youth Development (LYD) – Member Milanowski reported that the board met last week. Tommy Kawel, high school English teacher, has agreed to join LYD as a staff coordinator and liaison. LYD board voted to not hold Healthy High in 2017/2018.

Community Action Council – No reports

Parks & Recreation – Member Hessler reported that he will meet with the Joint Facilities committee.

PTO Council – Member Wolford reported that a meeting was held at Breton Downs, and the next meeting is the annual luncheon.

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

Parent Advocates for Special Education (PASE) – Member Bernecker reported on communications, transitions, and great leadership with PASE.

The next board meeting, the Budget Hearing, will be held on Monday, June 5, 2017, at 6:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

President Wolford adjourned the meeting at 6:37 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.

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