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EAST GRAND RAPIDS PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Kent County, Michigan

SPECIAL 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, March 26, 2018

MINUTES

The **SPECIAL MEETING** of the East Grand Rapids Public Schools Board of Education, Kent County, Michigan, was held on Monday, March 26, 2018, in the Community Board Room at the James E. Morse Administration Center, 2915 Hall Street SE, East Grand Rapids, MI 49506.

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Present: Natalie Bernecker, Elizabeth Welch, Beth Milanowski, Robert Wolford, Brian Coles, Mark Hessler, Brad Laackman
Absent: None
Administration: Jenny Fee
Others: Christopher Trebilcock, Clark Hill Attorney

Meeting Called to Order

President Bernecker called the meeting to order at 4:35 p.m.

Public Comments - None

Closed Session (Michigan Open Meetings Act, MCL 15.268, Sec. 8(e))

Member Welch moved to go into Closed Session for the purpose of consulting with its attorney as permissible in MCL 15.268, Sec. 8(e). Member Coles supported the motion. By a roll call vote, the motion passed 7-0.

The board reviewed an Opinion Letter regarding a FOIA Appeal, and a discussion was held among the board.

Open Session

By a roll call vote, the board returned to Open Session and continued with the following Action Items.

ACTION ITEMS

Approval of Resolution of FOIA Appeal

Member Wolford moved to deny the March 20 FOIA Appeal submitted by Mr. Troy Baker of WOODTV 8. Member Coles seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Approval of Contract for Superintendent Search Firm

Background: The Superintendent Search Committee received three responses from the Requests for Proposals sent to three consulting firms. Following review of the proposals, the Committee recommends approval of a contract with a consulting firm.

Recommendation: Motion to approve a contract for a Superintendent Search Consultant as recommended by the Superintendent Search Committee.

The Superintendent Search Committee received three responses from the Request for Proposal letter sent to three consulting firms. Member Welch reviewed the process of identifying the search firms, sending the letters of Request for Proposals, and reviewing the results. Following review of the proposals, the Committee recommends approval of a contract with a consulting firm.

Member Bernecker moved to approve a contract with Dr. Rod Green of MASB to perform a Superintendent Search, as recommended by the Superintendent Search Committee. Member Wolford seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Member Welch reported that we will finalize a contract with MASB and she suggests the Board work towards a special meeting after Spring Break to meet with MASB in a work session. We will ask them for a timeline, a draft advertisement, their vision of a process for stakeholder groups and also feedback to come through our website. The Board will provide input on desired qualifications of the next Superintendent. The Board agreed on a tentative date of Tuesday, April 10, 2018, at 7:30 a.m. for a Board work session to meet with MASB. This date will be confirmed by Member Welch when she calls MASB to let them know we would like to work with them.

Any other matters that come before the Board.

ADJOURNMENT

President Bernecker adjourned the meeting at 6:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Beth Milanowski". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the text "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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