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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 14, 2018

MINUTES

The **REGULAR MEETING** of the East Grand Rapids Public Schools Board of Education, Kent County, Michigan, was held on Monday, May 14, 2018, in 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, Brian Coles, Robert Wolford, Mark Hessler, Brad Laackman

Absent: Beth Milanowski

Administration: Dr. Sara Magaña Shubel, Jenny Fee, Kevin Philipps, Bill Behrendt, Doug Jenkins, Craig Weigel, Lori Johnston, Tim Johnston, Anthony Morey, Carlye Allen, Stephanie Thelen

Meeting Called to Order

President Bernecker called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Public Comments

Bill Saxton – Candidate for State House of Representatives, thanked the board for the opportunity to continuing learning from the board and administrators.

Board Secretary's Report: Communications to and from the Board

The board received a Thank You from Mike Curle, District Hardware Technician, on the birth of his daughter, Elizabeth Jane.

Student Council President's Report – Tomer Andegeko, Student Council President, reported that a successful prom was held this past weekend and was arranged by the junior class. Seniors are planning graduation activities. Student Council elections were held, and Will Marsh will be the executive president next year.

Member Milanowski arrived at 6:03 p.m.

PRESENTATION / DISCUSSION ITEMS

Hour of Code

Doug Jenkins, Director of Technology, provided an overview of the Hour of Code activities sharing that the district joined in 2014 with the purpose of providing opportunities for students in coding as a growing field for future generations. The activities started in the elementary classrooms and have expanded to the middle school and high school with game design, and coding exercises with colleges. A video was shared with the board and Jenkins explained that ideas are continuing to expand throughout the district and opportunities are sought to grow the field of programming and Hour of Code. A discussion was held among the board.

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 6-10.

Approval of Minutes of REGULAR Meeting of 4/16/2018 (Enclosure #6)

Approval of Minutes of SPECIAL Meeting of 4/24/2018 (Enclosure #7)

Approval of Payment of Bills – April 2018 (Enclosure #8)

Second Reading and Approval of Revised Policies (Enclosure #9)

Approval of ELA Addendum (Enclosure #10)

Member Milanowski moved to approve Consent Agenda items 6-10. Member Welch seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

ACTION ITEMS - CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of KISD Budget for 2018-2019 (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 2018-2019 budget and recommends support.

Recommendation: Motion to support the KISD 2018-2019 budget as presented.

Kevin Philipps, Assistant Superintendent of Business, provided background information on the KISD Budget for 2018-2019.

Member Coles moved to approve the KISD Budget for 2018-2019 as presented. Member Laackman seconded the motion. A discussion was held among the board. Motion passed 7-0.

Approval of 2018-2019 Teacher Contracts (Enclosure #12)

Dr. Shubel announced that the district has hired 16 teachers, many of whom will replace retiring teachers. She shared that the administrative team is excited to welcome our new staff members to the district. A discussion was held among the board.

Member Hessler moved to approve the 2018-2019 Teacher Contracts as presented. Member Wolford seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Superintendent

Dr. Shubel announced that there are eight staff members in the district who will be receiving tenure as presented.

Dr. Shubel announced the upcoming dates of:

Baccalaureate – Tuesday, May 22 at 6pm at Fountain Street Church

High School Graduation Ceremony – Thursday, May 24 at 7pm at Memorial Field

Staff Retirement Breakfast – Tuesday, June 5 at 8am at Rose's Restaurant

Assistant Superintendent of Business

No reports.

Assistant Superintendent of Instruction

Jenny Fee shared a Summer Learning update which will be held in June with all opportunities aligned with our district and school improvement plans. She also shared that further learning opportunities will be offered in August prior to the start of the school year.

Board Member Reports

Communications Committee – No reports.

Facilities Committee – No reports.

Finance Committee – No reports.

Joint Facilities Committee – President Bernecker reported that a meeting was held on May 7. The City has started a tennis ball recycling program. An assessment study was conducted of our playgrounds. Exit mats for swings will be replaced.

Personnel Committee – No reports.

Policy Review Committee – No reports.

Legislative Liaison Committee – Member Welch reported that plans are underway for a Town Hall meeting to take place in the fall. Legislature is discussing adding 41 hours to the school week.

Liaisons

EGR Schools Foundation – Member Wolford reported that the focus is on EGRNow! This year's goal is \$250,000.

Community Action Council – No reports.

Leadership & Youth Development (LYD) – Member Milanowski reported that a membership drive will be held on June 7. She provided an update on student groups.

Parks & Recreation – Member Hessler reported that the next meeting will be held in June.

PTO Council – No reports.

Parent Advocates for Special Education (PASE) – Member Laackman reported that plans are underway for next year. Elections were held. Topics for next year's speakers were discussed.

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

The next Regular/Budget Hearing will be held on Monday, June 4, 2018, at 6:00 p.m.
The next Regular board meeting will be held on Monday, June 11, 2018, at 6:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

President Bernecker adjourned the meeting at 6:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Beth Milanowski". The signature is written in black 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.

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