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EAST GRAND RAPIDS PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Kent County, Michigan

REGULAR/BUDGET HEARING 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, June 4, 2018

MINUTES

The **REGULAR MEETING** of the East Grand Rapids Public Schools Board of Education, Kent County, Michigan, was held on Monday, June 4, 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, Beth Milanowski, Brian Coles, Robert Wolford, Mark Hessler, Brad Laackman

Absent: None

Administration: Dr. Sara Magaña Shubel, Jenny Fee, Kevin Philipps, Doug Jenkins

Meeting Called to Order

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

Public Comments - None

Board Secretary's Report: Communications to and from the Board - None

PRESENTATION / DISCUSSION ITEMS

EGRNow! Check Presentation – Amy Stuursma, Executive Director of EGR Schools Foundation; Abby Sorota, Foundation board member and Chair of EGRNow! campaign; and Kim Bardeggia, Committee Member; presented a check to the district resulting in funds raised from the EGRNow! campaign in the amount of \$239,709. Sorota acknowledged the whole campaign committee for all their work and fundraising efforts. President Bernecker accepted the check on behalf of the school board and thank the Foundation and EGRNow! committee for their tremendous efforts and organization on running another successful campaign, and she thanked the whole community for their generosity.

Budget Hearing: 2018-2019 General Fund Budget (Enclosure #5)

Kevin Philipps, Assistant Superintendent of Business, reviewed the General Fund Budget. The 2017-2018 Final Budget Amendments were shared as well as variances from the amended budget of net operational changes in revenues and expenses. Philipps shared the 2018-2019 Budget Assumptions (State Funding) based on revenue assumptions including the foundation allowance, student enrollment, the enhancement millage, and EGRNow! and presented the 2018-2019 Proposed Budget, as well as Future Year Projections.

In summary, the 2018-2019 General Fund budget reflects a balanced budget which maintains all student programs and services. The fund balance will fall between 8-9%, and we are expecting \$218 per-pupil increase which is the largest increase since 2006. Summary discussions included continued projected reductions in student enrollment as a significant concern; the ability to provide compensation increases for staff within a balanced budget; cost savings from the resignation incentive will assist the district budget for the next several years; and continued changes with the MPSERS system that could impact district costs in future years. A discussion was held among the board.

ACTION ITEMS - CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of 2018 Millage Rates for the General Fund Budget, Debt Retirement, Sinking Fund, and Recreation Millage (Enclosure #6)

Kevin Philipps provided background information on the 2018 Millage Rates for the General Fund Budget, Debt Retirement, Sinking Fund, and Recreation Millage.

Member Milanowski moved to approve 2018 Millage Rates as presented. Member Coles seconded the motion. A discussion was held among the board. Motion passed 7-0.

Approval of 2018-2019 Teacher Contracts (Enclosure #7)

Dr. Shubel announced that the district has hired three additional teachers as listed in Enclosure #7.

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

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Superintendent - None

Assistant Superintendent of Business - None

Assistant Superintendent of Instruction – None

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 6:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Beth Milanowski". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name of the signatory.

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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