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*Educating and inspiring each student  
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### EAST GRAND RAPIDS PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Kent County, Michigan

#### SPECIAL MEETING of the East Grand Rapids Board of Education

Community Board Room at the James E. Morse Administration Center at Woodcliff, 2915 Hall Street SE, East Grand Rapids, MI 49506

Wednesday, June 13, 2018

#### MINUTES

The **SPECIAL MEETING** of the East Grand Rapids Public Schools Board of Education, Kent County, Michigan, was held on Wednesday, June 13, 2018, in the Community Board Room at the James. E. Morse Administration Center at Woodcliff, 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  
Others: Dr. Rodney Green, MASB Executive Search Consultant

#### Meeting Called to Order

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

#### Public Comments – None

#### Initial Interviews of Superintendent Candidates

**Karen Sherwood, Ph.D.**, Superintendent in Kalkaska, Michigan, was introduced to the Board.

President Bernecker welcomed Dr. Sherwood and described the format for the interview. The task of choosing the Superintendent is the responsibility of the Board as representatives of the community. The Board appreciates and seeks input from staff and community members during this process. While the Board is not seeking recommendations as to which individual should be hired, input is sought on the strengths and concerns for each candidate. The Board is prohibited by law from considering the race, religion, color, national origin, age, gender, height, weight, marital status, or disability of a candidate as a basis for hiring decisions.

Dr. Sherwood then responded to questions from the Board. Dr. Sherwood gave her closing statement. President Bernecker thanked Dr. Sherwood for her interest in the position.

The Board recessed at 7:17 p.m. The Board reconvened 7:23 p.m.

**Marguerite Vanden Wyngaard, Ph.D.**, former Superintendent in Albany, New York, was introduced to the Board.

President Bernecker welcomed Dr. Vanden Wyngaard and described the format for the interview.

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Dr. Vanden Wyngaard then responded to questions from the Board. Dr. Vanden Wyngaard gave her closing statement. President Bernecker thanked Dr. Sherwood for her interest in the position.

The Board is holding interviews with two additional candidates on Friday, June 15, and finalist candidate interviews are scheduled for Tuesday, June 19.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

President Bernecker adjourned the meeting at 8:26 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. jmm 6/14/2018