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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

Friday, June 15, 2018

MINUTES

The **SPECIAL MEETING** of the East Grand Rapids Public Schools Board of Education, Kent County, Michigan, was held on Friday, June 15, 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, Brian Coles, Mark Hessler, Brad Laackman
Absent: Robert Wolford
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

Patricia Murphy-Alderman, Ed.S., Superintendent in Byron Area Schools, Michigan, was introduced to the Board.

President Bernecker welcomed Ms. Murphy-Alderman 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.

Ms. Murphy-Alderman then responded to questions from the Board. Ms. Murphy-Alderman gave her closing statement. President Bernecker thanked Ms. Murphy-Alderman for her interest in the position.

The Board recessed at 7:02 p.m. The Board reconvened 7:10 p.m.

Heidi Kattula, Ph.D., Executive Director for District and School Services, Oakland Schools, was introduced to the Board.

President Bernecker welcomed Dr. Kattula and again described the format for the interview.

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

The Board reviewed the feedback forms completed by audience members, and Dr. Green initiated the process of deliberations. A discussion was held among the board.

President Bernecker moved to recommend Dr. Heidi Kattula to return for a final candidate interview on Tuesday, June 19 at 6:00 p.m. Member Laackman seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

Dr. Green explained the format for the final interview to be held on Tuesday, June 19 at 6:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

President Bernecker adjourned the meeting at 9:26 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 6/18/2018