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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

Tuesday, June 19, 2018

MINUTES

The **SPECIAL MEETING** of the East Grand Rapids Public Schools Board of Education, Kent County, Michigan, was held on Friday, June 19, 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

Second Interview of Superintendent Candidate – Heidi Kattula, Ed.D.

President Bernecker described the format for the second round interview of superintendent candidate, Dr. Heidi Kattula. The board will recess following the interview and will reconvene for deliberation.

Questions from the audience will be included at the end of the session, if time permits. 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.

Dr. Kattula presented a 90-Day Entry Plan to the board which includes plans for groundwork, to build community, deepen understanding, and determine strategic opportunities leading to success. Five key areas of focus include the governance team, organizational capacity and alignment, student achievement, community and public relations, as well as operations and finance.

Dr. Kattula then responded to questions from the Board. She then responded to questions from the audience. Dr. Kattula thanked the Board for the opportunity for a second interview and provided her closing statement. President Bernecker thanked Dr. Kattula for her time and interest in East Grand Rapids Public Schools.

The Board recessed at 7:24 p.m. The Board reconvened at 7:40 p.m.

Dr. Green facilitated the Board discussion, reviewed reference checks, discussed contract terms, and explained that a motion is needed to proceed with offering the superintendent position to the final candidate pending a successful contract agreement.

Member Milanowski moved to offer a contract to Dr. Heidi Kattula for the position of EGRPS Superintendent. Member Welch seconded the motion. A discussion was held among the board. Motion passed 7-0.

Dr. Green provided further review of the superintendent search process.

The Board recessed at 8:10 p.m. The Board reconvened at 8:17 p.m.

Dr. Green placed a phone call to Dr. Kattula to communicate the Board's offer to extend a contract to her as the district's next superintendent. He provided terms of the contract, and Dr. Kattula verbally accepted the position. Dr. Green and the Board congratulated Dr. Kattula and informed her that the contract will be sent to her to obtain her signature and finalize the agreement.

ADJOURNMENT

President Bernecker adjourned the meeting at 8:22 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 6/20/2018