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EAST GRAND RAPIDS PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Kent County, Michigan

SPECIAL 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

Wednesday, January 30, 2019

MINUTES

The **SPECIAL MEETING** of the East Grand Rapids Public Schools Board of Education, Kent County, Michigan, was held on Wednesday, January 30, 2019, in the 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, Brad Laackman, Mark Hessler, Mike Reid, Janice Yates

Absent: None

Administration: Dr. Heidi S. Kattula, Jenny Fee, Craig Weigel, Steve Wojciechowski, Bill Behrendt

Meeting Called to Order

President Bernecker called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m.

Public Comments – None

President Bernecker described the process that would be used for the student discipline hearing concerning Student Doe. President Bernecker also described the difference between an open and closed hearing.

Parents/Guardians of Student Doe waived their right to attend today's hearing; however, prior to today's meeting, parents/guardians requested in writing that the meeting be held in Closed Session.

Closed Session per Parent Request (Michigan Open Meetings Act, MCLA 15.268, Sec. 8 [b])

Member Hessler moved to go into Closed Session for the purpose of a student discipline hearing at the request of the parent/guardian. Member Welch supported the motion. By a roll call vote, the motion passed 7-0.

Following the information that was presented, high school administrators were dismissed during the board's deliberations.

Open Session

At 4:06 p.m., Member Yates moved to return to Regular Session. Member Laackman supported the motion. The motion passed 7-0.

High school administrators rejoined the meeting during Open Session.

President Bernecker commended Ms. Fee, Mr. Weigel, and Mr. Wojciechowski for the way they conducted their investigation concerning this situation.

President Bernecker moved to permanently expel Student Doe from East Grand Rapids Public Schools for violation of Board Policy 8300. Member Laackman supported the motion. The motion passed 7-0.

President Bernecker reported that the Board's decision would be provided to the parents/guardians of Student Doe in writing along with their rights to appeal the decision.

Any other matters that come before the Board – None

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business before the Board, President Bernecker adjourned the special meeting at 4:10 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 616-235-3535.

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