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EAST GRAND RAPIDS PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Kent County, Michigan

REGULAR 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

Monday, February 25, 2019

MINUTES

The **REGULAR MEETING** of the East Grand Rapids Public Schools Board of Education, Kent County, Michigan, was held on Monday, February 25, 2019, in the Community Board Room at the James E. Morse Administration Center, 2915 Hall Street SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49506.

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Present: Natalie Bernecker, Elizabeth Welch, Beth Milanowski, Brad Laackman, Mark Hessler, Mike Reid, Janice Yates

Absent:

Administration: Dr. Heidi Kattula, Kevin Philipps, Jenny Fee, Doug Jenkins, Craig Weigel, Steve Wojciechowski, Lori Johnston, Tim Johnston, Anthony Morey, Shelly Schram, Carlye Allen, Caroline Breault-Cannon

Meeting Called to Order

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

Acknowledgment of Guests – President Bernecker recognized Chad Zagel, EGR City Commissioner.

Public Comments – None

Board Secretary's Report: Communications to and from the Board

The board received communication from John Siemion regarding his candidacy for the MASB Board of Directors – Region 3. The board received an invitation from the Grand Rapids Symphony Friends to attend the February multimedia performances. The board received communication from Christopher Gutek on Snow Days.

Student Council President's Report

Chris Bruinsma, Student Council Executive Board Vice President, reported that graduation preparations are underway. The Blood Drive is rescheduled for April 29. Prom will be held at Studio D2D on May 11.

PRESENTATION / DISCUSSION

High School Choir Student Recognitions

Craig Weigel, High School Principal; and Dr. James Borst, High School Choir Director, announced that high school students, Brenden Bagnall and Grant White were selected for the MHSVMA State Honors Choir and Regional Honors Choir respectively. These students were congratulated by the board and presented with certificates of recognition.

High School Mathematics Curriculum Presentation

Jenny Fee, Assistant Superintendent of Instruction; and Tim Farmer, high school mathematics teacher, presented on the high school mathematics curriculum. The background and a detailed overview was provided as described in Enclosure #6. A discussion was held among the board. There are no changes to the budget, and the proposal will be presented to the board for approval at the March 18 board meeting.

ACTION ITEMS - CONSENT AGENDA

Background: In order to save time during the meeting, we are using a Consent Agenda. Items in the Consent Agenda include those that are routine or have been previously discussed by the Board of Education. Any board member may request to have any item removed for a separate discussion and vote.

Recommendation: Motion to approve the items in the Consent Agenda Numbers 7-9.

Approval of Minutes of REGULAR Meeting of 01/30/2018 (Enclosure #7)

Approval of Minutes of SPECIAL Meeting of 01/30/2019 (Enclosure #8)

Approval of Payment of Bills – January 2019 (Enclosure #9)

Member Hessler moved to approve Consent Agenda items 7-9. Member Welch seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

OTHER ACTION ITEMS

MASB Board of Directors – Region 3 Election – (Enclosure #10)

Dr. Kattula and President Bernecker reported that the Michigan Association of School Boards (MASB) is requesting votes from school boards for candidates seeking election to the MASB Board of Directors. Three candidates are running for a seat in Region 3. The candidates are listed in Enclosure #10. A discussion was held among the board.

Member Bernecker moved to vote for Katherine Downes Lewis, MASB Region 3 candidate to the MASB Board of Directors. Member Laackman seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Approval of Numbers for the 2019-2020 Schools of Choice Programs – Dr. Kattula (Enclosure #11)

Background: East Grand Rapids Public Schools has participated in the Kent Intermediate School District Collaborative Schools of Choice Program since its inception in the 1996-1997 school year. The Finance Committee and Superintendent are recommending that we accept 24 students through the 2019-2020 Kent ISD Collaborative Schools of Choice Program.

Recommendation: Motion to accept 24 students through the 2019-2020 Kent ISD Collaborative Schools of Choice Program.

Dr. Kattula and Kevin Philipps reviewed the Schools of Choice process and explained how recommended numbers are determined.

Member Milanowski moved to accept 24 students through the Kent ISD Collaborative Schools of Choice Program. A discussion was held among the board. Member Laackman seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Superintendent

Dr. Kattula provided a historical overview of the Tuition Enrollment Program (TEP) and shared that the district is extending the TEP program to grades 6 and 7 beginning with the 2019-2020 school year.

Dr. Kattula reported that the district make-up instructional day will be held on Monday, April 8, 2019, due to the excessive number of snow days allowable by the state.

Dr. Kattula reported that President Bernecker and Vice President Welch have held meetings and will continue to meet with state legislators; Sen. Winnie Brinks, Rep. Rachel Hood, Rep. Lynn Afendoulis, and Rep. David LaGrand in an effort to build relationships and discuss education issues. Rep. Hood will meet further with Kevin Philipps after the state budget is released.

Assistant Superintendent of Business - No further reports.

Assistant Superintendent of Instruction - No further reports.

Board Member Reports

Communications Committee – Member Milanowski reported that a meeting will be held tomorrow.

Facilities Committee – No reports.

Finance Committee – No additional reports.

Joint Facilities Committee – Member Bernecker reported that a meeting will be held in March.

Personnel Committee – No reports.

Policy Review Committee – No reports.

Liaisons

Community Action Council – Member Yates reported that the committee is interested in having *Tall Cop* return to the district.

EGR Schools Foundation – Member Laackman reported that a meeting will be held tomorrow. Sip & Support will be held in March.

Legislative Liaison Committee – No reports.

Parks & Recreation – Member Hessler reported that a meeting is scheduled to take place in March.

PTO Council – Member Bernecker reported that a meeting was held today. Meetings are now held at Lakeside to enable the teacher liaison the ability to attend the meetings. At the meeting, Dr. Kattula discussed snow days and make-up options.

Parent Advocates for Special Education (PASE) – Member Reid met with the Director of Special Education and looks forward to his continued learning in the area of special education.

Leadership & Youth Development (LYD) – Member Milanowski reported that a meeting will be held tomorrow to review youth advisory board applications.

Superintendent's Advisory Council (SAC) – Member Milanowski reported that the last meeting is scheduled to take place on March 13.

ADJOURNMENT

President Bernecker adjourned the meeting at 7:00 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. Heidi S. Kattula, Ed.D., Superintendent, at 235-3535. jmm 02/26/2019