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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, June 10, 2019

MINUTES

The **REGULAR MEETING** of the East Grand Rapids Public Schools Board of Education, Kent County, Michigan, was held on Monday, June 10, 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

Absent: Mike Reid, Janice Yates

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

Meeting Called to Order

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

Public Comments – Kris Pachla, 425 Briarwood Avenue, announced his candidacy for EGR City Commissioner, Ward 1.

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

The 2019 High School Yearbook Staff sent a Thank You note to the board for their support through the purchase of an ad in the yearbook. Mel Krieg, speech and language pathologist, sent a Thank You note to the board for the Schuler gift card on the birth of her daughter, Lucia Joy. Renee Rowan, Lakeside kindergarten teacher, sent a Thank You note to the board for the Schuler gift card on the birth of her son, Camden.

Student Council President's Report

Anna Knuble, 2019-2020 Student Council Executive Board President, introduced herself and shared that she is excited to represent the Student Council in the upcoming school year. Meetings will be held this summer to discuss new ideas to make school more enjoyable for everyone.

PRESENTATION/DISCUSSION

Middle School BRIDGES Presentation

Anthony Morey, Middle School Principal; Shelly Schram, Middle School Assistant Principal; and middle school teachers: Kris Di Vita, Pete Miller, and Jill Smith presented on the middle school BRIDGES class. Morey and the teachers provided the background and a detailed overview of the program. BRIDGES is the acronym for "Building Relationships through Inclusion, Diversity, Group Experiences, and Self-Actualization." A discussion was held among the board, and the board commended the middle school staff on their efforts in developing the whole child in their educational experiences.

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 considered 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 items in the Consent Agenda Numbers 6 through 12.

Approval of Minutes of REGULAR Meeting of 05/13/2019 ([Enclosure #6](#))

Approval of Minutes of REGULAR/BUDGET HEARING Meeting of 06/03/2019 ([Enclosure #7](#))

Approval of Payment of Bills – May 2019 ([Enclosure #8](#))

Second Reading and Approval of Board Policies ([Enclosure #9](#))

Approval of Gone Boarding Elective Proposal ([Enclosure #10](#))

Approval of AP Computer Science Elective Proposal ([Enclosure #11](#))

Annual Authorizations ([Enclosures #12a-n](#))

Member Hessler moved to approve Consent Agenda items 6-12a-n. Member Welch seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

OTHER ACTION ITEMS

Resolution for Membership in Michigan High School Athletic Association ([Enclosure #13](#))

Member Laackman moved to approve the Resolution for Membership in Michigan High School Athletic Association (MHSAA) for the 2019-2020 school year as presented. Member Milanowski seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Approval of Board of Education Memberships and Dues

Member Milanowski moved to approve Board of Education Memberships and Dues. Member Laackman seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Approval for Board of Education Members to attend any or all MASB, MASA, or KIASB conferences and activities

Member Welch moved to approve for Board of Education Members to attend any or all MASB, MASA, or KIASB conferences and activities for the 2019-2020 school year. Member Laackman seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Official Meeting Dates for the 2019-2020 School Year (Enclosure #16)

Member Laackman moved to approve Official Meeting Dates for the 2019-2020 school year as presented. Member Hessler seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Periodicals for the Board of Education

Member Laackman moved to approve ordering periodicals for the Board of Education for the 2019-2020 school year. Member Milanowski seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Approval of 2019-2020 General Fund Budget (Enclosure #18a-d)

Kevin Philipps, Assistant Superintendent of Business, presented the recommendation for the 2019-2020 General Fund Budget as presented.

Member Laackman moved to approve the 2019-2020 General Fund Budget as presented. Member Welch seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Approval of 2019-2020 Budget for the Sinking Fund (Enclosure #18a-d)

Kevin Philipps presented the recommendation for the 2019-2020 Sinking Fund Budget as presented.

Member Laackman moved to approve the 2019-2020 Sinking Fund Budget as presented. Member Welch seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Approval of 2019-2020 Budget for Debt Retirement (Enclosure #18a-d)

Kevin Philipps presented the recommendation for the 2019-2020 Budget for Debt Retirement as presented.

Member Laackman moved to approve the 2019-2020 Budget for Debt Retirement as presented. Member Welch seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Approval of 2019-2020 Budget for the Fiduciary Fund (Enclosure #18a-d)

Kevin Philipps presented the recommendation for the 2019-2020 Fiduciary Fund as presented.

Member Laackman moved to approve the 2019-2020 Fiduciary Fund as presented. Member Welch seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Approval of 2018-2019 Final Budget Amendments (Enclosure #19)

Kevin Philipps presented the 2018-2019 Final Budget Amendments.

Member Welch moved to approve the 2018-2019 Final Budget Amendments as recommended by the Finance Committee and presented. Member Laackman seconded the motion. A discussion was held among the board. Motion passed 5-0.

Approval of State Aid Loan Resolution (Enclosure #20)

Kevin Philipps presented details of the State Aid Loan Resolution.

Member Bernecker moved to approve the State Aid Loan Resolution as presented. Member Laackman seconded the motion. A discussion was held among the board. Motion passed 5-0.

Approval of Administrative and Non-Union Salaries for 2019-2020 (Enclosure #21)

Kevin Philipps provided an overview of the salary provisions as presented.

Member Bernecker moved to approve the contract and salary provisions as for Administrative and Non-Union personnel as recommended by the Personnel Committee as presented. Member Laackman seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Approval of Superintendent's Contract and Salary Provisions for 2019-2020 (Enclosure #22)

President Bernecker provided an overview of the Personnel Committee's recommendations for the contract and salary provisions as presented. Member Bernecker moved to approve the contract and salary provisions for the Superintendent as recommended by the Personnel Committee as presented. Member Hessler seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Approval of Copier Lease Program (Enclosure #23)

Kevin Philipps provided an overview of the copier lease program as presented.

Member Laackman moved to approve the Copier Lease Program as presented. Member Milanowski seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Approval of Barwis Strength & Conditioning Contract Renewal (Enclosure #24)

Kevin Philipps provided an overview of the Barwis Strength & Conditioning Contract Renewal as presented.

Member Laackman moved to approve the Barwis Strength & Conditioning Contract Renewal as presented. Member Hessler seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Approval of Summer 2019 Technology Purchases (Enclosure #25)

Kevin Philipps provided an overview of the Summer 2019 Technology Purchases as presented. Doug Jenkins, Director of Technology, presented further details on the technology purchases. Member Hessler moved to approve the Summer 2019 Technology Purchases as presented. Member Milanowski seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Approval of 2019-2020 Teacher Contracts – Dr. Kattula (Enclosure #26)

Dr. Kattula announced that the district has hired three certificated staff as listed in the board enclosure. Member Bernecker moved to approve the Teacher Contracts as presented. Member Milanowski seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Superintendent

Dr. Kattula shared highlights of the school year which included many celebrations and accomplishments that focused on the development of the whole child. We look forward to continuing our learning with staff during Summer Learning sessions.

Dr. Kattula reported on enrollments continuing to grow.

Dr. Kattula announced that in addition to this evening's contract approvals we are currently in the process of interviewing candidates to fill open positions. We look forward to welcoming new staff members to our district in the fall.

Assistant Supt. of Business

No reports

Assistant Supt. of Instruction

Jenny Fee reported that trainers from Teachers College were in the district today with EGRPS teachers participating voluntarily, and a number of staff members are participating in various conferences throughout the summer.

Board Member Reports

Communications Committee – No reports.

Facilities Committee – Member Hessler reported on summer bond projects.

Finance Committee – No reports.

Joint Facilities Committee – No reports.

Personnel Committee – Member Bernecker reported that the committee reviewed contracts and salary approvals as presented this evening.

Policy Review Committee – Member Welch reported that policies were reviewed as presented and approved this evening.

Liaisons

Community Action Council – No reports.

EGR Schools Foundation – Member Laackman reported that EGRNow&Forever goal is being reached. Gerken Open to be held on Wednesday.

Legislative Liaison – No reports.

Parks & Recreation – No reports.

PTO Council – Member Bernecker reported that the last meeting was held in May with a luncheon.

Parent Advocates for Special Education (PASE) – No reports

Leadership & Youth Development (LYD) – Member Milanowski reported on Senior Retreat and Freshman Connection.

Superintendent's Advisory Council (SAC) – No reports.

ADJOURNMENT

President Bernecker adjourned the meeting at 7:22 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. Heidi S. Kattula, Ed.D., Superintendent, at 235-3535.