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EAST GRAND RAPIDS PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Kent County, Michigan

REGULAR MEETING of the East Grand Rapids Board of Education

The Community Board Room at the James E. Morse Administration Center at Woodcliff
2915 Hall Street SE, East Grand Rapids, MI 49506

Monday, September 16, 2019

MINUTES

The **REGULAR MEETING** of the East Grand Rapids Public Schools Board of Education, Kent County, Michigan, was held on Monday, September 16, 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, Mike Reid, Janice Yates

Absent: Mark Hessler

Administration: Dr. Heidi Kattula, Jenny Fee, Anthony Morey, Doug Jenkins, Craig Weigel, Steve Wojciechowski, 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 - None

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

The board received a Thank You note from Brad Laackman, Board Treasurer, for the gift received on the birth of his son, Grayson.

Student Council President's Report

Student Council President, Anna Knuble, reported on fundraisers, homecoming activities, and Hearts of Gold.

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 5 through 8.

Approval of Minutes of REGULAR Meeting of 08/13/2019 (Enclosure #5)

Approval of Minutes of SPECIAL Meeting of 09/04/2019 (Enclosure #6)

Approval of Payment of Bills – August 2019 (Enclosure #7)

Second Reading and Approval of Board Policies – Dr. Kattula (Enclosure #8)

Member Yates moved to approve the items in the Consent Agenda. Member Welch seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

OTHER ACTION ITEMS

Appoint Delegate Representatives to MASB Fall Conference Delegate Assembly – President Bernecker

The Michigan Association of School Boards 2019 Delegate Assembly is meeting for the annual 2019 Fall Conference at the Grand Traverse Resort on Friday, November 8, 2019, at 5:30 p.m. Three delegates may be appointed to represent the East Grand Rapids Board of Education.

Recommendation: Motion to appoint Delegate Representatives to MASB Fall Conference Delegate Assembly.

President Bernecker explained the board's opportunity to provide a representative to the MASB Delegate Assembly; however, no board member is available to attend this year. Therefore, no appointment was made.

Approval of Administrative and Teacher Contracts – Dr. Kattula (Enclosure #10)

Per Board Policy #5430, the Board is responsible for the formal approval of all teacher and administrative contracts.

Recommendation: Motion to approve the administrative and teacher contracts as presented.

Dr. Kattula announced that the district has hired Mr. Jeffrey Dykhous as the next EGRMS Principal; as well as Ms. Janyce Huff, high school science teacher, as listed in the board enclosure. Member Milanowski moved to approve the Administrative and Teacher Contracts as presented. Member Yates seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

Approval of Design Development Drawings and Budget – 2014 Bond Series 2 (2018) Construction Program – Anthony Morey (Enclosure #11)

Administration has been collaborating with our architects (GMB) and construction manager (OAK), to complete the design development drawings and budget for improvements planned for the three elementary buildings in spring and summer of 2020. The scope of work and budget will be presented for these projects. The Facilities Committee has reviewed the drawings and budget, recommending approval.

Recommendation: Motion to approve the design development drawings and budget for the three elementary building improvements from the 2014 Bond Series 2 (2018) Construction Program as recommended.

Anthony Morey, Assistant Superintendent of Finance and Operations, welcomed Rob Gulliver and Kris Ford from OAK who presented an overview of the design drawings and budget for spring and summer 2020 improvement plans at the three elementary buildings. A discussion was held among the board.

Member Welch moved to approve the design development drawings and budget for the three elementary building improvements from the 2014 Bond Series 2 (2018) Construction Program as presented and recommended by the Facilities Committee. Member Milanowski seconded the motion.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Superintendent

Dr. Kattula recapped the personnel updates as reported in contract approvals this evening.

Assistant Supt. of Finance and Operations

Anthony Morey reported on the 2019-2020 Enrollment Update with 2,885 students budgeted in June, and a current enrollment of 2,888.

Assistant Supt. of Instruction – No reports.

Board Member Reports

Communications Committee – No reports

Facilities Committee – No reports

Finance Committee – No reports

Joint Facilities Committee – No reports

Personnel Committee – No reports

Policy Review Committee – Member Welch reported that further policy updates will be presented in October.

Liaisons

Community Action Council – Member Yates reported on the Vaping and *Angst* presentations, as well as CAC events being hosted by residents.

EGR Schools Foundation – Member Laackman reported that EGRNow&Forever continues to increase in fundraising.

Legislative Liaison – Member Welch reported on districts awaiting the passing of the state budget.

Parks & Recreation – No reports

PTO Council – No reports

Parent Advocates for Special Education (PASE) – No reports

Leadership & Youth Development (LYD) – Member Milanowski reported on Pioneer Partners and student advisory board leadership opportunities.

Superintendent's Advisory Council (SAC) – No reports

ADJOURNMENT

President Bernecker adjourned the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Beth Milanowski, Secretary
East Grand Rapids Public Schools Board of Education

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