

**PROCEEDINGS
OF
THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
OF THE
GRAND RAPIDS PUBLIC SCHOOLS
GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN**

OFFICIAL

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING
BOARD CHAMBERS/1331 FRANKLIN, SE**

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2017

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m. by President Falb.

Present: Schottke, Slade, Baker, Flores, Grant, Lewis, Matias, Ross, and President Falb – 9.

Absent: 0.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

President Falb asked if there were any corrections or additions to the agenda. There being none, the agenda is approved as written.

Motion by Ms. Slade, supported by Mr. Ross, that the agenda be approved as written.

Carried: Yeas: Schottke, Slade, Baker, Flores, Grant, Lewis, Matias, Ross, and
President Falb – 9.

Nays: 0.

CELEBRATIONS

Martin Luther King Jr. Essay Contest

Mr. Rick Noel, Executive Director of Pre-K – Elementary and K-8 Instructional Support, introduced Ms. Carmen Fernandez, Head Principal at Southwest Community Campus and Mr. Rodney Martin, from Warner, Norcross, and Judd. Ms. Fernandez shared this was her 12 th year working on the contest with Mr. Martin and Robin Keith. Students are able to research a great leader and articulate their feelings about him. The top three prize winners read their essays. Mr. Martin provided that he appreciates all the support provided by Ms. Fernandez. This year the essay submissions were up and received over 300 entries. Each essay was written based on three prompts concerning Dr. King’s legacy. More than 50 attorneys and staff read and judged the essays and were read by at least six people each. Staff was impressed with the quality of the essays.

The top three essay winners read their winning entries: Tess Cepaitis, Grand Prize from Riverside; Myaja Dunning, First Runner Up at Gerald R. Ford Academic Center; and Second Runner Up, Carmen Perdomo from Southwest Community Campus.

There were 24 students that received Honorable Mentions represented from Burton Middle, Gerald R. Ford Academic Center, Grand Rapids Montessori, Grand Rapids Public Museum School, Riverside Middle, Shawmut Hills, and Southwest Community Campus.

Junior Giants

Dr. Ron Gorman, Assistant Superintendent of PreK-12 and Instruction shared that the Giants Awards held their first ever, Junior Giants recognition with two GRPS students being recognized. He was joined by Mr. Mark Frost, Head Principal of Innovation Central High and Ms. Kenyatta Hill form Grand Rapids University Prep. Junior Giants The essence of a Junior Giant is to demonstrate leadership, community involvement and impact, academic and/or athletic accomplishments, and academic achievement/academic progress. It was a competitive field with many students submitting essays. Justice Shoals from Central High School and Hannibal Spencer from Grand Rapids University Prep Academy were named as the recipients. They were honored at the Giants event and are here to share with you.

Ms. Hill and Mr. Frost highlighted the many qualities that make these students uniquely qualified to be Junior Giants.

REPORT OF THE STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE TO THE BOARD

Gabrielle Clarke shared that Ottawa Hills has done a cinematic celebration in honor of Black History Month during the month of February every Friday for the purpose of demonstrating that everyone has a role in the civil rights movement and provided discussion.

Robert Flippo was excused.

PUBLIC COMMENT- BOARD AGENDA ITEMS

None.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Ms. Jen Schottke presented the following reports:

Board Committee Meeting Schedule Update

Academic Achievement Committee will be meeting on Tuesday, February 21, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. in the Board Chambers. Finance Committee will be meeting on Monday, February 27, 2017 at 4:00 p.m. in the Board Chambers.

FAFSA Deadline Approaching

The deadline to submit for Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is quickly approaching. If your child will be attending college in the fall, you must complete the FAFSA by March 1st to be eligible for financial aid, including grants, loans, and work study programs. According to the FAFSA website, each year, FAFSA awards more than \$150 billion in student aid. Need help? Contact your school's counseling office for assistance with the FAFSA. You can also contact Shayla Willis, To College Through College Coordinator, at swillis@grand-rapids.mi.us or 456-3102.

COMMITTEE CHAIR UPDATE

Ad Hoc Committee

Ms. Jen Schottke shared that the Ad Hoc Policy Committee met for the first time the previous week. The committee sees itself with having two primary roles including a comprehensive review of current, existing GRPS policy along with support of staff. They will condense them so they are easier to navigate. The other is to be the first set of eyes to vet them before they go to the whole Board.

Academic Achievement Committee

Rev. John Matias shared that the first meeting will be February 21, 2017 and shared a glimpse of what the committee will be looking at. The committee oversees all of the academic things that happens in the district. At the meeting, the committee will be looking at the District Wide Plan for Improvement and Priority Schools progress, There are also science materials that will be discussed needed for purchase.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Early/Middle College Program at Ottawa Hills

Dr. Ron Gorman highlighted the Early/Middle College program selection students attending Ottawa Hills have offered to them beginning in 2017-2018.

- The program offers students the opportunity to earn their high school diploma and up to 60 transferrable credits at the same time adding one extra year to their high school experience.
- Beginning in the Fall of 2017, students with a minimum 2.5 grade point average identified as eligible will be offered to enroll in this program.
- The District identified student eligibility based on January 2017 report cards.
- Students who enter the program in grade 10 will be asked to remain in the program once they start and to attend a year 13.
- By participating in year 13, students will save money and not have to dip into their financial aid thus saving them on costs contributed to college enrollment.
- The District is partnering with Grand Rapids Community College.
- GRCC will provide GRPS students with their resources such as counseling and academic support.
- Students will take two college classes in grade 10, four in grade 11, six in grade 12, and eight in year 13 and a high school mathematics type class. Textbooks will be provided by the school district saving additional expenses to students. The final year, or fifth year all but one class will be taken at GRCC.
- Letters have gone home to the families of all eligible students. An Early/Middle College dinner took place at Ottawa Hills along with representatives from GRCC to share more information about this opportunity. The goal is to have two sections of students enrolled in the program or 50.

Students still get to go through the commencement ceremony during their fourth year and will walk across the stage. They will walk again during the fifth year with 60 college credits.

A board member asked if the 60 credits will be geared toward a specific associate's degree or count towards another. The credits will go toward a liberal arts degree but as students are matriculating through the program and interested in a career path at GRCC, the experience can be customized. Students can get an associate's degree, 60 transferrable credits, or a certificate. Credits will be transferrable to most institutions. GRCC instructors will teach the courses. GRPS staff with Master's Degrees in teachable areas may be eligible to instruct courses as well. The savings for the credits is a significant investment. There are about 125 programs like this statewide. Parents have been receptive about the program. At this time the program will be offered at Ottawa Hills only.

ACTION ITEMS

KISD Schools of Choice Resolution

Motion by Mr. Ross supported by Ms. Slade to accept the 2017 – 2018 KISD Schools of Choice Resolution.

Carried: Yeas: Schottke, Slade, Baker, Flores, Grant, Lewis, Matias, Ross, and President Falb – 9.

Nays: 0.

Kent Intermediate School District
SCHOOLS of CHOICE
RESOLUTION TO OPT OUT OF SECTION 105
(State Schools of Choice Program)

Board member _____ moves that the Board of Education of the Public School District, exercising the option permitted by *Section 105* of the State School Aid Act of 1979, as amended by Public Act 300 of 1996, will not accept *Section 105* applications of non-resident students from outside our district, for purposes of operating an intermediate school district-wide schools of choice program in accordance with Section 105 for the 2017-18 school year.

Contiguous Intermediate School Districts
Schools of Choice
RESOLUTION TO OPT IN TO SECTION 105c
(State Schools of Choice Program)

Board Member _____ moves that the Board of Education of the School District, exercising the option permitted by Section 105c of the State School Aid Act, Public Act 119 of 1999, as amended by Public Act 297 of 2000, will accept applications for enrollment from residents of contiguous intermediate school districts for the 2017-18 school year.

RESOLUTION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE
KENT ISD COLLABORATIVE SCHOOLS OF CHOICE PROGRAM

Board Member _____ moves that the Board of Education of the Public School District will participate in the Kent Intermediate School District Collaborative Schools of Choice Program for the 2017-18 school year.

Policy #3665 Food and Nutrition Services Procurement Policy, Acceptance of First Reading
Motion by Slade, supported by Grant to approve Policy #3665 Food and Nutrition Services Procurement Policy, Acceptance of First Reading.

Carried: Yeas: Schottke, Slade, Baker, Flores, Grant, Lewis, Matias, Ross, and
President Falb – 9.

Nays: 0.

Section 3000: Fiscal Management
3665 Food and Nutrition Services Procurement

Introduction

The Grand Rapids Public Schools (hereinafter “GRPS” or “District”) desires to establish a fair and transparent purchasing policy and processes to ensure that its students receive the best products and services possible at the most reasonable price. This policy specifically

applies to the Grand Rapids Food and Nutrition Services Department (hereinafter “GRPSFS) and incorporate the District’s overall purchasing rules where applicable.

General Provision

GRPSFS will utilize the guidelines provided by the Michigan Department of Education to determine if purchase request must be approved by an MDE official (Administrative Policy NO. 13) Administrative Rules 3665

GRPSFS will maintain a contract administration system which will ensure that contractors perform in accordance with the terms, conditions, and specifications of their contracts or purchase orders.

GRPSFS will verify that all food program contracts and procurements are net of all applicable discounts, rebates, and credits. All contractors will maintain records and source documents in support of all costs, discounts, rebates, and credits.

GRPSFS will retain all food program records for three years after final payments and/or three years after any pending matters have been closed and completed.

GRPS reserves the right to reject all bids based on staff evaluation and to ask for new bids. Such reservation shall be so specified in the publication or notification of bid letting.

GRPS reserves the right to waive any informality in, or reject any part of, a bid.

GRPSFS is a member of the Great Lakes Consortium.

GRPSFS Purchasing Requirements

1. Purchases greater than \$25,000:

If the amount exceeds twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000.00) a contract must be awarded through a formal competitive bid process. A call for bids or request for proposals (RFP) shall be published at least once in a newspaper of general circulation within the City of Grand Rapids, as well as published in a newspaper generally circulated state-wide and posted on the district’s website. The call for bids or RFPs may also be published in a regional newspaper. Purchases greater than \$25,000 will require Board approval.

2. Purchases between \$3,000 and \$25,000:

GRPSFS will obtain competitive written quotes from at least three vendors.

3. Purchases less than \$3,000:

Any purchase below three thousand dollars (\$3,000.00) is considered a micro-purchase. Micro-purchases may be awarded without soliciting competitive quotes if the price is considered reasonable. To the extent feasible; however, GRPSFS must distribute micro-purchases equitably among qualified suppliers.

4. Emergency Purchases

GRPSFS will comply with the emergency purchase guidelines outlined in GRPS Board Policy 3610 and 3610-R.

Bid Specification Requirements

Bid specifications will be written by Food Services personnel and presented to the Purchasing Department for distribution. GRPSFS contracts will not be awarded to any potential vendor who writes any of the bid specifications, the solicitation documents, or any of the contract language for the solicitation.

Identical bid specifications and/or request for proposals will be provided to all potential vendors.

Bid Procedures

GRPSFS will follow the process outlined in GRPS Board Policy, Section 3000 – Fiscal Management 3660-R Bids and Quotation Requirements

Geographic Preference

Pursuant to state law, no local preference will be granted for contracts paid for with federal funds.

Buy American

GRPSFS will adhere to “Buy American”. Therefore Food Service is required to purchase, to the maximum extent possible, domestic products for use in meals served in our Child Nutrition Program. However, exceptions are allowed when:

- a. Food preferences can only be met with foreign goods
- b. Insufficient quantity and/or quality is available in the USA
- c. Domestic cost is significantly higher

Debarment and Suspension

All potential vendors will be required to complete the debarment and suspension certification form Administrative Rules 3665

Standard of Conduct for GRPS Employees

GRPSFS will adhere to GRPS Board Policy 3610 and 3610-R.

Bid Protest Procedures

The bid protest procedures outlined in GRPS Board Policy Rule 3660-R shall apply.

Approved:

LEGAL REFERENCE: MCL.380.1274

Policy #7630 Graduation Requirements, Acceptance of First Reading

Motion by Slade supported by Grant to approve Policy #7630 Food and Nutrition Procurement Policy, Acceptance of First Reading.

Carried: Yeas: Schottke, Slade, Baker, Flores, Grant, Lewis, Matias, Ross, and
President Falb – 9.

Nays: 0.

Section 7000: Instructional Program
7630 Graduation Requirements

Upon graduation students will be:

Educated, and therefore, able to:

- Apply skills and knowledge learned from a rigorous and relevant core curriculum.
- Demonstrate proficiency in current technologies.
- Transfer career and employability skills across multiple settings.
- Pursue lifelong learning to succeed in a changing global community.

Self-Directed, and therefore, able to:

- Use a high degree of self-awareness to facilitate making life-directing decisions.
- Identify and initiate career-appropriate post-secondary options.

Productive, and therefore, able to:

- Appreciate and respect cultural and individual diversity.
- Actively participate as productive members of a democratic society.

Graduates will meet all GRPS requirements which may include specific requirements for students participating in dual enrollment, Early/Middle College Programs, and other Theme School options.

These requirements will meet or exceed the minimum graduation requirements as defined by the State of Michigan

Approved: June 29, 2009

Revised:

LEGAL REF: MCL 380.1278a, 388.513, 388.514, 388.1621b, 388.1661b

Policy #7648 Dual Enrollment First Reading, Acceptance of First Reading

Motion by Slade supported by Ross to approve Policy #7648 Dual Enrollment First Reading, Acceptance of First Reading.

Carried: Yeas: Schottke, Slade, Baker, Flores, Grant, Lewis, Matias, Ross, and
President Falb – 9.

Nays: 0.

Section 7000: Instructional Program
7648 Dual Enrollment

The Board desires to encourage and enable students to enroll in a variety of courses or programs at postsecondary institutions.

Dual Enrollment

Dual enrollment in postsecondary institutions shall be made available to eligible students in accordance with state guidelines. Dual Credit

Students successfully completing the requirements of a course offered by a Michigan postsecondary institution shall receive high school credit providing all guidelines have been met.

Early/ Middle College Program

The District may offer an Early/Middle College Program for students. An Early/Middle College Program is a five-year high school program designed to allow a student to earn a high school diploma and either an associate's degree, the Michigan Early/Middle College Association (MEMCA) technical certification or up to 60 transferable college credits at the same time.

The dual enrollment and Early/Middle College Program shall meet or exceed the State's requirement for graduation.

The Superintendent shall develop procedures to promote, encourage, and support students participating in dual enrollment and Early/Middle College programs.

Approved: June 29, 2009

Revised:

LEGAL REF: MCL 388.513, 388.514, 388.1621b, 388.1661b

BUSINESS ITEMS

Parent Advisors for Special Education

The following Parent Advisors for Special Education (PASE) were nominated and approved under the Consent Agenda for appointments to serve vacant terms (2016-2017 and 2017-2018).

- ◆ Amanda Calvneau
- ◆ Jamie Riehle

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Legislative Day

A few members of the board joined Mr. John Helmholdt, Executive Director of Communications and External Affairs for a day to meet with legislators in Lansing on February 14, 2017. Ms. Slade shared that the Grand Rapids Public Schools has made great efforts to reach out and work with legislatures. She thanked Superintendent Neal for her work on this. Ms. Grant agreed and expressed that it was a great time to learn information about what GRPS is able to do and share the potential of public schools. She felt this was a great refresher for senators and representatives to hear from them as decisions are made that affect students. President Falb shared that they were able to express their appreciation as well for how much the Governor's proposed budget was moved toward reflecting the cost toward education. Thank you was expressed as well to John Helmholdt and Rusty Merchant for their work.

PUBLIC COMMENT – AGENDA AND NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None.

SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS

None.

BOARD MEMBERS' COMMENTS

Ms. Lewis shared that she had a wonderful experience attending the Advocacy Institute in Washington, D.C.

Rev. Matias shared that when members of the board travels to Lansing, they are doing so to represent families in a positive light to move forward as an urban district. The hard work and sacrifice and setting up the meetings is exciting and the hard work going in to do this.

Ms. Schottke shared that she is proud of the students and enjoyed them at the meeting. She cited three takeaways and reminders from listening to them such as where we are from does not define our character, if it is not my point of view, and silence speaks louder than words. She is proud of the students.

Dr. Baker shared that To College Through College is holding its annual summit on March 2 to help the community learn how it can support students succeed through college.

Ms. Grant was so impressed by the students' essays and the Junior Giants.

ADJOURNMENT

The Board adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

Secretary

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