

GRAND RAPIDS PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Grand Rapids, Michigan

Regular Board of Education Meeting
A G E N D A



Monday, March 20, 2017
6:30 p.m.
Franklin Campus Auditorium
1331 Franklin, SE

Board Purpose:

“To represent the public’s interest in conceiving, developing, and implementing policies and guidelines which empower the Superintendent to direct the entire Grand Rapids Public Schools’ (GRPS) corporate structure to provide a quality education for all students in the GRPS, and in so doing, produce students who are productive, contributing citizens, and a district with a strong market appeal.”

District Mission Statement:

*“The mission of the Grand Rapids Public Schools is to ensure that all students are **educated, self-directed, and productive** members of society.”*

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<u>English:</u>	Tuesday	7:00 p.m.
	Thursday	7:15 p.m.
	Saturday	7:00 a.m.
<u>Spanish:</u>	Wednesday	7:00 p.m.
	Friday	5:00 p.m.
	Sunday	4:30 p.m.

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**GRAND RAPIDS PUBLIC SCHOOLS
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The Grand Rapids Public Schools, as an Equal Opportunity Employer, complies with federal and state laws prohibiting discrimination, including (but not limited to) Title IV and Title VII (with amendments) of the 1964 Civil Rights Act, Title IX of the Educational Amendment of 1972, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Veterans Readjustment Act of 1974 as amended 38 USC 20-12, and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. It is the policy of the school Board that no person, on the basis of race, sex, gender, height, weight, color, ethnicity, religion, national origin, age, marital status, disability, or veteran status, shall be discriminated against in employment, educational programs and activities, or admission. Inquiries or complaints should be addressed to the Equal Opportunities Office, 1331 Franklin, SE, P.O. Box 117, Grand Rapids, Michigan 49501-0117. This reaffirmation of the District’s commitment to comply with applicable non-discrimination laws shall not be a contractual agreement or expand the District’s liability for compliance.

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**GRAND RAPIDS PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR BOARD MEETING**
Monday, March 20, 2017
Board Chambers/Auditorium, 1331 Franklin, SE
6:30 p.m.

We welcome and appreciate your presence at this meeting of the Grand Rapids Public Schools Board of Education. We respectfully request that you turn off cellular phones and refrain from clapping, cheering, or making audible comments. We invite you to make formal public comment during the designated times on either agenda items, non-agenda items, or if you wish, on both. To do so, please fill out the comment card and submit it to the Board table. Please limit your comments to approximately three minutes. Thank you.

Order of Business

Call to Order

- ◆ Pledge of Allegiance
- ◆ Roll Call
- ◆ Approval of Agenda

- ◆ **Celebration(s)**
 - Secondary Schools International Women's Day Essay Contest
 - MASA's School Nurse of the Year

Report of the Student Representatives to the Board

Public Comment – Board Agenda Items Only

Reports

- ◆ Secretary's Report
- ◆ Committee Chair Update
 - Ad Hoc Policy Committee
 - Academic Achievement Committee
- ◆ Superintendent's Report
 - Challenge Scholars Marketing Campaign
 - State of the Schools
 - Strong Schools, Strong Communities Proposal
 - Michigan Women's Foundation "Lights, Courage Action!" Empowerment Forum

- ◆ **Action Item(s)**
 - Grand Rapids Board Position on A-F Grading System
 - Grand Rapids Board Position on Budget Proposal for U.S. Department of Education
 - Board Bylaw #1900 Contracts and Board Member Disclosure, Acceptance of First Reading

Order of Business (Cont.d)

Action Item(s) Cont'd

- Policy #3610 Purchasing Goods and Services, Acceptance of First Reading
- Policy #3660 Bids, Quotations, and Local Preference, Acceptance of First Reading
- Policy #4005 Employee Conflict of Interest-Purchases, Acceptance of First Reading
- Policies “eliminated and incorporated into other policies”: Policy #3650 Cooperative Purchase, Policy #3670 Local Construction Contracting, and Policy #3690 Local Purchasing Preference

Consent Agenda Grouping

- ◆ Approval of Minutes
 - Board Meeting – March 6, 2017
- ◆ Reports of Committees
 - Ad Hoc Policy Committee Meeting – February 13, 2017
- ◆ Business Items (None)
- ◆ Motions & Resolutions
 - National Student Leadership Week
 - Month of the Young Child

- ◆ Discussion Item(s) (None)

Public Comment – Non-Agenda Items Only

Superintendent’s Comments

Board Member Comments

Adjournment

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Grand Rapids Board of Education's Position on the A – F Grading System

The Grand Rapids Board of Education opposes an A-F grading system for school accountability. The measurements and weight given to the measurements in an A-F grading system is arbitrary, punitive, inequitable, and inherently stacked against schools with high need, high poverty students. A-F grading system can assign poor grades to schools where significant learning and academic growth is being accomplished and where parents are pleased with the school.



Grand Rapids Board of Education's Position on the Proposed Budget for the U.S. Department of Education

The Grand Rapids Board of Education opposes President Trump's proposed budget for the U.S. Department of Education. The proposed cuts would have a devastating impact on students, teachers, schools, and our community as a whole by eliminating federal funding for after school programs and professional development of teachers. GRPS currently receives more than \$2 million in Title II funding for professional development and nearly \$4 million for after school programming.

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1. The Board shall not approve a contract in which a Board member, the family member of a Board member (Family Member), or a member of the Board member's household (Household Member) is a party or has a financial interest unless the following disclosure, voting, and recording requirements are met:

Definitions:

- a. Family Member: Family Member means a person's spouse or spouse's sibling or child; a person's sibling or sibling's spouse or child; a person's child or child's spouse; a person's parent or parent's spouse, and includes these relationships created by adoption or marriage.
- b. Household Member: Household Member means anyone living in the Board member's household at the time the contract will be voted on by the Board.
- c. Financial Interest: Financial interest means any contract or financial transaction with the District in which any of the following apply:
 - i. The Board member, Family Member, or Household Member is a direct party to the contract or financial transaction, or
 - ii. The contract or financial transaction is with any firm, partnership or other unincorporated association, in which the Board member, Family Member, or Household Member, is a partner, member, or employee, or
 - ii. The contract or financial transaction is with a professional limited liability company organized pursuant to the Michigan Limited Liability Company Act, if the Board member, Family Member, or Household Member, is a member (not merely an employee) of the company, or
 - iii. The contract or financial transaction is with any corporation in which the Board member, Family Member, or Household Member is a stockholder owning more than 1% of the total stock outstanding in any class if the stock is not listed on a stock

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- exchange, or owns stock that has a present market value in excess of \$25,000.00 if the stock is listed on a stock exchange, or
- iv. The contract or financial transaction is with a corporation in which the Board Member, Family Member, or Household Member is a director, officer, or employee; or
 - v. The contract or financial transaction is with a corporation in which a trust, if the board member, Family Member or Household Member, is a beneficiary, owns more than 1% of total stock outstanding in any class if the stock is not listed on a stock exchange, or owns stock with a present market value in excess of \$25,000 if the stock is listed on a stock exchange.
 - vi. Any trust of which the Board member, Family Member or Household Member is a beneficiary or trustee.

Disclosure Requirements

A Board member shall promptly disclose any financial interest in the contract or financial transaction to the Board of Education, which disclosure shall be a matter of record in its official proceedings. This disclosure shall be made in the following ways:

- a. If the contract or financial transaction is for emergency repairs or services, the Board member must promptly disclose any financial interest in the contract or financial transaction by filing a sworn affidavit with the Secretary of the Board. The disclosure shall be made a matter of record in the Board's official meeting minutes as outlined in c. below.
- b. If the Board member, Family Member, or Household Member will directly benefit from a contract or financial transaction in an amount less than \$250.00 and less than 5% of the public cost of the contract or financial transaction, the Board member must disclose the financial interest in the contract or financial transaction by filing a sworn affidavit with the Secretary of the Board. The disclosure shall be made a matter of record in the Board's official meeting minutes as outlined in c. below.

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- c. If the Board member, Family Member, or Household Member will benefit by \$250.00 or more, or 5% or more of the public cost of the contract or financial transaction the financial interest must be disclosed in one of two ways:
 - i. By notifying, in writing, the President of the Board of the financial interest at least seven (7) calendar days before the meeting at which a decision regarding the contract will be made. If the President of the Board is the individual with the conflict of interest, disclosure must be made to the Secretary of the Board. The disclosure shall be made public in the same manner as in public meeting notice, or
 - ii. By disclosing the financial interest in the contract or financial transaction at a Board meeting. Under this option, the Board may not vote on the relevant contract or financial transaction until a subsequent Board meeting convened not sooner than seven (7) calendar days after the meeting at which the disclosure was made.
- d. If the Board member, Family Member, or Household Member's financial interest in the contract or financial transaction exceeds \$5,000.00, the Board member must disclose the financial interest in the contract or financial transaction at a Board meeting, and the Board may not vote on the contract or financial transaction until a subsequent Board meeting convened not sooner than seven (7) calendar days after the meeting at which the disclosure was made.

Amendments or re-negotiations of a contract or financial transaction or additional payments under a contract or financial transaction, which were not authorized by the contract or financial transaction at the time initially approved or awarded are also subject to the disclosure and recording requirements of this policy.
2. The Board of Education must disclose the following summary information in its official minutes:
 - a. The name of each party involved in the contract or financial transaction,

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- b. The terms of the contract or financial transaction, including duration, financial consideration between parties, facilities or services of the school District included in the contract, and the nature and degree of assignment of employee of the District for fulfillment of the contract, and
 - c. The nature of the financial interest.
3. Voting Requirements
- The contract or financial transaction must be approved by a vote of not less than 2/3rds of the full membership of the Board in open session without the vote of the Board member making the disclosure. However, that if 2/3rds of a majority of the members of the Board are required to abstain from voting based on this policy, then for purposes of that contract or financial transaction, the Board members who are not required to abstain constitute a quorum of the board and are eligible to vote. This does not apply where the contract or financial transaction is between the District and a trust in which the Board member is a beneficiary or a trustee. In that case, a 2/3 vote of the full Board is required.
4. This policy shall not apply to:
- a. Contracts between the school District and another public entity,
 - b. Contracts awarded to the lowest qualified bidder, other than a Board member (or an entity in which a Board member has a financial interest as defined in this policy), upon receipt of sealed bids pursuant to a published notice provided such notice does not bar, except as authorized by law, any qualified person, firm, corporation or trust from bidding.
 - c. Contracts for public utility services where the rates are regulated by the state or federal government.

See also Policy 3610-Purchasing Goods and Services.

Approved: June 29, 2009

Revised:

LEGAL REF: MCL 15.321, *et seq* and MCL 380.1203

The Board shall approve the purchase of goods and services, property leases, and inter-agency agreements when the initial order, contract, or agreement exceeds the base amount established annually by the Michigan Department of Education above which competitive bids must be obtained according to the Michigan School Code. The Superintendent or designee shall authorize the purchase, lease, or agreement that is equal to or less than the Michigan Department of Education's annually established base amount.

The Director of Purchasing shall be the sole purchasing agent for the District. All purchases shall comply with the Board's purchasing policies and the implementing administrative rules.

Purchasing From District Employees and Board Members

Employees:

The District shall not purchase goods, materials, or directly from an employee or where an employee has an interest in any of the following:

- a. Any firm, partnership, or other unincorporated association, of which the employee is a partner, member, or employee.
- b. Any private corporation in which the employee is a stockholder owning more than 1% of the total outstanding stock of any class if the stock is not listed on a stock exchange, or stock with a present market value in excess of \$25,000 if the stock is listed on the stock exchange.
- c. Any corporation where the employee is a director, officer, or employee.
- d. Any trust of which the employee is a beneficiary or trustee

The District may purchase specialized services from employees in an amount less than \$500 upon approval of the Superintendent or designee.

Board Members:

The District shall not purchase goods, materials, supplies, or services from a member of the Board of Education, from a board member's family member, or from a member a board member's household, except as outlined in Board Policy 1900.

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Purchases For Personal Use

Board members and employees shall not authorize or make any purchase through the District for personal use. The name of the District, school, or an employee's position, shall not be used to gain personal discounts or cost preferences. The District shall not purchase equipment or supplies for resale to employees.

Emergency Purchases

The requirements of this policy and Policy 3660, *Bids and Quotation Requirements*, may be suspended if an emergency is declared by the Superintendent or the Chief of Staff. Such emergencies may arise because of accident or other unforeseen occurrence that could affect the life, health, welfare or safety of the District's students or employees.

When the cost of the emergency purchase exceeds the base amount established annually by the Michigan Department of Education, above which bids are required, telephone or electronic communication with members of the Finance Committee of the Board shall be made as soon as possible after the emergency is declared, and written notice shall be given to the members of the Board of Education at the next scheduled Board meeting.

Refer also to Board Policy 1900 – *Contracts and Board Member Disclosure Information* and Board Policy 4005 – *Employee Conflict of Interest - Purchases*

Approved: June 29, 2009

Revised:

LEGAL REF: MCL 15.321-330; 380.1216; 380.1274

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All purchases shall be in compliance with Board policies. Purchases requiring competitive bids shall be made in accordance with current statutes, the creation of bid specifications, and adherence to the District's bidding procedures.

The Director of Purchasing shall develop and maintain lists of potential bidders for various types of materials, equipment, and supplies. These bid lists shall be used for the distribution of specifications and invitations to bid.

Any supplier may be included in the list upon written request. The Director of Purchasing shall review all bid lists annually or as needed.

Written Quotations

The District shall not purchase supplies, materials, or equipment in a single transaction costing \$10,000 or more without obtaining written quotations from a minimum of three vendors.

Competitive Bids and Cooperative Purchases

The District shall not purchase supplies, materials, or equipment in a single transaction exceeding the amount published annually by the Michigan Department of Education unless competitive bids are obtained and approved by the Board.

The Director of Purchasing is authorized to consider, and recommend for Board approval, membership in cooperative purchasing organizations that would benefit the District.

Cooperative purchasing also pertains to what is commonly referred to as “third party bids.” Third party bidding shall constitute a competitive bid for purposes of this Policy.

Bid Specifications

All bid specifications shall be clear and concise and shall include the following: required performance, surety, bid, statutory bond information, sworn statement of familial relationship, Iranian Business Relationship Affidavit, the debarment and

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suspension certification, compliance with preferential bid laws,; financial statements, the District's right to reject any or all bids, compliance with all federal, state and local laws, ordinances and regulations, and the date, time, and place for the opening of bids.

The Board, upon recommendation of the Superintendent or designee, reserves the following rights:

- to accept or reject all bid proposals in whole or in part;
- to waive minor irregularities;
- to award a contract to other than the lowest bidder; and
- to award contracts to one or more vendors.

The Purchasing Office shall retain all bids and supporting documentation in accordance with State of Michigan guidelines for record retention.

Local Purchasing Preference

The District provides a 5% preference (bid discount) in the purchasing of school equipment and supplies from local vendors, providing the quality and service are commensurate with the bid requirements. Bids, or proposals when bids are not required, shall be accepted from non-local vendors in order to maintain a fair market price.

In determining the qualification for a Local Purchasing Preference for purposes of this policy, vendors must:

- a. Have obtained the Certification of a Michigan Based Business as determined by the Michigan Department of Technology, Management and Budget and have its primary business operations located within the municipal boundaries of the City of Grand Rapids, Michigan for at least the last six months, or
- b. Be certified by the City of Grand Rapids, as a Micro-Local Business Enterprise and have its primary business operations within the municipal boundaries of the City of Grand Rapids.

A successful recipient of a contract and/or purchase order which has received a Local Purchasing Preference may be required to present proof of its status as a Michigan Based Business and documentation of its location within the City of Grand Rapids at any time upon request from an authorized District official. Failure to provide the requested

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information or failure to maintain business operations with the City of Grand Rapids for the duration of the contract will make the contract voidable at the District's discretion, and will result in disqualification from future consideration of a Local Purchasing Preference for a period of two years unless excused by the Superintendent or Designee.

Local Construction Contracting Preference

The District provides a preference (bid discount) in construction contracts from local vendors, providing the quality and service are commensurate with the requirements set forth by the District as to satisfy the demands of the bid or proposal. Bids, or proposals when bids are not required, shall be accepted from non-local vendors in order to maintain a fair market price.

In determining the qualification for a Local Construction Contracting Preference for purposes of this policy, vendors must:

- a. Have obtained the Certification of a Michigan Based Business as determined by the Michigan Department of Technology, Management and Budget and have its primary business operations located within the municipal boundaries of the City of Grand Rapids, Michigan for at least the last six months, or
- b. Be certified by the City of Grand Rapids, as a Micro-Local Business Enterprise and have its primary business operations within the municipal boundaries of the City of Grand Rapids.

A successful recipient of a contract which has received a Local Construction Contracting Preference may be required to present proof of its status as a Michigan Based Business and documentation of its location within the City of Grand Rapids at any time upon request from an authorized District official. Failure to provide the requested information or failure to maintain business operations with the City of Grand Rapids for the duration of the contract will make the contract voidable at the District's discretion, and will result in disqualification from future consideration of a Local Construction Contracting Preference for a period of two years unless excused by the Superintendent or Designee. Preference will be provided on the following basis:

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- a. Contractor Participation: Grand Rapids Public Schools will provide up to a 5% bid discount to prime contractors and/or construction managers who satisfy the criteria for consideration as a Local Vendor.
- b. Subcontractor Participation: Construction bids for non-local vendors may be discounted when a bidder on a Grand Rapids Public Schools' project voluntarily subcontracts with businesses meeting Local Vendor Criteria. Prime contractors and/or construction managers must submit affidavit(s) verifying Local Vendor subcontractor participation. Prime contractors and/or construction managers must require Local Vendor certification documentation to be submitted by each subcontract bidder with their sealed bid. The District, at its discretion, may request additional documentation to verify the qualification of any Local Vendor subcontractor participating in a construction project.
- c. The following is a schedule of discounted percentages based upon Local Vendor subcontractor participation achieved by the prime contractor:

<u>LBE Subcontractor Participation</u>	<u>Discount Percentage</u>
i. 1.0% - 2.5%	1.0%
ii. 2.51% - 5.0%	1.5%
iii. 5.01% - 7.5%	2.0%
iv. 7.51% - 10.0%	2.5%
v. 10.01% - 15.0%	3.0%
vi. 15.01% - 18.0%	4.0%
vii. 18.01% +	5.0%

- d. Prime contractors and/or construction managers may not terminate an approved Local Vendor subcontractor working on a Grand Rapids Public Schools construction project, and then perform the work on the terminated subcontract with its own forces or those of another subcontractor, without prior written consent by the Grand Rapids Public Schools Executive Director of Facilities and Operations Management. If a Local Vendor subcontractor fails to complete its work on the contract for any reason, a prime contractor/construction manager must notify the Grand Rapids Public Schools Executive Director of Facilities and Operations Management and make good faith efforts to find another approved Local Vendor subcontractor to substitute

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for the original Local Vendor subcontractor. Utilizing good faith efforts, and to the extent reasonable, the prime contractor/construction manager shall substitute an approved Local Vendor subcontractor to perform the same amount of work under the contract as the Local Vendor subcontractor that was terminated.

- e. Joint Venture Bidding: As an incentive to contractors engaging in activities that stimulate the growth and development of local, small emerging businesses as partners bidding as a joint venture, Grand Rapids Public Schools will apply up to a 5% bid discount for partnering with a qualified Local Vendor.
- f. The Bid Discounts outlined above may not exceed 5% or \$25,000 per bid, whichever is lower. Project bids from prime contractors and/or construction managers are considered a single bid for purposes of the Bid Discount consideration.

This policy shall not apply to the extent that it would conflict with any provision of Michigan or federal law, regulation or constitution. The local preference shall not be applied to purchases of goods and services made with federal funds.

Refer also to Board Policy 3610, *Purchasing Goods and Services*, Board Policy 1900, *Contracts and Board Member Disclosure Obligations* and Board Policy 4005, *Employee Conflict of Interest – Purchases*..

Approved: June 29, 2009

Revised:

LEGAL REF: MCL 380.1267; 380.1274

Section 4000 – Business Management

4005 Employee Conflict of Interest - Purchases

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Employees shall not have a direct financial interest in District purchases, or benefit directly from any financial transaction with the District, except for specialized services in an amount less than \$500 upon approval of the Superintendent or designee.

Purchases of, or use of District property, materials, or personnel by employees shall be accomplished in accordance with good business practices, and within the framework of applicable laws, regulations, and Board policies.

The Superintendent and his/her cabinet and any other administrator deemed by the Superintendent to be in a position to influence the purchase of any goods or services, shall annually, or if changes occur, sign and file a conflict of interest disclosure document.

Refer also to Board Policy 3610 – *Purchasing Goods and Services*

Approved: June 29, 2009

Revised:

LEGAL REF: MCL 15.322-323

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3650 Cooperative Purchasing (Cf. 3660)

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The Director of Purchasing is authorized to consider, and recommend for Board approval, membership in cooperative purchasing organizations that would be of benefit to the District.

Cooperative purchasing also pertains to what is commonly referred to as “third party bids.” Third party bidding shall constitute a competitive bid for purposes of policy 3660 - Competitive Bids.

Approved: June 29, 2009

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3670 Local Construction Contracting (Cf. 3660, 3690, 1900)

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The District provides a preference (bid discount) in construction contracts from local vendors, providing the quality and service are commensurate with the requirements set forth by the District as to satisfy the demands of the bid or proposal. Bids, or proposals when bids are not required, shall be accepted from non-local vendors in order to maintain a fair market price.

In determining the qualification for a Local Purchasing Preference for purposes of this policy, vendors must have obtained the Certification of a Michigan Based Business as determined by the Michigan Department of Technology, Management and Budget as well as meet one of the following criteria:

- a. For at least the last six months had its primary business operations located within the municipality boundaries of the City of Grand Rapids, Michigan (Grand Rapids).
- b. Be certified by the City of Grand Rapids, as a Micro-Local Business Enterprise and have its primary business operations within the municipality boundaries of the City of Grand Rapids.

A successful recipient of a contract and/or purchase order which has received a Local Purchasing Preference may be required to present proof of its status as a Michigan Based Business and documentation of its location within the City of Grand Rapids at any time upon request from an authorized District official. Failure to provide the requested information or failure to maintain business operations with the city of Grand Rapids for the duration of the contract will make the contract voidable at the District's discretion, and will result in disqualification from future consideration of a Local Purchasing Preference for a period of five years unless excused by the Superintendent or Designee. Preference will be provided on the following basis:

- a. Contractor Participation: Grand Rapids Public Schools will provide up to a 5% bid discount to prime contractors and/or construction managers who satisfy the criteria set forth for consideration as a Local Vendor.
- b. Subcontractor Participation: Construction bids for non-local vendors may be discounted when a bidder on a Grand Rapids Public Schools' project voluntarily subcontracts with businesses meeting Local Vendor Criteria.

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Prime contractors and/or construction managers must submit affidavit(s) verifying Local Vendor subcontractor participation.

Prime contractors and/or construction managers must require Local Vendor certification documentation to be submitted by each subcontract bidder with their sealed bid. The District at its discretion can request additional documentation for verification of the qualification of any Local Vendor subcontractor participating in a construction project.

- c. The following is a schedule of discounted percentages based upon Local Vendor subcontractor participation achieved by the prime contractor:

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iv. <u>7.51% - 10.0%</u>	<u>2.5%</u>
v. <u>10.01% - 15.0%</u>	<u>3.0%</u>
vi. <u>15.01% - 18.0%</u>	<u>4.0%</u>
vii. <u>18.01% +</u>	<u>5.0%</u>

- d. Prime contractors and/or construction managers may not terminate an approved Local Vendor subcontractor working on a Grand Rapids Public Schools construction project, and then perform the work on the terminated subcontract with its own forces or those of another subcontractor, without prior written consent by the Grand Rapids Public Schools Executive Director of Facilities Planning and Management. If a Local Vendor subcontractor fails to complete its work on the contract for any reason, a prime contractor/construction manager must notify the Grand Rapids Public Schools Executive Director of Facilities Planning and Management and make good faith efforts to find another approved Local Vendor subcontractor to substitute for the original Local Vendor subcontractor. Utilizing good faith efforts, and to the extent reasonable, the prime contractor/construction manager shall substitute an approved Local Vendor subcontractor to perform the same amount of work under the contract as the Local Vendor subcontractor that was terminated.

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- e. Joint Venture Bidding: As an incentive to contractors engaging in activities that stimulate the growth and development of local, small emerging businesses as partners bidding as a joint venture, Grand Rapids Public School will apply up to a 5% bid discount for partnering with a qualified Local Vendor.
- f. The Bid Discounts outlined above may not exceed 5% or \$25,000 per bid, whichever is lower. Project bids from prime contractors and/or construction managers are considered a single bid for purposes of the Bid Discount consideration.

Grand Rapids Public Schools, Board of Education Members and employees are prohibited from having any financial interest or personal beneficial interest either directly or indirectly, in the award of any construction contracts, sub-contracts, or the recommendation/selection of any professional design service or construction manager, unless previously disclosed in writing to the Superintendent and approved in writing by the Superintendent.

This policy shall not apply to the extent that it would conflict with any provision of Michigan or federal law, regulation or constitution. The local preference shall not be applied to purchases of goods and services made with federal funds.

Adopted: March 19, 2012

LEGAL Ref: MCL 380.1267; 380.1274

POLICY Ref: 3660- Bids and Quotation Requirements

3690- Local Purchasing

1900- Contracts and Board Member Disclosure Obligations

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3690 Local Purchasing Preference (Cf. 3660, 3670, 1900)

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The District provides a 5% preference (bid discount) in the purchasing of school equipment and supplies from local vendors, providing the quality and service are commensurate with the requirements set forth by the District as to satisfy the demands of the bid or proposal. Bids, or proposals when bids are not required, shall be accepted from non-local vendors in order to maintain a fair market price.

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- a. Have obtained the Certification of a Michigan Based Business as determined by the Michigan Department of Technology, Management and Budget and had its primary business operations located within the municipality boundaries of the City of Grand Rapids, Michigan (Grand Rapids) for at least the last six months, or
- b. Be certified by the City of Grand Rapids, as a Micro-Local Business Enterprise and have its primary business operations within the municipality boundaries of the City of Grand Rapids.

A successful recipient of a contract and/or purchase order which has received a Local Purchasing Preference may be required to present proof of its status as a Michigan Based Business and documentation of its location within the City of Grand Rapids at any time upon request from an authorized District official. Failure to provide the requested information or failure to maintain business operations with the city of Grand Rapids for the duration of the contract will make the contract voidable at the District's discretion, and will result in disqualification from future consideration of a Local Purchasing Preference for a period of two years unless excused by the Superintendent or Designee.

Grand Rapids Public Schools, Board of Education Members and employees are prohibited from having any financial interest or personal beneficial interest either directly or indirectly, in the award of any construction contracts, sub-contracts, or the recommendation/selection of any professional design service or construction manager, unless previously disclosed in writing to the Superintendent and approved in writing by the Superintendent.

Section 3000: Fiscal Management

3690 Local Purchasing Preference (Cf. 3660, 3670, 1900)

3690-2

This policy shall not apply to the extent that it would conflict with any provision of Michigan or federal law, regulation or constitution. The local preference shall not be applied to purchases of goods and services made with federal funds.

Approved: June 29, 2009
Revised: March 19, 2012

POLICY Ref: 3660- Bids and Quotation Requirements
3670- Local Construction Contracting
1900- Contracts and Board Member Disclosure Obligations

CONSENT AGENDA

The following items are being presented for the acceptance/approval of the Board:

1. Approval of Minutes
 - a. Board Meeting- March 6, 2017
2. Reports of Committees
 - a. Ad Hoc Policy Committee Meeting – February 13, 2017
3. Business Items (None)
4. Motions & Resolutions
 - a. National Student Leadership Week
 - b. Month of the Young Child

**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, MARCH 6, 2017

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

Present: Slade, Baker, Flores, Grant, Lewis, Ross, Schottke, and President Falb – 8.

Absent: Matias – 1.

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. Lewis, supported by Dr. Baker, that the agenda be approved as written.

Carried: Yeas: Slade, Baker, Flores, Grant, Lewis, Ross, Schottke, and President Falb – 8.

Nays: 0.

CELEBRATIONS

Energy Star Certification at Buildings

Mr. Ken Klomparens, executive director of facilities and operations management was joined by Ms. Kristian Trovillian, sustainability coordinator to celebrate that eight school building in the district received Energy Star certification. This is earned through an USCEP rating that includes evaluating the building on its performance and energy efficiency. The building must be above 75 percent level so that it meets the top 25 percent of comparable buildings in the country.

Buildings receiving this certification include: Brookside, CA Frost, Mulick Park, Ottawa Hills, Riverside, Sherwood Park, Union, and Westwood. Over the past couple of years the district has been benchmarking all of its buildings not just for energy use and water use. The monitoring also includes tracking utility data monthly and yearly to determine what is expected for the use based on size and climate for the specific building. This allows them to predict what the utilities will be and expect them to be. The district can then prioritize the building's need to retrofit them for items such as LED light replacements for cost savings. It also provides the opportunity to see spikes in usage and to look at what is going on.

The District consults with Consumers Energy as a third party so they can send an engineer to do a walk through audit to verify the data the district has is correct. They report this to the Environmental Protection Agency. After receiving verification of the calculations and monitoring was correct, the district achieved the Energy Start level for these buildings. Each site received a plaque that will be displayed in the building. The District is looking at more buildings to go through this process in 2017.

Superintendent Neal shared that what is unique about this is that these are some of the older buildings in the district and was pleased this was attained.

Sherwood Park Global Studies Field Trip to Washington, D.C.

Ms. Bridget Cheney, executive director of pre-k-12 instructional support was joined by Ms. Sherrie Ross, principal at Sherwood Park Global Studies, Ms. Yamaka Bracey, assistant principal, along with Ms. Rose Enders to share an exciting opportunity provided to students at the school. Ms. Ross shared that she is grateful to be able to publicly thank Ms. Enders for her contributions that go beyond the monetary. She shows up every day faithfully volunteering to read to students, providing support for recess duty and lunch duty, as well as whatever she can do to help. Ms. Enders expressed her pleasure to continue on with the tradition and her goal to give students a snippet of what exists beyond Grand Rapids. She has provided opportunities for sixth graders to go to Chicago, seventh graders to go to Camp Henry, and eight graders to go to Washington, D.C. as she calls the big trip. She expressed her joy in being able to do this. This year she is taking 34 students to Washington, D.C.

REPORT OF THE STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE TO THE BOARD

The student representatives were excused.

PUBLIC COMMENT- BOARD AGENDA ITEMS

None.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Ms. Jen Schottke presented the following reports:

Board Committee Meeting Schedule Update

Ad Hoc Policy Committee will be meeting on Tuesday, March 14, 2017 at 12:30 p.m. in the Board Chambers.

West Michigan Hispanic Chamber 2017 Awards Gala

The Board will have a table to attend the West Michigan Hispanic Chamber 2017 Awards Gala taking place Wednesday, April 19, 2017 starting at 6:00 p.m. at The Pinnacle Center. Members of the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce will be recognized for the impact they create in the Hispanic business community in West Michigan. The following categories will be honored:

Hispanic Business of the Year
Hispanic Businessperson of the Year
Most promising Hispanic Business
Young Professional of the Year
Building Bridges Award
Non-Profit Champion Award

If you are able to attend, please RSVP with the Superintendent's Office.

RIF Movie Event

Be Our Guest at the Celebration North Cinema to support literacy efforts in the homes of GRPS youth. The live-action version of the film *Beauty and the Beast* will be playing on March 17 from 6:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. This special screening is a fundraiser with ticket level options to support the RIF program. You can purchase these special tickets through the Student Advancement Foundation's website via www.grsaf.org. Beauty and the Beast will be present to welcome guests to the event. Beauty/Belle will be portrayed by City High Senior Ashley King.

MASB – Region Three

Jill Fennessy was re-elected to serve as the Region 3 Board of Director on the Michigan Association of Schools Boards. The GRPS Board voted to submit a ballot for Ms. Fennessy at our February 6 board meeting. She will begin her second three-year term effective the second Wednesday in March. On behalf of the Grand Rapids Board, congratulations to Ms. Fennessy.

COMMITTEE CHAIR UPDATE

Finance Committee

Dr. Tony Baker requested that Mr. Larry Oberst, chief financial officer provide an overview of documents received by board members at Finance Committee and in board meeting packets. Mr.

Oberst provided information and detail to ensure that members can navigate the information they receive. Mr. Oberst presented on the financial dashboard, financials, and the bond planning working spreadsheet.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Michigan High School Athletic Association Winter Tournaments

Mr. John Helmholdt, executive director of communications and external affairs shared that the remaining games include the basketball and swimming and dive competitions. He encouraged everyone to come out and support the student athletics.

2017-2018 School Year Start Date

Mr. Helmholdt reported that the start of school will begin on Monday, August 28, 2017. Other dates are going through the negotiations process. He noted that there will be an extensive campaign to bring awareness of the earlier start date to bring awareness.

ACTION ITEMS

Resolution Related to Bond Authorizing Resolution

President Falb advised that the Board made the unanimous decision and voted to approve the Bond Authorizing Resolution this past November. The Board neglected to make a motion and second at that time. This resolution will allow the Board to bypass that in that one instant and uphold the vote they took at the time.

Motion by Ms. Slade, supported by Mr. Ross, to accept the Resolution Related to Bond Authorizing Resolution.

Carried: Yeas: Slade, Baker, Flores, Grant, Lewis, Ross, Schottke, and President Falb – 8.

Nays: 0.

GRAND RAPIDS PUBLIC SCHOOLS COUNTY OF KENT, MICHIGAN

At a regular meeting of the members of the Board of Education of Grand Rapids Public Schools, County of Kent, Michigan, held in said School District on _____.

PRESENT:

ABSENT:

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Member _____ and seconded by Member _____:

RESOLUTION TO WAIVE PROCEDURAL DEFICIT REGARDING THE BOND AUTHORIZING RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, at the November 7, 2016 Board meeting the Board unanimously approved the Bond Authorizing Resolution for the 2017 Refunding Bonds upon roll call. However, the record does not reflect that there was a motion or second as required by the Board's Bylaws.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of Grand Rapids Public Schools waives the requirement that a motion be made and seconded with respect to the Bond Authorizing Resolution approved by roll call of the Board on November 7, 2016, and to let stand the original roll call vote that approved that Resolution.

Upon a vote for the adoption of said Resolution, the vote was:

YEAS:

NAYS:

The Resolution was thereupon declared adopted.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Education of Grand Rapids Public Schools, County of Kent, State of Michigan, at a meeting held on _____, the original of which is on file in my office and available to the public. Public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in compliance with the Open Meetings Act, Act No. 267 of the Michigan Public Acts of 1976, including in the case of a special or rescheduled meeting, notice by posting at least 18 hours prior to the time set for said meeting.

DATED: _____

Secretary, Board of Education

WMHIP Resolution Naming Trustee and Alternate Trustee

Mr. Larry Oberst shared that the district's non-union employees' health insurance is provided by the West Michigan Health Insurance cooperative. This coverage has been for a number of years. As a member of that pool, the district has a board representation. Because of staffing changes the school board needs to approve of the change.

Motion by Ms. Lewis, supported by Ms. Slade, to accept the WMHIP Resolution Naming Trustee and Alternate Trustee.

Carried: Yeas: Slade, Baker, Flores, Grant, Lewis, Ross, Schottke, and President Falb – 8.

Nays: 0.

GOVERNING BODY OF
GRAND RAPIDS PUBLIC SCHOOLS
(the "Member")
RESOLUTION NAMING TRUSTEE AND ALTERNATE TRUSTEE

PREMISES

Article 6.1 of the Bylaws of the West Michigan Health Insurance Pool ("WMHIP") requires that each member entity name a Trustee and Alternate Trustee to serve on the Board of Trustees for the WMHIP.

- A. The Governing Body of the Member has chosen individuals in accordance with Article 6.1 to serve as Trustee and Alternate Trustee.
- B. The Governing Body of the Member believes that these individuals will represent the interests of the Member in the WMHIP.
- C. Neither of these individuals are an owner officer, or employee of any third-party administrator or any other third party providing services to WMHIP.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Governing Body of the Member hereby resolves:

1. The Governing Body hereby confirms its appointment of the following persons as Trustee and Alternate Trustee to serve as Trustee when the initial Trustee is not available or in attendance to carry out the Trustee's duties:

Amy Robinson, Benefits Manager (Trustee)
Larry Oberst, Chief Financial Officer (Alternate Trustee)

The Trustee and Alternate Trustee shall serve until replaced by action of the Governing Body of the Member. Failure of the Member to designate a Trustee, or the failure of that Trustee/Alternate Trustee to participate on the Board of Trustees, shall not affect the responsibilities or duties of the Member under the Amended Trust Agreement.

2. Once these appointments are made known to WMHIP, the above-named individuals shall remain in office until WMHIP receives evidence of appointment of other persons.

3. Evidence of these appointments shall be communicated to WMHIP by providing a certified copy of this resolution.

4. All resolutions and parts of resolutions insofar as they conflict with the provisions of this Resolution be and the same are hereby rescinded.

CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the _____ Governing _____ Body _____ of _____ the _____, _____ Counties, State of Michigan, at a _____ meeting held on _____, 2017, and that this meeting was conducted and public notice of this meeting was given pursuant to and in full compliance with the Open Meetings Act, being Act 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, and that the minutes of this meeting were kept and will be or have been made available as required by this Act.

I further certify that the following Members were present at this meeting:

_____ and that the following Members were absent _____.

I further certify that the foregoing resolution was moved by Member _____ and seconded by Member _____.

I further certify that the following Members voted for adoption of the foregoing resolution:

_____ and that the following Members voted against adoption of this resolution:
_____.

Secretary

Policy #3665 Food and Nutrition Services Procurement Policy, Second Reading, Final Adoption

Motion by Mr. Ross, supported by Ms. Lewis, to approve Policy #3665 Food and Nutrition Services Procurement Policy, Second Reading, Final Adoption.

Carried: Yeas: Slade, Baker, Flores, Grant, Lewis, Ross, Schottke, and President Falb – 8.

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 Second Reading, Final Adoption

Motion by Ms. Slade, supported by Mr. Ross, to approve Policy #7630 Food and Nutrition Procurement Policy, Second Reading, Final Adoption.

Carried: Yeas: Slade, Baker, Flores, Grant, Lewis, Ross, Schottke, and President Falb – 8.

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 Second Reading, Final Adoption

Motion by Ms. Grant, supported by Ms. Lewis, to approve Policy #7648 Dual Enrollment Second Reading, Final Adoption.

Carried: Yeas: Slade, Baker, Flores, Grant, Lewis, Ross, Schottke, and President Falb – 8.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

The following items are being presented for the acceptance/approval of the Board:

1. Approval of Minutes
 - a. Special Board Meeting/Work Session – February 13, 2017
 - b. Board Meeting- February 20, 2017
2. Reports of Committees
 - a. Ad Hoc Superintendent Evaluation Tool Review Committee Meeting – February 6, 2017
 - b. Ad Hoc Calendaring Committee Meeting – February 27, 2017
 - c. Finance Committee Meeting – February 27, 2017
3. Business Items
 - a. Personnel Transactions
 - b. Purchases
 - c. Financials – January 2017
4. Motions & Resolutions
 - a. Employee Appreciation Day
 - b. César E. Chávez Day
 - c. National School Breakfast Week
 - d. Women's History Month
 - e. March is Reading Month
 - f. Music in Our Schools Month

Motion by Ms. Slade, supported by Ms. Lewis, that the Consent Agenda items be accepted/ approved minus the Purchases.

Carried: Yeas: Slade, Baker, Flores, Grant, Lewis, Ross, Schottke, and President Falb – 8.

Nays: 0.

Purchasing Agenda

A board member asked for a rationale concerning air conditioning being proposed for the GRPS University building. The concern is with the prioritization of staff receiving this before schools that house students.

Dr. Baker as the chair of the Finance Committee shared that the committee discussed this prior to recommending the item on the purchasing agenda be brought forward. There is staff training going on throughout the summer and would not be able to use the site during that time otherwise. It would cost the district additional dollars to rent space elsewhere.

Mr. Klomprens supported the rationale by adding that the district wants to use the site extensively for a professional development center and it is understood that students come first. Typically air conditioning can't be done in buildings without a major renovation to the heating and cooling plan. Project capacity to do in all the buildings remains to be seen as the district is maximizing doing all it can within its financial capacity. It is the hope of the district to do this for all buildings.

Motion by Dr. Baker, supported by Mr. Ross, that the Purchasing Agenda be accepted/approved.

Carried: Yeas: Slade, Baker, Flores, Grant, Lewis, Ross, Schottke, and President Falb – 8.

Nays: 0.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

Ad Hoc Superintendent Evaluation Tool Review Committee Meeting

The February 6, 2017 Ad Hoc Superintendent Evaluation Tool Review Committee meeting minutes were approved under the Consent Agenda and have been posted to the District's website.

Ad Hoc Calendaring Committee Meeting

The February 27, 2017 Ad Hoc Calendaring Committee meeting minutes were approved under the Consent Agenda and have been posted to the District's website.

Finance Committee Meeting

The February 27, 2017 Finance Committee meeting minutes were approved under the Consent Agenda and have been posted to the District's website.

BUSINESS ITEMS

Personnel Transactions

The following transactions were approved/accepted under the Consent Agenda:

APPOINTMENTS - NON-INSTRUCTIONAL STAFF

GROUP	GROUP	FNAME	LNAME	STATUS	LOCATION	EFF DATE	DESC
SC	GR ASSOC OF EDUC OFFICE PERSONL	QUANETTA	THOMAS-DEAN	APPOINTED	KEC OAKLEIGH	2/20/2017	HEAD SECRETARY
WT	GR ASSOC OF CCW, ETS, NCTCHRS	BRITTANY	BOWEN	APPOINTED	COIT ACADEMY OF ARTS & SCIENCE	2/7/2017	ITINERANT CHILD CARE WORKER

WT	GR ASSOC OF CCW, ETS, NCTCHRS	GRETCHEN	EDWARDS	APPOINTED	KEC OAKLEIGH	2/20/2017	ITINERANT CHILD CARE WORKER
<u>APPOINTMENTS - INSTRUCTIONAL STAFF</u>							
GROUP	GROUP	FNAME	LNAME	STATUS	LOCATION	EFF DATE	DESC
TC	GR EDUCATION ASSOCIATION	ASHLEY	GREENUP	APPOINTED	ADULT EDUCATION	2/6/2017	ESL
TC	GR EDUCATION ASSOCIATION	KRISTIN	KRIEGER	APPOINTED	SHARED TIME PROGRAM	2/7/2017	1-8 COMPUTERS
TC	GR EDUCATION ASSOCIATION	DARIAN	MEININGER	APPOINTED	EAST LEONARD ELEMENTARY	2/3/2017	4
TC	GR EDUCATION ASSOCIATION	KARLEEN	KOSKINEN	APPOINTED	UNION HIGH	1/19/2017	ASD TEACHER
TC	GR EDUCATION ASSOCIATION	LAUREN	SHANE	APPOINTED	DICKINSON ELEMENTARY	2/17/2017	2/3 ESL
<u>RESIGNATIONS/RETIREMENTS/DISMISS - INSTRUCTIONAL STAFF</u>							
GROUP	GROUP	FNAME	LNAME	STATUS	LOCATION	EFF DATE	DESC
TC	GR EDUCATION ASSOCIATION	MICHELLE	VANDYKE	RESIGN	MULICK PARK	2/10/2017	4/5
<u>RESIGNATIONS/RETIREMENTS/DISMISS - NON-INSTRUCTIONAL STAFF</u>							
GROUP	GROUP	FNAME	LNAME	STATUS	LOCATION	EFF DATE	DESC
PA	PROFESSIONAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE	CARMEN	MARTINEZ-MOLERO	RESIGN	FRANKLIN CAMPUS	1/17/2017	HUMAN RESOURCES GENERALIST
BA	GR EDUC SUPPORT PROFESSIONALS	JEANNETTE	MCGHEE	RETIRED	PURCHASING & OPERATIONS	1/15/2017	CUSTODIAN 1
BA	GR EDUC SUPPORT PROFESSIONALS	JEFFREY	DEHAAN	RETIRED	PURCHASING & OPERATIONS	1/6/2017	LICENSED ELECTRICIAN
BA	GR EDUC SUPPORT PROFESSIONALS	VERONICA	GRIFFIN	RESIGN	PURCHASING & OPERATIONS	2/28/2017	SATELLITE PRODUCTION & UTILITY
SC	GR ASSOC OF EDUC OFFICE PERSNL	DANIELLE	HARP-BECKLEY	RESIGN	CITY HIGH/MIDDLE	2/10/2017	ATTENDANCE SECRETARY
WT	GR ASSOC OF CCW, ETS, NCTCHRS	BRIANA	THOMPSON	RESIGN	LINCOLN DEVELOPMENTAL CENTER	2/24/2017	ITINERANT CHILD CARE WORKER

Purchases

The following purchases were approved under the Consent Agenda minus the Design project management services for the air conditioning and renovation project at GRPS University, which was approved by way of a separate vote.

PURCHASING AGENDA MARCH 6, 2017 BOARD MEETING

I. General Fund

A. Instructional Supplies, Equipment, and Services

1. Payment of support for the Early Childhood Bright Beginnings Programs for the 2016-2017 school year for the Business Services Department at a total cost of \$33,752.00
VENDORS: 1 Kent Intermediate School District
2. Permission to modify blanket order for e-books for the Curriculum Department in the amount of \$11,500.00. Original blanket order amount of \$20,000.00 approved on 6/27/16. New blanket order amount \$31,500.00
VENDORS: 1 Overdrive

B. Support Materials

Permission to modify blanket order for student bus tickets for the Business Services Department in the amount of \$150,000.00. Original blanket order amount of

\$750,000.00 approved on 6/27/16. New blanket order amount \$900,000.00
VENDORS: 1 Interurban Transit Partnership

C. Stock Inventory

None at this time

II. Other (Special Funds)

A. Instructional Supplies, Equipment, and Services

1. Purchase of infrastructure data cabling to support wireless networking upgrades at buildings district-wide for the Management Information Systems Department at a total cost of \$193,000.00 (Funded: 85% expected eRate funding, 15% eRate reimbursement)

VENDORS: 5 FD Hayes, Amcomm Telecom, PCM Sales, Persevus,
Presidio

2. Upgrade of internet service for all district-wide locations for the Management Information Systems Department at a total cost of \$41,100.00 over four (4) years (Funded: 90% expected eRate funding, 10% BOE)

VENDORS: 1 Comcast

3. Upgrade of Wide Area Network to support additional Internet service for all district-wide locations for the Management Information Systems Department at a total cost of \$66,700.00 over four (4) years (Funded: 90% expected eRate funding, 10% BOE)

VENDORS: 1 Comcast

B. Support Materials

Contract to provide principal leadership development for the 2016-2017 school year at a total cost of \$25,000.00 (Funded: Title II, Part A)

VENDORS: 1 Richard Lemons

III. Building and Sites

A. General Building and Sites Projects

1. Design project management services for the air conditioning and renovation project at GRPS University for the Facilities Management Department at a total cost of \$233,750 (Funded: Bond Funds)

VENDORS: 1 Diekema Hamann Architecture & Engineering

2. Construction management services for the air conditioning and renovation project at GRPS University for the Facilities Management Department at a total cost of \$220,000.00 (Funded: Bond Funds)
VENDORS: 1 Erhardt Construction

B. Sinking Fund Projects

1. Construction management services for the Ridgemoor Montessori renovation project for the Facilities Management Department at a total cost of \$258,224.00 (Funded: Warm, Safe, Dry)
VENDORS: 1 Triangle Associates
2. Construction bids for long lead categories for renovation of the Ridgemoor Park building for the Facilities Management Department at a total cost of \$367,722.00 (Funded: Warm, Safe, Dry) VENDORS: 1
Triangle Associates

Financials – January 2017

The following financial reports were accepted under the Consent Agenda:

On behalf of the Superintendent of Schools, your Chief Financial Officers submits the following:

Business Affairs: Fiscal Reports:

1. Expenditures for the period January 1, 2017 through January 31, 2017.
2. Cash Receipts & Disbursements for the period of January 1, 2017 through January 31, 2017.
3. Debt Retirement Fund Status Report.
4. Building & Site Fund Status Report.
5. General Fund Balance Sheet.
6. General Fund Status Reports.
7. Special Revenue Funds Report.

General Operations, Multi-Funded and Fully Funded Programs
Disbursements for the Period: January 1, 2017 – January 31, 2017

	<u>Operating Funds</u>	
Invoices – Materials and Services		\$12,329,096
Taxes:		
Federal	\$ 675,450	
State	253,317	
City	<u>121,396</u>	
Total Taxes		1,050,163
Payroll:		
Gross Payrolls	8,053,454	
Non-Tax Reimbursements	112,920	
Less:		
Income Tax Withholding	\$1,002,396	

Social Security Withholding	562,423		
Annuities	835,640		
Hospital & Life Insurance	534,620		
Other Deductions	<u>57,797</u>		
Total Deductions		<u>2,992,876</u>	
Net Payroll			5,173,498
Payroll Reclassified to Funds Below			<u>(2,295,590)</u>
Total Operating Funds Disbursement			<u>17,257,167</u>

Building & Sites, Special Revenue, Trust & Agency & Debt Retirement,
Disbursements for the Period: January 1, 2017 – January 31, 2017

	<u>Other Fund</u>		
	<u>Invoices</u>	<u>Payroll</u>	
Building & Site Funds	485,786	0	485,786
Special Revenue Funds	749,149	1,294,047	2,043,196
Trust & Agency Funds	36,060	1,543	37,603
Debt Retirement Funds	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Total Other Funds Disbursements	1,270,995	1,295,590	2,566,585
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS: ALL FUNDS			<u>\$19,823,752</u>

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

Employee Appreciation Day

RESOLUTION
EMPLOYEE APPRECIATION DAY
March 3, 2017

WHEREAS, the education of youth is essential to the future of our community, state, country, and world; and

WHEREAS, Grand Rapids Public School (GRPS) employees are the backbone of our public education system; and

WHEREAS, GRPS employees work directly with students, educators, parents, volunteers, business partners, and community members; and

WHEREAS, GRPS employees support the smooth operation of offices, the safety and maintenance of buildings and property, and the healthy nutrition and direct instruction of students; and

WHEREAS, our community depends upon and trusts GRPS employees to serve students; and

WHEREAS, GRPS employees, with their diverse talents and true dedication, nurture students throughout their school years.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby proclaims Friday, March 3, 2017 to be Employee Appreciation Day in the Grand Rapids Public Schools.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education encourages all members of our community to join in this observance, recognizing the dedication and hard work of these individuals.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be placed on file with the official proceedings of the Board of Education.

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE
GRAND RAPIDS PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Grand Rapids, Michigan

March 6, 2017

Employee Appreciation Day was recognized at the Grand Rapids Public Schools by the Superintendent on March 3, 2017.

César E. Chávez Day

RESOLUTION
CÉSAR E. CHÁVEZ DAY
March 31, 2017

WHEREAS, César E. Chávez, was an American hero, a civil rights leader, Latino, farm worker, and a labor leader; a religious and spiritual figure; a community servant and social entrepreneur; a crusader for nonviolent social change; and an environmentalist and consumer advocates; and

WHEREAS, César, a second-generation American, was born on March 31, 1927, near his family's farm in Yuma, Arizona; and at age 10, his family became migrant farm workers after losing their farm in the Great Depression; and throughout his youth and into his adulthood, Cesar migrated across the southwest United States laboring in the fields and vineyards, where he was exposed to the hardships and injustices of farm worker life; and

WHEREAS, César's dream was to create an organization to protect and serve farm workers; and in 1962 he co-founded the National Farm Workers Association, which later became the United Farm Workers of America; and

WHEREAS, for more than three decades, César led the first successful farm workers union in American history, achieving dignity, respect, fair wages, medical coverage, pension benefits, and humane living conditions, as well as countless other rights and protections for hundreds of thousands of farm workers; and against previously insurmountable odds, he led successful strikes and boycotts that resulted in the first industry-wide labor contracts in the history of American agriculture; and

WHEREAS, His union's efforts brought about the passage of the groundbreaking 1975 California Agricultural Labor Relations Act to protect farm workers; and today it remains the only law in the nation that protects the farm workers' right to unionize; and

WHEREAS, César, a strong believer in the principles of nonviolence practiced by Mahatma Gandhi and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., effectively employed peaceful tactics such as fasts, boycotts, strikes and pilgrimages; and

WHEREAS, in 1968 he fasted for 25 days to affirm his personal commitment, and that of the farm labor movement, to non-violence; and he fasted again for 25 days in 1972; and in 1988, at the age of 61, he endured a 36-day “Fast for Life” to highlight the harmful impact of pesticides on farm workers and their children; and

WHEREAS, César passed away in his sleep on April 23, 1993, in San Luis, Arizona, only miles from his birthplace of 66 years earlier; and more than 50,000 people attended his funeral services in the small town of Delano, California, the same community in which he had planted his seed for social justice only decades before; and

WHEREAS, on December 3, 2003, Governor Jennifer Granholm signed Public Act 225 of 2003 to designate March 31 of each year as César E. Chávez Day in the State of Michigan; and

WHEREAS, on May 5, 2012, the Navy christened and launched the dry cargo/ammunition ship the USNS César Chavez in a ceremony at the General Dynamics NASSCO Spyard in San Diego honoring César who served the Navy during World War I; and

WHEREAS, on October 8, 2012, President Barack Obama established the César E. Chavez National Monument in Keene, California. The site marks the extraordinary achievements and contributions to the history of the United States made by César E. Chávez and the farm worker movement that he led with great vision and fortitude. La Paz reflects his conviction that ordinary people can do extraordinary things;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education recognizes, March 31, 2017 as “Cesar E. Chávez Day” and encourages staff to initiate and implement educational programs and activities appropriate to this occasion.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be filed with the official proceedings of the Board of Education.

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
OF THE GRAND RAPIDS PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Grand Rapids, Michigan

March 6, 2017

National School Breakfast Week

RESOLUTION
NATIONAL SCHOOL BREAKFAST WEEK
March 6 – 10, 2017

WHEREAS, the School Breakfast Program has served our nation admirably since it was permanently established in 1975; and

WHEREAS, the School Breakfast Program is dedicated to the health and well-being of our nation’s children; and

WHEREAS, the School Breakfast Program joins and has been joined through the years by many other excellent child nutrition programs; and

WHEREAS, there is evidence of continued need for nutrition education and awareness of the value of school nutrition programs

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Grand Rapids Public Schools does hereby proclaim the week of March 6-10, 2017 as NATIONAL

SCHOOL BREAKFAST WEEK and encourages all residents to become aware and concerned about their children's and their own nutrition habits, in hope of achieving a more healthful citizenry for today and the future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be placed on file with the official proceedings of the Board of Education.

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
OF THE GRAND RAPIDS PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Grand Rapids, Michigan

March 6, 2017

Women's History Month

RESOLUTION
WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH
March 2017

WHEREAS, American women of every race, class, and ethnic background have made historic contributions to the growth and strength of our nation, state, and city in countless ways; and

WHEREAS, American women have played and continue to play a critical economic, cultural, and social role in every sphere of the life of the nation by constituting a significant portion of the labor force working inside and outside of the home; and

WHEREAS, American women have played a unique role throughout the history of the nation by providing the majority of the volunteer labor force of the nation; and

WHEREAS, American women were particularly important in the establishment of early charitable, philanthropic, and cultural institutions in our nation; and

WHEREAS, American women of every race, class, and ethnic background served as early leaders in the forefront of every major progressive social change movement; and

WHEREAS, American women have been leaders, not only in securing their own rights of suffrage and equal opportunity, but also in the abolitionist movement, the emancipation movement, the industrial labor movement, the civil rights movement, and other movements, especially the peace movement, which create a more fair and just society for all; and

WHEREAS, despite these contributions, the role of American women in history has been consistently overlooked and undervalued in the literature, teaching, and study of American history; and

WHEREAS, the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America have instituted Public Law 101-6 designating the month of March as "WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH;"

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education recognizes March as "WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH" and encourages staff to initiate and implement educational programs and activities appropriate to this occasion.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be placed on file with the official proceedings of the Board of Education.

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
OF THE GRAND RAPIDS PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Grand Rapids, Michigan

March 6, 2017

March is Reading Month

RESOLUTION
MARCH IS READING MONTH
March 2017

WHEREAS, in Michigan and throughout the nation an alarming number of children enter school without the language and pre-reading skills necessary to succeed in reading and in school, and many children from all socioeconomic backgrounds do not how to hold a book, identify a word, or even recognize a letter; and

WHEREAS, research has shown that literacy is an important factor in determining an individual's success in school, the workplace, and society; and

WHEREAS, studies show that almost all children have the ability to learn if they are routinely exposed to basic language and pre-reading activities at an early age; and

WHEREAS, the ability to read is a unique aspect of our humanity and allows us to acquire knowledge of the world, our nation, the State of Michigan, and the communities in which we live; and

WHEREAS, March as been designated as Reading Month since 1982 and the Michigan Reading Association has developed resource packets containing suggestions for March as Reading Month activities; and

WHEREAS, the goals for the month include fostering positive feelings toward reading, encouraging the habit of reading as a recreational activity, and the promotion of improved literacy teaching and learning throughout the curriculum all year long;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Grand Rapids Board of Education joins the State Board of Education and the Michigan Reading Association in recognizing March is Reading Month and encourages schools to celebrate reading through special events during the month.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be placed on file with the official proceedings of the Board of Education.

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
OF THE GRAND RAPIDS PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Grand Rapids, Michigan

March 6, 2017

Music in Our Schools Month

RESOLUTION MUSIC IN OUR SCHOOLS MONTH March 2017

WHEREAS, the study of music contributes to young people's development through heightened skills in listening, reading, self-expression, and creativity; and

WHEREAS, music education in the schools includes a broad range of types of music and active musical experiences; and

WHEREAS, music and the other arts significantly enhance the morale and quality of the school environment; and

WHEREAS, it is the stated objective of the public schools to prepare children for a productive role in our society; and

WHEREAS, the Music Educators National Conference has designated March as Music in Our Schools Month; and

WHEREAS, the Grand Rapids Public Schools recognizes that a music program should be relevant to the needs of the students and will reach and positively influence each child;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Grand Rapids Board of Education endorses the observance of March as Music in Our Schools Month as an opportunity to support the purposes and practices of music education and encourages teachers, parents, students, and all citizens to participate.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be placed on file with the official proceedings of the Board of Education.

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE GRAND RAPIDS PUBLIC SCHOOLS Grand Rapids, Michigan

March 6, 2017

DISCUSSION ITEMS

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT – AGENDA AND NON-AGENDA ITEMS

The following individuals addressed the Board:

- ◆ Ms. Brenda Bierens concerning special education programming
- ◆ Ms. Melissa Courtrade concerning special education programming
- ◆ Ms. Mary Bouwens, GREA President concerning special education programming
- ◆ Mr. Bill Shrader concerning naming of school
- ◆ Mr. Francisco M. Vega concerning naming of school
- ◆ Ms. Lily Schulting concerning special education programming

SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS

None.

BOARD MEMBERS' COMMENTS

Dr. Flores expressed his hope for quality special education systems that he recalled as an administrator while an administrator. He also shared a touching story regarding meeting and knowing Medal of Honor Recipient, Master Sergeant Roy Benavidez. He feels that this is a name to consider when naming a school.

Ms. Lewis echoed Dr. Flores's sentiments and feels that Medal of Honor Recipient, Master Sergeant Roy Benavidez would be someone to consider when naming a school at the appropriate time.

Ms. Slade expressed that she hears the concerns regarding special education and shares concerns. She will be talking to the Superintendent and the rest of the board about it.

President Falb gave a shout out to Mayor Bliss' address and speaking about how the community needs to prioritize issues around equity. She thought about how the district has prioritized this and some specifics on that. She also gave Superintendent Neal, her team, and Dr. Baker for their leadership on "To College, Through College" movement and all of the work leading up to that and new work with the young women. It is really impressive and progressive and realizing all of the unspoken barriers. She is excited to learn of the projected graduation rates and grateful to be amongst company doing this work and is a game changer and a leader in the community.

ADJOURNMENT

The Board adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

Secretary

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REPORT OF COMMITTEE

Ad Hoc Policy Review Committee

Monday, February 13, 2017

Auditorium, Rev. Lyman S. Parks Administration Building

8:15 a.m.

Present: Ms. Schottke – Chairperson, Dr. Falb, Mr. Ross, Ms. Slade, Ms. Pitts, Mr. Green,
Ms. DeGroot

Absent: N/A

Public Comment

None

REPORTS/UPDATES

Ms. Schottke welcomed everyone and shared that beginning in March the committee would go through policy by policy in a very comprehensive review. The last review was done in 2009. Dr. Falb asked if there is a chance we might reduce the number of policies we currently have and Ms. Pitts shared that this would be up to the committee and the Board. Ms. Pitts shared that there are opportunities to combine some policies. Dr. Falb would like this to be one of the guiding principles. Ms. Schottke shared that Ms. Pitts would walk the committee through each of the policies and the committee could ask questions as we move along. Ms. Pitts shared that she brought Mr. Green and Ms. DeGroot to help with the policies being brought forward. We do have one policy that needs to be approved by April, policy # 7648- Dual Enrollment and Early/Middle College.

Policy # 3660 – Bids and Quotation Requirements

Ms. Pitts shared that this policy needed a lot of editing and organization. The first part of this policy actually should have been in policy 3610. Ms. Pitts shared what was omitted and added to bring the policy up to date. Mr. Ross shared some concerns with the competitive bids section. Ms. Pitts said she would look into the questions around the concerns and stated that we could spell out some of the concerns in the rules. Dr. Falb questioned the local first policy that she and Mr. O’Conner had worked on in the past. Dr. Falb wondered if the local first should be combined in this policy. Ms. Schottke asked the committee if they would like to move forward with this policy or wait to review in March. The committee supported the motion to table this policy. There was also some discussion regarding the rules around this policy and the bid protest process.

The Local Purchasing Preference policy was brought to the committee and Ms. Pitts shared that this would need some amendments according to laws that have come into effect since the policy revision.

Policy # 1610 – Purchasing Goods and Services

This policy was tabled until the next meeting in March.

Policy # 3650 – Cooperative Purchasing

This policy was tabled until the next meeting in March.

The following policies have been approved to be brought before the full Board for a first reading on Monday, February 20.

- Policy # 7630 – Graduation Requirements
- Policy # 7648 – Dual Enrollment and Early/Middle College
- Food & Nutrition Services Procurement Policy

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

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RESOLUTION

**NATIONAL STUDENT LEADERSHIP WEEK
April 16-22, 2017**

WHEREAS, student councils allow students to practice core democratic values in their schools and in the community; and

WHEREAS, student councils allow students to actively take part in their school and make decisions regarding student activities; and

WHEREAS, student councils promote student involvement and help raise school spirit, hold sales/functions which benefit their schools, serve as the leadership of their schools, and embody the belief that children are our future; and

WHEREAS, student councils work diligently to improve the overall environment of their school buildings and show that ample leadership exists in the Grand Rapids Public Schools;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the week of April 16-22, 2017 be designated as Student Leadership Week in the Grand Rapids Public Schools.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution be placed on file with the official proceedings of the Board of Education.

**THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
OF THE GRAND RAPIDS PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Grand Rapids, Michigan**

March 20, 2017

RESOLUTION

MONTH OF THE YOUNG CHILD

April 2017

WHEREAS, the future of our city, our state, and our country is dependent upon the way we educate and care for our children; and

WHEREAS, children are the seeds of tomorrow for they will become our future scientists, teachers, negotiators, peacemakers, workforce, taxpayers, and parents/families; and

WHEREAS, caring for the development, health, and comfort of young children is too important to ignore until they enter school; and

WHEREAS, adults who care about children are responsible for assisting young children by providing them with services which will help them reach their full potential; and

WHEREAS, Michigan is recognized historically for its emphasis on behalf of the young children through the Michigan Association for the Education of Young Children;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Grand Rapids Board of Education hereby declares the month of April 2017 as the MONTH OF THE YOUNG CHILD, and urges all citizens to join in celebrating our state's children and recognize our responsibility to guide them into a future of health, peace, education, and security.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be printed in the Proceedings of the Board and a copy be placed on file.

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
OF THE GRAND RAPIDS PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Grand Rapids, Michigan

March 20, 2017