

**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, APRIL 17, 2017

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

Present: Lewis, Ross, Schottke, Slade, Baker, Flores, Grant, 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 Mr. Ross, supported by Dr. Flores, that the agenda be approved as written.

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

Nays: 0.

Rev. Matias joined the meeting at 6:32 p.m.

CELEBRATIONS

Student Advancement Foundation Updates

Mr. John Helmholdt, executive director of communications and external affairs introduced Michele Suchovsky, executive director of the Student Advancement Foundation. He congratulated her and the Student Advancement Foundation team on their fundraising efforts and for their support of programming at the Grand Rapids Public Schools. Ms. Suchovsky introduced her staff and thanked them for their efforts.

Ms. Suchovsky shared that SAF has the privilege to serve as an ambassador sharing the success story of the Grand Rapids Public Schools. She highlighted a few programs that are taking place: “Great Sports, Great Kids” is in its second year providing 5,400 students with the opportunity in grades K- 8 to participate in an afterschool sport at no cost to any of the families. She highlighted that there is funding for the arts that includes bringing in guest artists to the schools to connect the learning to careers. She also shared that they fund mini grants for principals that is designed to support the learning culture at the school. She concluded by expressing her gratitude for this work in supporting the learning taking place at the schools.

REPORT OF THE STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE TO THE BOARD

The student representative was excused.

PUBLIC COMMENT- BOARD AGENDA ITEMS

None.

SECRETARY’S REPORT

Ms. Jen Schottke presented the following reports:

Board Committee Meeting Schedule Update

Finance Committee will be meeting on Monday, April 24, 2017 at 4:00 p.m. in the Board Chambers.

Collaborative Youth Fair

The Collaborative Youth Fair to support LOOP After School Programs is taking place on Saturday, April 22, 2017 from 9:30 a.m. through 1:30 p.m. at City High Middle located at 1720 Plainfield Ave. NE. All GRPS schools with a LOOP after school program will have a display to showcase work, projects, and activities from the program this year. Students’ work will be judged and awards will be given. There also will be singing and dancing performances by groups and individuals. This year’s theme is “All about Me!” Admission is free. There will also be free lunch, prizes, games, and entertainment.

2017 Citywide Art Show

The 2017 Citywide Art Show is taking place May 8 – 24, 2017 at the Western Michigan Conference Center located at 200 Ionia Ave. SW. Gallery hours will be 8:00 a.m. Monday through Thursday and 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. on Friday. There will also be two public receptions for GRPS' families and friends: May 9, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. for K-5, K-8, and Center Based Programs and May 10, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. for GRPS Secondary Schools and all Non-Public Schools.

Literacy Center of West Michigan Spellebration 2017

The Board has a table to attend Spellebration 2017 honoring Rick and Loy Adamy with the Meijer Champion of Literacy Award. This is an annual event hosted by the Literacy Center of West Michigan taking place on Thursday, May 11, 2017 starting at 5:30 p.m. at The Grand Rapids Masonic Center Ballroom. Also being recognized is Christina Arnold for the Ledy Award for Community Engagement and Denise Joseph for the Marshall Pitier Volunteer of the Year Award. Please let the Superintendent's Office know if you would like to attend.

COMMITTEE CHAIR UPDATE

None.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Davenport University Urban Education Program Partnership

Dr. Ronald Gorman, assistant superintendent of pk-12 instructional support introduced President Richard Pappas and Susan Gunn, dean of the College of Urban Education at Davenport University. Dr. Linda Rinker, executive vice president of academic affairs and provost was also present.

Dr. Pappas acknowledged Superintendent Neal for her support of the process to launch Davenport University's Urban Education program and noted this has been a tremendous partnership. He cited that there has been a national problem across all urban school districts having the highest turnover rate of faculty and administrators. He recalled in 2012 that he and Superintendent Neal spoke about the need for teachers to be prepared in a different way. He looked to do this through Davenport University's curriculum. This led to more discussion through this partnership. The Master of Urban Education Program (MUE) was developed as a way to provide teachers with a unique development opportunity.

Dr. Gunn provided an overview of the program and shared details around it including:

- ◆ Davenport University launched the College of Urban Education in 2014.
- ◆ The College of Urban Education launched its first Master of Urban Education Program cohort in partnership with Grand Rapids Public Schools in 2015.
- ◆ The Master of Urban Education curriculum focuses on:
 - Student Development
 - College-Career Readiness
 - Educational Technology

- Teacher Leadership
- School Improvement Planning
- Culturally Competent Classroom Management
- Instructional Pedagogy in Literacy, Math, and Integrated Science
- Differentiated Instruction in Urban Schools
- ◆ Teachers emerging from the program:
 - Understand the current context of urban education, including challenges and data driven educational strategies that influence student achievement
 - Gain experience in implementing culturally relevant pedagogical models of instruction that inspire and engage.
 - Learn how to work with community stakeholders to counteract and mitigate environmental factors that impact student success.

Dr. Gunn focused on two components that make this program unique:

- ◆ In class observations include weekly debriefings designed to help candidates hone their teaching practice, and
- ◆ Students taught by the MUE program candidates had a greater level of fall to spring growth than students within the district overall for 2015-2016.

Dr. Gunn concluded that the program, structure, and curriculum are based on best practices in urban education. They are incorporating things that have worked. The program is positively impacting teaching practice. The changes as a result of the MUE program are positively impacting students as well. She thanked the board for their support of this program as the MUE program recruits cohort 4. Cohort one is graduating this term.

Board members shared their appreciation and enthusiasm for the program.

Strong Schools, Strong Communities Proposal

Mr. Helmholdt shared that all 20 school boards in the Kent Intermediate School District support the ballot proposal for a .9 enhancement millage taking place on May 2, 2017. If the initiative passes, it would generate \$211 in revenue per pupil and would be 100 percent used in the classroom. The district is involved in the informational campaign and shared this has been a good effort knocking on doors and providing automated calls and mailers. There is a large door to door blitz forthcoming.

Graduation Rates

Dr. Gorman presented a report on the 2015–2016 graduation rates. He thanked the teachers, principals, families, and staff that helped put the district on the path to making gains. The District continues to move forward to increase its graduation rates and acknowledges that it has more work ahead. The following is a snapshot of the data shared:

- ◆ Graduation Rate (includes Center-Based Special Education and Alternative Education Programs): 65.54%
- ◆ Graduation Rate (dissecting Center-Based Special Education and Alternative Education Programs): 76.9%

- ◆ State Average: 79.65% (MDE Requires 18 credits to graduate; GRPS requires 22 credits to graduate for non-alternative education students)

All Students (20.98 Percentage Point Increase in 5 Years)

2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16
44.56%	47.31%	49.56%	56.20%	65.54%

Dr. Gorman shared data reflecting percentage increases from school year 2011-2012 to school year 2015-2016 showing gains in the following cohorts:

- ◆ African American: 25.73%
- ◆ Hispanic: 27.84%
- ◆ Asian: 33.93%
- ◆ Caucasian: 3%
- ◆ Economically Disadvantaged: 22.57%
- ◆ English Learners: 28.07%
- ◆ Male: 18.97%
- ◆ Female: 23.57%

There are factors that contribute to how graduation rates are determined. The District is working through the Michigan Department of Education on this effort. The district has increased its student graduations since Superintendent Neal’s administration. As compared to the 2013-2014 school year there was an increase in the number of graduates by +52 in 2014-2015 and +71 in 2015-2016.

The District has been addressing student support needs through the following intervention:

- ◆ Emphasis on freshman success
- ◆ Failure addressed immediately
- ◆ Content recovery
- ◆ More strategic about credit recovery – who gets placed in summer school first
- ◆ Testing out
- ◆ Knowing our data
- ◆ Improved record keeping
- ◆ Frequent credit audits

Board members thanked Superintendent Neal, Dr. Gorman, administration, and teachers for their work on these efforts.

PRESENTATION

Resolution – Biennial Election of the Kent Intermediate School Board to Determine a Representative and Alternate to attend the Biennial Election on June 5, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

President Falb advised that there is no action needed to select a representative and alternate for the resolution and that presenting it was their requirement. Ms. Lewis will serve as the representative and Mr. Ross as the alternate. The resolution will be voted on at the May 15, 2017 board meeting with the names of the representative and alternate included. At that time the board will determine the Kent Intermediate School Board nominees and positions that the Grand Rapids School Board will cast its ballot for.

ACTION ITEMS

Health Education Advisory Committee Recommendation/Michigan Model for Middle and High School Sex Education

President Falb asked her colleagues if there were any questions regarding this item before them. There were none.

Motion by Ms. Slade, supported by Ms. Lewis, to accept the Health Education Advisory Committee Recommendation/Michigan Model for Middle and High School Sex Education.

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

Nays: 0.

Policy #7020 Social and Emotional Learning, Acceptance of First Reading

Ms. Schottke shared that this is a new policy, Social and Emotional Learning, is the right thing to do for students to educate the whole child and it is as important as academic learning. This is recognition that the Board sees that and intends on educating children by providing resources to staff to appropriately provide support for social and emotional learning for students. The District is also pursuing a grant from the Wallace Foundation to help with these programs. A public policy is required as this is pursued.

Motion by Mr. Ross, supported by Ms. Grant, to approve Policy #7020 Social and Emotional Learning for Acceptance of First Reading.

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

Nays: 0.

Section 7000: Instructional Program
7020 Social and Emotional Learning

It is the mission of the Grand Rapids Public Schools that all students are educated, self-directed, and productive members of society. In order to accomplish this mission and our commitment to students and families, the Board recognizes that social emotional learning must become an

essential part of the curriculum, staff professional development, parent and family engagement, and community partnerships.

Adults must explicitly teach and model behaviors, attitudes, and skills that enable students to develop five important life skills:

- Recognize and manage their emotions
- Demonstrate caring and concern for others
- Establish positive relationships
- Make responsible decisions
- Constructively handle challenging social situations

The Superintendent shall incorporate social emotional learning into the curriculum and other educational programs. Through the strengthening of social and emotional development in adults and students, all students will experience a safe, caring, and inclusive environment where they can enjoy learning and meet their academic goals.

Approved:

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 March 13, 2017
 - b. Board Meeting – March 20, 2017
2. Reports of Committees
 - a. Academic Achievement Committee Meeting – February 21, 2017
 - b. Ad Hoc Policy Committee Meeting – March 14, 2017
 - c. Finance Committee Meeting – March 27, 2017
3. Business Items
 - a. Personnel Transactions
 - b. Administrative Appointment
 - c. Purchasing Agenda
 - d. Financials – February 2017
 - e. Donations:
 - Park Church for Palmer
 - Rose Enders for Sherwood Park
 - The Carls Foundation Grant for GR Oral Deaf Program
4. Motions & Resolutions
 - a. Administrative Professionals Day and Week
 - b. National Volunteer Appreciation Week

Motion by Mr. Ross, supported by Ms. Slade, that the Consent Agenda items be accepted.

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

Nays: 0.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

Academic Achievement Committee Meeting

The February 21, 2017 Academic Achievement Committee meeting minutes were approved under the Consent Agenda and have been posted to the District's website.

Ad Hoc Policy Committee Meeting

The March 14, 2017 Ad Hoc Policy Committee meeting minutes were approved under the Consent Agenda and have been posted to the District's website.

Finance Committee Meeting

The March 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 personnel transactions were approved/accepted under the Consent Agenda:

GROUP	FNAME	LNAME	STATUS	LOCATION	EFF DATE	DESC
GR EDUCATION ASSOCIATION	EMILY	ALT	APPOINTED	GR PUBLIC MUSEUM SCHOOL	4/10/2017	CURR INTEGRATION SPEC (TCHR)
GROUP	FNAME	LNAME	STATUS	LOCATION	EFF DATE	DESC
GR EDUC SUPPORT PROFESSIONALS	JOSHUA	NATTE	APPOINTED	CONGRESS ELEMENTARY	3/23/2017	HEAD CUSTODIAN 1
GR EDUC SUPPORT PROFESSIONALS	ZACHARY	HARRIS	APPOINTED	CITY HIGH/MIDDLE	4/5/2017	HEAD CUSTODIAN 1
GR EDUC SUPPORT PROFESSIONALS	HUNTER	CARLON	APPOINTED	FACILITIES & OPERATIONS	3/15/2017	ELECTRICIAN UNLICENSED
GR PARAPROFESSIONAL ASSOC	MALAURI	TAYLOR	APPOINTED	CAMPUS ELEMENTARY	3/13/2017	PREKINDERGARTEN PARAPROFESSIONAL
GR ASSOC OF EDUC OFFICE PERSNL	VALERIE	STEVENSON	APPOINTED	CITY HIGH/MIDDLE	3/13/2017	BUILDING REGISTRAR
GR ASSOC OF CCW, ETS, NCTCHRS	PATRICK	HERGEGEN	APPOINTED	PINE GROVE	3/27/2017	CHILD CARE WORKER
GROUP	FNAME	LNAME	STATUS	LOCATION	EFF DATE	DESC
GR EDUCATION ASSOCIATION	RICHARD	GROOTERS	RESIGN	ABERDEEN ELEMENTARY	6/15/2017	TEACHER MUSIC
GR EDUCATION ASSOCIATION	KRISTEN	WOLTERS	RESIGN	ALGER MIDDLE	1/6/2017	TEACHER ART
GR EDUCATION ASSOCIATION	BETTE	CONTRERAS	RETIRED	ALGER MIDDLE	6/15/2017	TEACHER SPECIAL EDUCATION
GR EDUCATION ASSOCIATION	JUANITA	JORDAN	RETIRED	BUCHANAN ELEMENTARY	6/15/2017	TEACHER ELEMENTARY
GR EDUCATION ASSOCIATION	MARY	MCBRIDE	RETIRED	BURTON ELEMENTARY	6/15/2017	TEACHER KINDERGARTEN
GR EDUCATION ASSOCIATION	BARRY	HARRIS	RESIGN	BURTON MIDDLE	12/15/2017	TEACHER BUSINESS ED/COMPUTERS
GR EDUCATION ASSOCIATION	KIMBERLY	QUIMBY	RESIGN	CA FROST ENVIRONMENTAL	1/6/2017	TEACHER ART
GR EDUCATION ASSOCIATION	PAULA	PILARZ	RETIRED	CA FROST ENVIRONMENTAL	6/15/2017	TEACHER ELEMENTARY

GR EDUCATION ASSOCIATION	ALLISON	POWELL	RESIGN	CA FROST HIGH/MIDDLE	6/15/2017	NURSE
GR EDUCATION ASSOCIATION	DENISE	BULGARELLA	RETIRED	COMMUNITY TRANSITION CAMPUS	6/15/2017	TEACHER SPECIAL EDUCATION
GR EDUCATION ASSOCIATION	CHERYL	KENDREGAN	RETIRED	EAST LEONARD ELEMENTARY	6/15/2017	TEACHER ELEMENTARY
GR EDUCATION ASSOCIATION	CHRISTOPHER	GALE	RETIRED	GR UNIVERSITY PREP ACADEMY	6/15/2017	TEACHER MATHEMATICS
GR EDUCATION ASSOCIATION	BARBARA	VIS	RETIRED	GR UNIVERSITY PREP ACADEMY	6/15/2017	TEACHER SPECIAL EDUCATION
GR EDUCATION ASSOCIATION	SARA	PEREZ	RETIRED	GR UNIVERSITY PREP ACADEMY	7/1/2001	TEACHER FOREIGN LANGUAGE
GR EDUCATION ASSOCIATION	KATHY	FREEMAN	RETIRED	INNOVATION CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL	6/30/2017	TEACHER MATHEMATICS
GR EDUCATION ASSOCIATION	JOANNE	HEWARTSON	RESIGN	KENOSHA CENTER @ CAMPUS	1/4/2017	TEACHER SPECIAL EDUCATION
GR EDUCATION ASSOCIATION	MARTHA	LARSON	RETIRED	KENT HILLS ELEMENTARY	6/15/2017	TEACHER MUSIC
GR EDUCATION ASSOCIATION	KATIE	BURY	RESIGN	LINCOLN SCHOOL	11/3/2016	TEACHER SPECIAL EDUCATION
GR EDUCATION ASSOCIATION	REBECCA	BRILOWSKI	RESIGN	NORTH PARK MONTESSORI	3/20/2017	TEACHER ELEMENTARY
GR EDUCATION ASSOCIATION	SUSAN	HENDRICKS	RETIRED	NORTH PARK MONTESSORI	6/30/2017	TEACHER ELEMENTARY
GR EDUCATION ASSOCIATION	MARY	GUIDRY	RETIRED	NORTH PARK MONTESSORI	6/15/2017	TEACHER SPECIAL EDUCATION
GR EDUCATION ASSOCIATION	KATHY	FREEWIND	RETIRED	NORTH PARK MONTESSORI	6/15/2017	TEACHER KINDERGARTEN
GR EDUCATION ASSOCIATION	KATHLEEN	RYAN	RETIRED	PALMER ELEMENTARY	6/15/2017	TEACHER SPECIAL EDUCATION
GR EDUCATION ASSOCIATION	NANCY	COOL	RETIRED	PINE GROVE	6/15/2017	TEACHER SPECIAL EDUCATION
GR EDUCATION ASSOCIATION	NICOLE	MCCARTHY	RESIGN	RIVERSIDE MIDDLE	3/21/2017	HEAD COUNSELOR
GR EDUCATION ASSOCIATION	KAITLYN	WIERENGA	RESIGN	RIVERSIDE MIDDLE	6/15/2017	TEACHER MATHEMATICS
GR EDUCATION ASSOCIATION	BRIAN	NORMANDIN	RESIGN	RIVERSIDE MIDDLE	3/15/2017	TEACHER MATHEMATICS
GR EDUCATION ASSOCIATION	LEE ANN	MCGARRY	RETIRED	SHAWMUT HILLS ELEMENTARY	6/15/2017	TEACHER ELEMENTARY
GR EDUCATION ASSOCIATION	SARAH	CHRISTMANN	RETIRED	SHAWMUT HILLS ELEMENTARY	6/15/2017	TEACHER SPECIAL EDUCATION
GR EDUCATION ASSOCIATION	MARY	BEHRENS	RETIRED	SHAWMUT HILLS ELEMENTARY	8/31/2017	TEACHER SPECIAL EDUCATION
GR EDUCATION ASSOCIATION	VONZOLLA	ELLIOTT	RESIGN	SIGSBEE PARK ELEMENTARY	6/15/2017	TEACHER SPECIAL EDUCATION
GR EDUCATION ASSOCIATION	LORI	REDNER	RETIRED	SIGSBEE PARK ELEMENTARY	6/15/2017	MTSS/OT
GR EDUCATION ASSOCIATION	JANET	MILANOWSKI	RETIRED	SIGSBEE PARK ELEMENTARY	6/15/2017	TEACHER SPECIAL EDUCATION
GR EDUCATION ASSOCIATION	ISABELLA	OCHOA	RESIGN	SOUTHWEST COMMUNITY CAMPUS	6/15/2017	TEACHER ELEMENTARY
GR EDUCATION ASSOCIATION	ADELA	MELARA	RETIRED	SOUTHWEST COMMUNITY CAMPUS	6/14/2017	TEACHER ELEMENTARY
GR EDUCATION ASSOCIATION	CAROLE	MAY	RETIRED	UNION HIGH	6/15/2017	TEACHER SPECIAL EDUCATION
GR EDUCATION ASSOCIATION	SUSAN	VANDERLENDE	RETIRED	WESTWOOD MIDDLE	6/15/2017	TEACHER READING
GR EDUCATION ASSOCIATION - KISD	PATRICIA	PALMER	RETIRED	COMMUNITY TRANSITION CAMPUS	6/14/2017	NURSE
GR EDUCATION ASSOCIATION - KISD	PATRICIA	PALMER	RETIRED	KENT VOCATIONAL OPTIONS	6/14/2017	NURSE
GR EDUCATION ASSOCIATION - KISD	JENNIFER	SOVA	RESIGN	NORTH PARK MONTESSORI	1/6/2017	TEACHER CONSULTANT
GR EDUCATION ASSOCIATION - KISD	JEANETTE	MCDOWELL	RETIRED	OTTAWA HILLS HIGH SCHOOL	3/16/2017	PSYCHOLOGIST
GR EDUCATION ASSOCIATION - KISD	PATRICIA	O'BRIEN	RETIRED	PALMER ELEMENTARY	6/14/2017	SOCIAL WORKER
GR EDUCATION ASSOCIATION - KISD	ANIKA	SMALLS	RESIGN	UNION HIGH	1/4/2017	PSYCHOLOGIST
GROUP	FNAME	LNAME	STATUS	LOCATION	EFF DATE	DESC
GR EDUCATIONAL OFFICERS ASSOCIATION	PATRICK	ZIELBAUER	RESIGN	FRANKLIN CAMPUS	3/8/2017	STUDENT & FAMILY SUPPORT SPEC
GR EDUCATIONAL OFFICERS ASSOCIATION	ZELMAR	HALL	RETIRED	OTTAWA HILLS HIGH SCHOOL	6/30/2017	ROTC TEACHER
GR EDUC SUPPORT PROFESSIONALS	AMEKA	BROWN	RESIGN	CITY HIGH/MIDDLE	3/7/2017	CUSTODIAN 1
GR EDUC SUPPORT PROFESSIONALS	BRYANT	CHANDLER	RESIGN	EAST LEONARD ELEMENTARY	3/27/2017	HEAD CUSTODIAN 1
GR EDUC SUPPORT PROFESSIONALS	GREG	ALBRECHT	RETIRED	FACILITIES PLANNING & MANAGEMENT	5/31/2017	ELECTRICIAN LICENSED
GR EDUC SUPPORT PROFESSIONALS	VAUGHAN	STEVENS	RETIRED	FACILITIES PLANNING & MANAGEMENT	5/11/2017	ELECTRICIAN LICENSED
GR EDUC SUPPORT PROFESSIONALS	ANTHONY	PASKEWICZ	RETIRED	FACILITIES PLANNING & MANAGEMENT	2/28/2017	ELECTRICIAN LICENSED

GR EDUC SUPPORT PROFESSIONALS	LORI	RONDA	RETIRED	HARRISON PARK	3/15/2017	PRODUCTION & UTILITY
GR EDUC SUPPORT PROFESSIONALS	THOMAS	THURMAN	RETIRED	KENT HILLS ELEMENTARY	2/28/2017	HEAD CUSTODIAN 3
GR PARAPROFESSIONAL ASSOC	OLGA	VASQUEZ	RETIRED	BUCHANAN ELEMENTARY	6/14/2017	PARAPRO BILINGUAL
GR PARAPROFESSIONAL ASSOC	JACKIE	GARVIN	RETIRED	CA FROST ENVIRONMENTAL	6/15/2017	LITERACY PARAPROFESSIONAL
GR PARAPROFESSIONAL ASSOC	SETH	CALDWELL	RESIGN	EAST LEONARD ELEMENTARY	1/27/2017	LITERACY PARAPROFESSIONAL
GR PARAPROFESSIONAL ASSOC	VICTORIA	ELLIOTT	RESIGN	EAST LEONARD ELEMENTARY	3/31/2017	SPEC ED PARAPROFESSIONAL
GR PARAPROFESSIONAL ASSOC	PATRICIA	BROEKSTRA	RETIRED	WESTWOOD MIDDLE	6/14/2017	SPEC ED PARAPROFESSIONAL
PROFESSIONAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE	SUSAN	TERRILL	RETIRED	FRANKLIN CAMPUS	6/30/2017	COORDINATOR WRAP AROUND SERVICE
PROFESSIONAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE	CHRISTINE	ROBERTSON	RESIGN	SIGSBEE PARK ELEMENTARY	1/6/2017	SUPERVISOR
PROFESSIONAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE	DENISE	MCCONNELL-BROWN	RETIRED	KENOSHA CENTER @ CAMPUS	9/30/2016	PRINCIPAL
PROFESSIONAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE	CARMEN	FERNANDEZ	RETIRED	SOUTHWEST COMMUNITY CAMPUS	6/30/2017	PRINCIPAL
PROFESSIONAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE	DEBORAH	MAICHELE	RETIRED	TRANSITION CENTER @ MAYFIELD	12/30/2016	PRINCIPAL
SUPPORT NON-EXEMPT	JANINE	BAKER	RETIRED	SIBLEY ELEMENTARY	6/30/2017	ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT
GR ASSOC OF CCW, ETS, NCTCHRS	ELLA	LIPSCOMB	RESIGN	COMMUNITY TRANSITION CAMPUS	12/16/2016	CHILD CARE WORKER
GR ASSOC OF CCW, ETS, NCTCHRS	KIMBERLY	FORBES	RETIRED	COMMUNITY TRANSITION CAMPUS	6/14/2017	CHILD CARE WORKER
GR ASSOC OF CCW, ETS, NCTCHRS	DIANE	WEEKS	RETIRED	COMMUNITY TRANSITION CAMPUS	6/15/2017	CHILD CARE WORKER
GR ASSOC OF CCW, ETS, NCTCHRS	DEBORAH	BURCAR	RETIRED	COMMUNITY TRANSITION CAMPUS	6/15/2017	CHILD CARE WORKER
GR ASSOC OF CCW, ETS, NCTCHRS	MILDRED	WILLIAMS	RETIRED	KEC BELTLINE	6/14/2017	CHILD CARE WORKER
GR ASSOC OF CCW, ETS, NCTCHRS	DEBORAH	BRUCKMAN	RESIGN	KENOSHA CENTER @ CAMPUS	6/14/2017	LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSE
GR ASSOC OF CCW, ETS, NCTCHRS	DIANE	MEYERHOLTZ	RETIRED	KENOSHA CENTER @ VANAUKEN	5/26/2017	ITIN. HOME COMMUNITY INTERPR.
GR ASSOC OF CCW, ETS, NCTCHRS	CHRISTINE	COLE	RESIGN	LINCOLN DEVELOPMENTAL CENTER	11/30/2016	NON CERTIFIED TEACHER 38WK
GR ASSOC OF CCW, ETS, NCTCHRS	BENJAMIN	LEPPER	RESIGN	LINCOLN DEVELOPMENTAL CENTER	12/22/2016	NON CERTIFIED TEACHER 38WK
GR ASSOC OF CCW, ETS, NCTCHRS	BRIANA	THOMPSON	RESIGN	LINCOLN DEVELOPMENTAL CENTER	2/24/2017	NON CERTIFIED TEACHER 38WK
GR ASSOC OF CCW, ETS, NCTCHRS	MITCHEL	FABER	RESIGN	LINCOLN SCHOOL	4/21/2017	CHILD CARE WORKER
GR ASSOC OF CCW, ETS, NCTCHRS	DEBORAH	KUIPER	RETIRED	PINE GROVE	12/22/2016	NON CERTIFIED TEACHER 38WK

Administrative Appointment

The following administrative appointments were approved under the Consent Agenda:

- Kelly Goff, 2017-2018 School Year Assistant Principal – ECSE Center at Campus

Purchasing Agenda

The following purchases were approved under the Consent Agenda.

PURCHASING AGENDA APRIL 17, 2017 BOARD MEETING

I. General Fund

A. Instructional Supplies, Equipment, and Services

Purchase of Discovery Education Science Techbook (digital K-12 science textbook) for the Curriculum Department at a total cost of \$706,368.00 for six years.
(Year 1 (7/1/2017) \$249,701.00, \$91,333.40 per year for years 2-6)

VENDORS: 1 Discovery Education

B. Support Materials

1. Permission to increase the dollar amount approved for grant preparation assistance for the Communications Office in the amount of \$60,000.00. Original amount of \$55,000.00 approved on 6/27/16. New dollar amount \$115,000.00

VENDORS: 1 Kennari Consulting

2. Nonviolent crisis intervention program providing training and materials for the Special Education Department a total cost up to \$85,000.00

VENDORS: 1 CPI/Crisis Prevention Institute

C. Stock Inventory

Permission to increase the dollar amount approved for 8-1/2x11 20 lb. white copy paper to be utilized throughout the district for the remainder of the 2016-2017 school year in the amount of \$38,510.00. Original amount of \$77,011.00 approved on 8/1/16. New dollar amount \$115,521.00

VENDORS: 1 Contract Paper Group

II. Other (Special Funds)

A. Instructional Supplies, Equipment, and Services

1. Purchase of equipment and services to implement wireless networking upgrades at buildings district-wide for the Management Information Systems Department at a total cost of \$321,382.00 (Funded: 75% expected eRate funding, 25% eRate reimbursement)

VENDORS: 4 Civitas IT, PCM Sales, Presidio, Vector Tech Group

2. Purchase of equipment to support upgrades of internet service for buildings district-wide for the Management Information Systems Department at a total cost of \$31,347.00 (Funded: 85% expected eRate funding, 15% eRate reimbursement)

VENDORS: 4 Vector Tech Group, Civitas IT, PCM Sales, Presidio

3. Permission to purchase National Geographic REACH instructional materials for ELL for Dickinson Elementary (K-6), Ken-O-Sha Park Elementary (K-5) and Sherwood Park Global Studies Academy (K-6) at a total cost of \$58,489.00 (Funded: Title III LEP Grant)

VENDORS: 1 Cengage Learning

B. Support Materials

Consulting services for the Community and Student Affairs Department at a total cost of \$50,000.00 (Funded: Wallace Grant)

VENDORS: 1 Urban Curry Consulting

III. Building and Sites

A. General Building and Sites Projects

1. Purchase of equipment to provide wireless projection in classrooms district-wide for the Management Information Systems Department at a total cost of \$148,500.00 (Funded: Bond Technology)
VENDORS: 1 Apple
2. Construction for the Museum High School project at the 54 Jefferson Building Bid Package 1 for the Facilities Management Department at a total cost of \$251,680.00 (Funded: XQ Super School Grant)
VENDORS: 1 Rockford Construction

B. Sinking Fund Projects

Construction for the renovation of the Ridgemoor Park building Bid Package 2 for the Facilities Management Department at a total cost of \$1,629,730.00 (Funded: Warm, Safe, Dry) (potentially Food Service funds and Early Childhood funds)

VENDORS: 1 Triangle Associates

Financials – February 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 February 1, 2017 through February 28, 2017.
2. Cash Receipts & Disbursements for the period of February 1, 2017 through February 28, 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: February 1, 2017 – February 28, 2017

		<u>Operating Funds</u>	
Invoices – Materials and Services			\$13,604,879
Taxes:			
Federal		\$ 719,638	
State		263,324	
City		<u>73,660</u>	
Total Taxes			1,056,622
Payroll:			
Gross Payrolls		8,369,582	
Non-Tax Reimbursements		52,812	
Less:			
Income Tax Withholding	\$1,058,852		
Social Security Withholding	583,251		
Annuities	860,763		
Hospital & Life Insurance	570,626		
Other Deductions	<u>56,206</u>		
Total Deductions		<u>3,129,698</u>	
Net Payroll			5,292,696
Payroll Reclassified to Funds Below			<u>(1,674,582)</u>
Total Operating Funds Disbursement			18,279,615

Building & Sites, Special Revenue, Trust & Agency & Debt Retirement,
Disbursements for the Period: February 1, 2017 – February 28, 2017

	<u>Other Fund</u>		
	<u>Invoices</u>	<u>Payroll</u>	
Building & Site Funds	2,789,960	0	2,789,960
Special Revenue Funds	910,635	1,673,473	2,584,108
Trust & Agency Funds	25,479	1,109	26,588
Debt Retirement Funds	<u>1,553</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1,553</u>
Total Other Funds Disbursements	3,727,627	1,674,582	5,402,209
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS: ALL FUNDS			<u><u>\$23,681,824</u></u>

Donations

The following donation was accepted under the Consent Agenda for approval under Policy 9350. Board Policy 9350 requires that the Business Division review any donations with a value greater than \$2,500.

- Park Church is donating \$3,000 to Palmer Elementary for use on student support items, such as supplies and PBIS rewards.
- Rose Enders is donating \$23,000 to Sherwood Park Elementary for use on field trips to Washington DC in the 2016-17 school year. Also donated was \$3,000

toward a 7th grade trip to Camp Henry, and \$4,000 to a 6th grade trip to Chicago also in the 2016-17 school year.

The following grant and contract opportunity was presented under donations. This opportunity is in support and consistent with the Transformation Plan and builds on the current initiatives:

- Donor Name – The Carls Foundation
Project Title: GR Oral Deaf Program Roger Inspiro Transmitters and Receivers
Project Dates: Spring Semester 2016-17
Amount: \$103,563.00
Purpose: To purchase an additional 45 Roger Inspiro transmitters at \$789 each plus 90 Roger receivers at \$743 each so that each student served by the Oral Deaf program has this latest adaptive, digital, wireless transmission technology. Each student will receive one transmitter and two receivers.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

Administrative Professionals Day and Week

RESOLUTION
ADMINISTRATIVE PROFESSIONALS WEEK
April 24-28, 2017
ADMINISTRATIVE PROFESSIONALS DAY
April 26, 2017

WHEREAS, administrative professionals contribute to the economic vitality of the community with their talent, discipline and skill which provide a strong base for the smooth operation of any office; and

WHEREAS, the annual observance of Administrative Professionals Week and Administrative Professionals Day is an excellent opportunity for employees in all office settings to recognize the countless contributions made by administrative professionals throughout the year; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting for all staff to recognize the competency, efficiency, and devotion of the administrative professionals in the Grand Rapids Public Schools through the designation of this week;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Grand Rapids Board of Education hereby declares April 24-28, 2017 as Administrative Professionals Week, and April 26, 2017, as Administrative Professionals Day in the Grand Rapids Public Schools and encourages all citizens to recognize the vital role that administrative professionals play and to extend appreciation to them during this week and throughout the year.

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

April 17, 2017

National Volunteer Appreciation Week

RESOLUTION
NATIONAL VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION WEEK
April 23 - 29, 2017

WHEREAS, school volunteers are dedicated citizens from the community who assist teachers and administrators by helping students; and

WHEREAS, volunteers are a vital member of a "school team;" and

WHEREAS, volunteers help students develop skills, achieve potential, and master subject matter; and

WHEREAS, volunteers enrich the experiences of children beyond what is available in schools by sharing their own knowledge and skills; and

WHEREAS, most volunteers are dependable, enthusiastic, flexible, patient, loyal, sensitive, thoughtful, caring, and possess a sense of humor; and

WHEREAS, volunteers contribute to each student's success in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, volunteers help students to be lifelong learners;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Grand Rapids Public Schools recognizes April 23-29, 2017 as National Volunteer Appreciation Week and encourages staff to acknowledge volunteers who serve their individual buildings.

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

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DISCUSSION ITEMS

National School Boards Association's Denver Conference

Rev. Matias shared that this conference opportunity provides members with training on their role. He enjoyed the speakers and highlighted Scott Kelly, astronaut and how he was an average student but was influenced by teachers, parents, and the context of the community. Rev. Matias also attended a social and emotional learning workshop and how teaching students is takes a community. He expressed his appreciation to serve and attend the event. He went to the Hispanic Council luncheon and was impressed by the speaker, Sylvia Mendez, a civil rights activist and Presidential Medal of Freedom recipient. Her family had the courage to face the powers to be to fight segregation in the schools in 1974.

Ms. Lewis shared that she attended a boot camp for new school board members and went to several sessions. She enjoyed the keynote speakers and workshops and highlighted Wes Moore from NPR. She shared that he did not have an easy path but had the desire instilled in him to continue his education and to do something in his life.

Ms. Grant shared that she attended sessions centered on students that talked about career pathways that would connect them to their core lessons. She shared that it was great to connect with other districts and how they compare to the district. She also attended sessions that talked about board members how they can focus on equity in their district through policy. She shared that other districts also test out and allow CTE opportunities to allow students to become translators to give them a valuable role to help others communicate.

MASB Summer Leadership Institute

President Falb asked board members that would like to attend the Michigan Association of School Boards' professional development training that this opportunity is available to them.

PUBLIC COMMENT – AGENDA AND NON-AGENDA ITEMS

The following individuals addressed the Board:

- ◆ Ms. Susan Pacheco regarding Harrison Park School
- ◆ Ms. Michelle Lyon regarding Harrison Park School

SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS

None.

BOARD MEMBERS' COMMENTS

Mr. Ross thanked Dr. Gorman for the good news received through the presentation on the graduation rates. He appreciated that the success to date is a work in progress and the rates are heading in the right direction.

Dr. Flores commented that the graduation rates are excellent work and that of staff need to be complimented. The District has the daunting task of educating a community that is underserved and undereducated and has historically been such. He expressed that it is by early intervention, parental involvement by crossing the barrier of language and culture that the quality of education and achievement will be uplifted in the district. He shared that he spoke with some people that day that have the ability to hire. Employers need people to fill those jobs. Students need to be well educated and prepared for them. A job and education can change one's destiny.

Ms. Lewis concurs with what Dr. Flores said. She complimented Ms. Schottke on the Michigan CareerQuest event she attended by invitation at DeVos Place. At the event, she was impressed by all the options students have to study. She was impressed by the number of students from all over the county who expressed their excitement for this opportunity.

Rev. Matias was pleased by the increase in graduation rates and noted the largest increase for the Hispanic population. He shared that something is going right in the schools and working on issues that they face in the community. He shared that the Board, Superintendent Neal, and community are not afraid to face them. He is excited to see partners and them committing to funding what is needed to be a successful community.

Ms. Grant is pleased by the graduation rates improvement and excited for the students. She was excited to hear more details about the Master in Urban Education and the involvement the district has. She noted that the district has educators that are invested in students. When there is a gap, it is not only hard on the educator but also on the students. She is excited to see people investing time and resources filling that gap.

Dr. Baker realizes there is a lot that makes the district successful. One is the responsiveness to the community. He is really impressed and proud to be speaking about GRPS and the graduation rate is a bigger symbol of that but does not capture the whole story.

Ms. Schottke said expressed her appreciation for those who have done the work to move the district forward. She thanked teachers, administration, and Superintendent Neal. She also thanked the students for engaging and doing the work and their families for supporting them. She is grateful to be a part of this great story.

President Falb shared her sentiment is the same as those already shared. She congratulated Ms. Suchvosky and the Student Advancement Foundation's team. She is impressed by their fundraising and the growth. She is looking forward to MindShare. She asked folks to get out and vote to keep the momentum going.

ADJOURNMENT

The Board adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

Secretary

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