

**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, JUNE 19, 2017

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

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

Absent: Baker – 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 Rev. Matias, that the agenda be approved as written.

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

Nays: 0.

CELEBRATIONS

GRPS Back to School on August 28, 2017 Jingle Contest

Mr. Kurt Johnson, executive director of athletics and dual enrollment shared that as part of the Communication Department's comprehensive plan for retention and recruitment held a "Jingle Contest" to help get word out about the August 28, 2017 start date for the 2017/2018 school year. The contest was open to all GRPS students with requirements of a 30 second song that featured the line "Don't be late on August 28." The entries received were very impressive by their quality and creativity. The Fine Arts Department judged the entries and selected the top six to move on to the public vote which was posted to Facebook and YouTube. The winning entry was created by Emily Jespersen and Nora Milanowski from CA Frost. Their jingle was presented to the board and will be heard throughout the month of July and August to raise awareness of the new start date of school.

Dyer-Ives Poetry Contest

Dr. Christopher Hanks, head principal at the Grand Rapids Public Museum School provided that the Dyer-Ives Foundation provided a grant to the Grand Rapids Public Museum to continue a poetry competition to support poets and artists in the community. Dr. Hanks expressed his delight that one of GRPM School's students was the winning recipient in the elementary category, Marie Milzarski. This year, the elementary contest had over 400 entries. Marie's poem entitled, "Eve" was read aloud. Dr. Hanks continued that the poems in the competition are collected in a small book that is available at the Grand Rapids Public Library.

Nellie H. Stevens Travel Award Recipient

Ms. Micky Savage, director of human resources and labor relations provided the eligibility criteria for the Nellie H. Stevens Travel Award. Candidates must be a GRPS teacher, member of the Grand Rapids Education Association, and have five years of experience teaching in the district. Candidates were also required to submit a proposal. This year there were eight candidates whose entries were reviewed by a panel of assistant superintendents and executive directors for instruction.

Sheryl Depker, a math teacher at Southwest Community Campus was selected as this year's recipient. She will be leaving July 4, 2017 to travel to the city of Bilbao in Spain to take courses on conversational Spanish, grammar, culture, and technology. This opportunity will allow her to be immersed in Spanish culture and learning. She looks forward to communicating with her students from abroad and sharing her experience with them as well in the next school year. She expressed her excitement and gratitude for this opportunity.

PUBLIC COMMENT- BOARD AGENDA ITEMS

None.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Ms. Jen Schottke presented the following reports:

Board Committee Meeting Schedule Update

Academic Achievement Committee is scheduled for June 20, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. in the auditorium.

Ad Hoc Policy Committee is scheduled for July 11, 2017 at 1:00 p.m. in room 101.

Grand Rapids Urban League Annual Park Party

Grand Rapids Urban League is holding its 2nd Annual Park Party on June 24th and July 22nd at Marin Luther King Park located at 900 Fuller Ave. SE from 12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. There will be music, food, fun, games, and resources. The event is sponsored by the Grand Rapids Housing Commission and The Campau Connection.

COMMITTEE CHAIR UPDATE

None.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Summer Meals Program

Mr. Phillip Greene, director of food and nutrition services shared that this year’s summer meal program is being referred to as “Meet up to Eat Up”. The program is federally funded and for each meal served, the district will be reimbursed. During the school year, there are currently 19,000 meals served a day. The summer program serves about 3,000 meals. This is a big drop off of eligible students to receive the meals compared to the school year. GRPS is currently the ninth largest in the state to facilitate the program. The GRPS will begin its facilitation June 26, 2017 through August 18, 2017. Information is available on the district’s website via www.grps.org/nutrition or text to 877-877 to learn of the closest service location.

ACTION ITEMS

Mr. Larry Oberst, chief financial officer noted that there have been many conversations concerning the 2017/2018 budget over the past few weeks. He noted that the board will need to vote on the three budgets separately. A detailed presentation was provided at the previous work session and a formal presentation was also done at the public hearing for the 2017/2018 budget.

General Operating Fund Resolution

Motion by Ms. Lewis, supported by Dr. Flores to accept the General Operating Fund Resolution.

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

Nays: 0.

Resolution for Adoption by the Board of Education of
Grand Rapids Public Schools
GENERAL OPERATING FUND

RESOLVED, that this resolution shall be the general appropriations of the Grand Rapids Public Schools for the fiscal year 2017-2018: a resolution to make appropriations; to provide for the expenditures of the appropriations; and to provide for the disposition of all income received by the Grand Rapids Public Schools.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that no Board of Education member or employees of the school district shall expend any funds or obligate the expenditure of any funds except pursuant to appropriations made by the Board of Education and in keeping with the budgetary policy statement hitherto adopted by the Board. Changes in the amount appropriated by the Board shall require approval by the Board.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Superintendent is hereby charged with general supervision of the execution of the budget adopted by the Board and shall hold the department heads responsible for performance of their responsibilities within the amounts appropriated by the Board of Education and in keeping with the budgetary policy statement hitherto adopted by the Board.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the total available to appropriate in the General Fund is hereby appropriated in the amounts and for the purposes set forth as per page 1 of Exhibit 1 attached.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the general appropriation for the Grand Rapids Public Schools for the fiscal year 2017-2018 is listed per page 2 Exhibit 1 attached.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the number of ad valorem mills to be levied for general operating purposes is 18 mills on the taxable value of non-homestead and non-qualified agricultural property.

This resolution is to take effect on July 1, 2017.

Ayes: Members _____

Nays: Members _____

Motion Declared ADOPTED

Secretary, Board of Education
Grand Rapids Public Schools

CERTIFICATE OF SECRETARY

I, the undersigned, being duly qualified and acting Secretary of the Board of Education of the Grand Rapids Public Schools, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Education of the Grand Rapids Public Schools, of Kent County, Michigan at a regular meeting held on the 19th day of June 2017, the original of which is on file in my office, and that public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in full compliance with Act 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976.

Dated this the _____ day of _____, 2017

Secretary, Board of Education
Grand Rapids Public Schools

Debt Revenue Fund Resolution

Motion by Ms. Grant, supported by Mr. Ross, to accept the Debt Revenue Fund Resolution.

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

Nays: 0.

Resolution for Adoption by the Board of Education of
Grand Rapids Public Schools
DEBT RETIREMENT FUND

RESOLVED, that this resolution shall be the general appropriations of the Grand Rapids Public Schools for the fiscal year 2017-2018: a resolution to make appropriations; to provide for the expenditures of the appropriations; and to provide for the disposition of all income received by the Grand Rapids Public Schools.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that no Board of Education member or employees of the school district shall expend any funds or obligate the expenditure of any funds except pursuant to appropriations made by the Board of Education and in keeping with the budgetary policy statement hitherto adopted by the Board. Changes in the amount appropriated by the Board shall require approval by the Board.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Superintendent is hereby charged with general supervision of the execution of the budget adopted by the Board and shall hold the department heads responsible for performance of their responsibilities within the amounts appropriated by the Board of Education and in keeping with the budgetary policy statement hitherto adopted by the Board.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the total available to appropriate in the Debt Retirement Fund is hereby appropriated in the amounts and for the purposes set forth as per Exhibit 1 attached.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the general appropriation for the Grand Rapids Public Schools for the fiscal year 2017-2018 is listed per Exhibit 1 attached.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the number of ad valorem mills to be levied for debt retirement purposes is 4.25 mills on the taxable value of all property.

This resolution is to take effect on July 1, 2017.

Ayes:	Members	_____

Nays:	Members	_____

Motion Declared ADOPTED

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Dated this the _____ day of _____, 2017

Secretary, Board of Education
Grand Rapids Public Schools

Special Revenue Fund Resolution

Motion by Mr. Ross, supported by Ms. Grant, to accept the Special Revenue Fund Resolution.

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

Nays: 0.

Resolution for Adoption by the Board of Education of
Grand Rapids Public Schools
SPECIAL REVENUE FUND

RESOLVED, that this resolution shall be the general appropriations of the Grand Rapids Public Schools for the fiscal year 2017-2018: A resolution to make appropriations; to provide for the expenditures of the appropriation; and to provide for the disposition of all income received by the Grand Rapids Public Schools.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that no Board of Education member or employees of the school district shall expend any funds or obligate the expenditure of any funds except pursuant to appropriations made by the Board of Education and in keeping with the budgetary policy statement hitherto adopted by the Board. Changes in the amount appropriated by the Board shall require approval by the Board.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Superintendent is hereby charged with general supervision of the execution of the budget adopted by the Board and shall hold the department heads responsible for performance of their responsibilities within the amounts appropriated by the Board of Education and in keeping with the budgetary policy statement hitherto adopted by the Board.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the total revenue and unappropriated fund balance estimated to be available for appropriations in the Special Revenue Fund of the Grand Rapids Public Schools for fiscal year 2017-2018 is hereby appropriated in the amounts and for the purposes set forth as per Exhibit A attached.

This resolution is to take effect on July 1, 2017.

Ayes: Members _____

Nays: Members _____

Motion Declared ADOPTED

Secretary, Board of Education
Grand Rapids Public Schools

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Dated this the _____ day of _____, 2017

Secretary, Board of Education
Grand Rapids Public Schools

KISD Early Middle College Resolution

Ms. Neal shared that the Kent Intermediate School District requested area districts are required to pass a resolution to support them so they can offer an early/middle college program. She explained that there are smaller outlining districts that do not have this option for students and the KISD will be able to supplement that need. The GRPS district has its own program.

Motion by Ms. Grant, supported by Ms. Slade, to approve the KISD Early Middle College Resolution.

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

Nays: 0.

EARLY MIDDLE COLLEGE RESOLUTION

A regular meeting of the Board of Education (the “Board”) of the Grand Rapids Public Schools District (the “District”) was held in the administrative offices, within the boundaries of the school district, on the 19th of June, 2017, at 6:30 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Wendy Falb, Ph.D., President.

Present: Members

Absent: Members

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

WHEREAS:

1. The Michigan Pupil Accounting Manual specifies that an early/middle college is a five-year educational track designed to allow a pupil to earn a high school diploma while also earning up to 60 transferable college credits toward a four-year degree from a Michigan public or private university, an associate degree from a community college, or a Michigan Early/Middle College Association (MEMCA) technical certificate; and,
2. A consortium agreement between an intermediate school district or a school district and a Michigan community college is needed to establish an early/middle college school or program; and,
3. A school district may count a pupil in membership on a full-time basis if the sum of the actual instructional hours in which the pupil is enrolled and which he or she is attending at the high school and at an eligible postsecondary institution plus the actual travel time meets the minimum number of hours required to meet a reduced schedule; and,
4. A participating pupil may count in membership if enrolled in a school district that has a separate designation in the Educational Entity Master (EEM) indicating that the district provides an early/middle college program; and,
5. The pupil is enrolled in at least 1 high school class in a school district.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. This District will participate in Kent Intermediate School District's Early/Middle College program (entitled, "Launch U") for the 2017-18 school year and foreseeable future; and
2. This Board and District acknowledge and participating students and their parents/guardians will understand that an additional (fifth) year of study is required as a condition to confer a diploma for those students participating in Kent Intermediate School District's Early/Middle College program; and
3. This Board and District acknowledge and participating students and their parents/guardians will understand that math or a math related course is necessary in the student's final (fifth) year as a condition for conferring a high school diploma pursuant to requirements of the Michigan Merit Curriculum.
4. All resolutions and parts of resolutions insofar as they conflict with the provisions of this resolution be and the same are hereby rescinded.

Ayes: Members

Nays: Members

Resolution declared adopted.

Date: June 19, 2017

Jen Schottke
Secretary, Grand Rapids Board of Education

The undersigned duly qualified and acting Secretary of the Board of Education of Grand Rapids Public Schools hereby certifies that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Board at a regular board meeting held on June 19, 2017, the original of which resolution is part of the Board's minutes, and further certifies that notice of the meeting was given to the public under the Open Meetings Act, 1976 PA 267, as amended.

Secretary, Board of Education

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/Closed – June 5, 2017
 - b. Board Meeting – June 5, 2017
2. Reports of Committees (None)
3. Business Items
 - a. Administrative Appointment
 - b. Student Reinstatement
4. Motions & Resolutions (None)

Motion by Dr. Flores, supported by Mr. Ross, to approve the Consent Agenda minus the Student Reinstatement.

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

Nays: 0.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

None.

BUSINESS ITEMS

The following administrative appointments were approved under the Consent Agenda:

- Jamita Lewis, 2017-2018 School Year Assistant Principal Grand Rapids Public Museum School

Student Reinstatement

A board member expressed their intention based on concerns to vote no for the reinstatement of students going back to their neighborhood school. President Falb noted that this particular reinstatement does not involve the student returning to their neighborhood school.

Motion by Ms. Slade, supported by Rev. Matias, to approve the Student Reinstatement.

Carried: Yeas: Grant, Lewis, Matias, Ross, Schottke, Slade, and President Falb – 7.

Nays: Flores – 1.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

None.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

July Meeting Schedule

President Falb shared that the July 3, 2017 board meeting is canceled. They will be meeting on July 11, 2017 at a work session. She noted that the board will do a book study on *You Can't Teach What You Don't Know*. The board retreat was also scheduled and was sent to the board.

PUBLIC COMMENT – AGENDA AND NON-AGENDA ITEMS

The following individual addressed the Board:

- ◆ Ms. Michael Bukula regarding personnel matters

SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS

None.

BOARD MEMBERS' COMMENTS

Dr. Flores regarding the written communication on the reinstatement of a student was miscommunicated.

Ms. Lewis enjoyed the graduations and expressed her acknowledgement of the efforts of the staff as well as the diversity of the graduates and their families.

Rev. Matias shared his pleasure in attending the graduations and seeing the diversity and sitting among the parents and how proud they were of their students. He is pleased with the increase in graduates and expressed his excitement of the kids and families reaching for their dreams.

President Falb shared her appreciation for GRPS' diversity of students and the asset this is. She thanked and expressed her appreciation to the many educators that have been involved to increase the district's MAP scores. She shared that good education is taking place at GRPS.

ADJOURNMENT

The Board adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

Secretary

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