

**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 5, 2017

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

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

Absent: 0.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

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

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

Nays: 0.

CELEBRATIONS

City High Forensics

Dr. Ron Gorman, assistant superintendent of prek-12 instructional support introduced Dr. Michael Pascoe, head principal at City High Middle and Mr. Bill Harris, coach of forensics and debate to celebrate the many accomplishments that occurred during the 16/17 school year by the City High Forensics team. Dr. Pascoe shared that there are nine different programs with four at the middle school and five at the high school. This year, the teams collectively took home five team trophies with 17 individual awards. Eleven students went to the state championships, nine of which participated in Model United Nations or debate. Funds are raised through the PTSA at the school with Coach Harris declining to take a stipend for his work.

Coach Harris shared that it is a privilege to work with students and to see them grow. He has three goals for the students who participate in the programs: a sense of self possession, how to learn to use the emotional tools they have to communicate and the impact they have, and to do this for impact to change the audience and makes a point to establish a new way of thinking. He expressed that there is a challenge providing this opportunity to students of color and would like to create this program for all of the high schools. This is part of a bigger vision he has for the program.

Coach Harris announced the following students having received individual awards: William Kelly a 12th grade student took 2nd place in Broadcasting at State. Rose Gerson a 9th grade student took 1st place in Storytelling. Additionally, Daniel Caracheo took first place in the Grand Rapids Round Table Oratorical Contest and received a \$2,000 scholarship.

40 Years of Service Employee Awards

Ms. Sharron Pitts, assistant superintendent of human resources and general counsel introduced employees who marked 40 years of service with the district. The current supervisor or official was asked to provide an overview of the individual's career service to the district. The following staff was recognized:

Anne Marie Baughman
Mary Ann Harris
Freddy Allen Myers
Superintendent Teresa Weatherall Neal

Additional staff also marked 40 years in the district but did not attend this public recognition: Kellie Bunce, Kathy Hartigh and Andrew Warber.

EDUStaff Employee of the Year

Ms. Pitts introduced President Clark Galloway, the chief executive officer of EDUStaff to present their annual award to one substitute teacher. The company holds contracts with over 300 of Michigan's 500 school districts employing almost 30,000 people to fill 17,000 positions a day. EDUStaff requested school districts to share information on their substitutes to recognize their best of the best. This year they honored 800 of their staff. Ms. Esther McCall was named the top substitute of the year. She made an impact to those who she subbed for at the Grand Rapids

Public Schools during the 16/17 school year. Mr. Galloway highlighted many warm comments that were received regarding Ms. McCall's performance. She was presented with the award and is the first one received in West Michigan.

REPORT OF THE STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE TO THE BOARD

The student representative to the board was excused.

PUBLIC COMMENT- BOARD AGENDA ITEMS

None.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Ms. Jen Schottke presented the following reports:

Half Days for Students June 12 – 14, 2017/Last Day

Students at the Grand Rapids Public Schools will have half days, attending in the morning on June 12 – 14, 2017. The last official day of the 2016-2017 school year is June 14, 2017.

Board Committee Meeting Schedule Update

Ad Hoc Policy Committee is scheduled for Tuesday, June 13, 2017 at 12:30 p.m. in room 101.

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

Movies in the Park

For the third year in a row, Grand Rapids Public Schools will be sponsoring Movies in the Park. The District will be the title sponsor for two movies this year that start at 7:00 p.m. at An-Nab-Awen Park located at 220 Front Ave. NW. Each of these evenings, there will be a staffed table with give aways and school choice information.

Movie	Date	First Showing
Book of Life	Friday, July 21, 2017	7:00 p.m.
*Zootopia	Friday, July 28, 2017	7:00 p.m.

*Please note that Zootopia screening is a new date.

Moreover, there are some exciting new features for Movies in the Park this year, including a new LED screen (instead of the blow up screen and projector), two showings each night, and a new layout at the park. This is free to the public.

If you have any questions, please contact Kyle Pray in Communications at 85-2149.

COMMITTEE CHAIR UPDATE

Academic Achievement Committee

Chairperson Rev. John Matias shared that the committee will be meeting June 20, 2017 as was stated. There were a couple updates from the councils at the last meeting and legislative. He expressed his appreciation to his colleagues serving on the committee alongside him.

Ad Hoc Policy Committee

Chairperson Jen Schottke advised she would like to provide a description to the policies being presented for first reading as they are acted on tonight. She noted this will be a high level overview with no new policies rather existing policies that are being amended or condensed.

Finance Committee

Chairperson Dr. Tony Baker shared the committee reviewed the expected budget for 16/17 and procedures for rolling this out. The initial update on the budget was presented at a work session prior to this meeting. A public hearing is scheduled for June 19, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. The Board is expected to vote on the 17/18 budget on June 19, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. The Finance Committee is making its recommendations based on the anticipation of what will hopefully happen in Lansing. There are some still some things that could happen that could change it. He noted that a late June meeting may be proposed for later discussion.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Summer Hours and Events

Mr. John Helmholdt, executive director of communications and external affairs provided an update regarding the district's summer business hours taking effect June 5, 2017 through August 14, 2017. Offices will be open Monday through Thursday with coverage in departments from 7:30 a.m. through 4:30 p.m.

The District is partnering with Garfield Park Neighborhood Association every Tuesday in June, July, and August for "Story Time in the Park." "Rock the Block" and "Lids for Kids" is taking place June 10, 2017. The District is sponsoring "Movies in the Park" (as shared in the Secretary's Report). August 1, 2017 is "National Night Out" and the district is sponsoring this too. Kingdom Life Ministries and El Informador are hosting a carnival and backpack giveaway on August 12, 2017. Finally, the district will hold its back to school celebration at John Ball Park Zoo on August 17, 2017.

ACTION ITEMS

Resolution of the Grand Rapids Public Schools to Approve and Reauthorize the Contract to Charter Grand Rapids Child Discovery Center Public School Academy

Ms. Sharron Pitts and Mr. Rick Noel, executive director of pre-k, elementary, k-8 and select high schools instructional support shared that the contract before the Board is a reauthorization that is requested every three years based on Grand Rapids Child Discovery Center's compliance with their charter school contract, the District's agreement, and to ascertain their educational goals. The school covers grades kindergarten through sixth.

Ms. Pitts cited two language changes that will be added to include the GRPS antidiscrimination language which they have agreed upon. The Charter employees comply with certain aspects of the GREA bargaining agreement which has been in place. They have requested that this agreement apply solely to the classroom teachers. GRCDC employees are not GRPS employees. The academic goals were also evaluated by the district and determined to be sufficiently aggressive.

President Falb requested if the Board will need to approve the GRCDC Board of Directors. Ms. Pitts advised that the Board will need to act on that as well as the reauthorization. The resumes were submitted in the packet. President Falb advised in the past this was done separately.

Mr. Noel shared that this partnership benefits the district as students look to educational options. GRCDC encourages families to take a look at GRPS programs. The District continues to nurture and develop the relationship to be more of a partnership. The relationship between GRPS and GRCDC is not a typical charter school relationship.

Motion by Ms. Slade, supported by Mr. Ross, to approve the reauthorization of the Grand Rapids Child Discovery Center's Contract to Charter Grand Rapids Child Discovery Center Public School Academy.

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

Nays: 0.

**RESOLUTION OF GRAND RAPIDS PUBLIC SCHOOLS
TO APPROVE AND REAUTHORIZE THE CONTRACT TO CHARTER
GRAND RAPIDS CHILD DISCOVERY CENTER PUBLIC SCHOOL ACADEMY**

WHEREAS, the Michigan Revised School Code authorizes the Board of Education of a school district that operates grades kindergarten through 12 to act as an authorizing body to issue a contract to organize and operate one or more public school academies;

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has previously authorized the creation of the Grand Rapids Child Discovery Center as a public school academy and approved a contract to charter Grand Rapids Child Discovery Center as a public school academy, which contract expires June 30, 2017;

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Grand Rapids Child Discovery Center, as a public school academy, is authorized by the Michigan Revised School Code to enter into binding legal agreements with persons or entities as necessary for the operation, management and maintenance of a public school academy;

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of Grand Rapids Child Discovery Center has applied to the Board of Education of Grand Rapids Public Schools to reauthorize its charter and approve another contract effective through June 30, 2020;

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of Grand Rapids Child Discovery Center has provided the required information and has complied with all other aspects of the charter approval process; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of Grand Rapids Public Schools reauthorizes the charter of the Grand Rapids Child Discovery Center and approves the renewal contract to charter Grand Rapids Child Discovery Center as a public school academy effective July 1, 2017, through June 30, 2020.

AYES: _____

NAYS: _____

Grand Rapids Public Schools

Dated: _____

By _____
Jen Schottke
Secretary, of the Board of Education

Layoff Resolution

Motion by Dr. Baker, supported by Mr. Ross, to approve the Layoff Resolution.

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

Nays: 0.

LAYOFF RESOLUTION

GRAND RAPIDS EDUCATION ASSOC. (“GREA”)
GRAND RAPIDS PUBLIC SCHOOLS PARAPROFESSIONAL ASSOC. (“GRPSPA”)
GRAND RAPIDS ASSOC. OF CHILD CARE WORKERS (“GRACEN”)
GRAND RAPIDS EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT PROFESSIONALS ASSOC. (“GRESPA”)
GRAND RAPIDS ASSOC. OF EDUCATIONAL OFFICE PERSONNEL (“GRAEOP”)
GRAND RAPIDS EDUCATIONAL OFFICERS ASSOCIATION (“GREOA”)
SUPPORT NON-EXEMPT (“SN”)
EXEMPT

WHEREAS, the Grand Rapids Public Schools District is planning for the 2017-2018 fiscal year during a time when certain reductions are necessary due to uncertainties in budget and programmatic needs; and

WHEREAS, the District must maintain flexibility in staffing so that student achievement activities are supported and efficiencies can be obtained; and

WHEREAS, the Board has considered the Superintendent's recommendation;

WHEREAS, the Board of Education desires that the Superintendent, or designee, have the authority to recall from layoff certain employees if necessary.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The Superintendent, or designee, is authorized and directed to notify any employee whose position is eliminated that their employment will not be continued for the 2017-2018 fiscal year. And the Superintendent, or designee, be and hereby is authorized to recall such employees whose services are deemed necessary considering the financial condition of the District, program needs and the qualifications of the particular individuals to certain open positions as determined by the District.

Secretary of the Board

Date

Purchasing Agenda

Motion by Ms. Grant, supported by Rev. Matias, to approve the Purchasing Agenda.

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

Nays: 0.

PURCHASING AGENDA
JUNE 5, 2017 BOARD MEETING

I. General Fund

A. Instructional Supplies, Equipment, and Services

1. Renewal of license for student email and content monitoring/alerting for the Management Information Systems Department at a total cost of \$67,950.00
VENDORS: 1 Gaggle, Inc.
2. Renewal of blanket order for yearly centralized printing/maintenance costs of Student Information Systems and Financial systems materials for the Management Information Systems Department at a total cost of \$48,500.00
VENDORS: 1 Applied Imaging

B. Support Materials

1. Permission to modify blanket order for temporary staffing for the Human Resources Department in the amount of \$80,000.00. Original blanket order amount of \$75,000.00 approved on 6/27/16. Modify amount of \$98,000.00 approved on 10/3/16 and \$156,000.00 on 2/6/17. New blanket order amount \$409,000.00
VENDORS: 1 Office Team
2. Permission to modify blanket order for recess aides for recess duty for the Human Resources Department in the amount of \$35,000.00. Original blanket order amount of \$75,000.00 approved on 10/7/16. New blanket order amount \$110,000.00
VENDORS: 1 West Michigan Janitorial
3. Permission to modify blanket order for legal services for the Human Resources Department in the amount of \$15,000.00. Original amount of \$45,000.00 approved on 6/27/16. New blanket order amount \$60,000.00
VENDORS: 1 Thrun Law Firm PC
4. Permission to modify blanket order for generator repair and maintenance for the Facilities Management Department in the amount of \$10,000.00. Original amount of \$30,000.00 approved on 6/27/16. New blanket order amount \$40,000.00
VENDORS: 1 Total Energy Systems LLC
5. Permission to modify blanket order for building rent for Community Transition Campus for the Business Services Department in the amount of \$20,000.00. Original amount of \$110,000.00 approved on 6/27/16. New blanket order amount \$130,000.00
VENDORS: 1 Kent Intermediate School District
6. Permission to modify blanket order for building rent for Pine Grove for the Business Services Department in the amount of \$225,000.00. Original amount of \$180,000.00 approved on 6/27/16. New blanket order amount \$405,000.00
VENDORS: 1 Kent Intermediate School District
7. Permission to modify blanket order for mailing services for the Communications Department in the amount of \$20,000.00. Original amount of \$45,000.00 approved on 6/27/16. New blanket order amount \$65,000.00
VENDORS: 1 Bright Format
8. Contract for school psychologist for the Special Education Department at a total cost of \$40,000.00
VENDORS: 1 Jeff Montgomery (DBA Western Michigan School Psychology and Consultative Services, PLLC)
9. Purchase and implementation of facility-use, event-management and asset tracking application for the Management Information Systems Department at a total cost of

\$84,886.00

VENDORS: 3 Ungerboeck, Dude Solutions, EMS Software

C. Stock Inventory

None at this time

II. Other (Special Funds)

A. Instructional Supplies, Equipment, and Services

1. Upgrade of district server components for the Management Information Systems Department at a total cost of \$38,479.00 (Funded: eRate Reimbursement)

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

2. Upgrade of district networking equipment on the Franklin Campus for the Management Information Systems Department at a total cost of \$172,518.00 (Funded: eRate Reimbursement)

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

3. Upgrade of district data center switching equipment for the Management Information Systems Department at a total cost of \$41,454.00 (Funded: eRate Reimbursement)

VENDORS: 1 Presidio

4. Purchase of new student devices for the Bethany Based School Program for the Management Information Systems Department at a total cost of \$31,630.00 (Funded: Title I)

VENDORS: 1 Dell

5. Purchase of audiology equipment including transmitters and receivers to be utilized by the Grand Rapids Oral Deaf Program at a total cost of \$103,564.00 (Funded: Carls Foundation Grant)

VENDORS: 1 Phonak, Inc.

B. Support Materials

None at this time

III. Building and Sites

A. General Building and Sites Projects

Please see Bond Purchasing Agenda

B. Sinking Fund Projects

1. Purchase of classroom technology system components and installation for Ridgemoor Montessori for the Management Information Systems Department at a total cost of \$49,283.00 (Funded: Warm, Safe, Dry)
VENDORS: 1 Feyen-Zylstra
2. Contract for the Franklin Campus Administration Building office renovation (third floor) for the Facilities and Operations Department at a total cost of \$173,679.00 (Funded: Warm, Safe, Dry)
VENDORS: 3 Becker Construction, PEL Construction, Visser Brothers

Bond Agenda

Motion by Dr. Baker, supported by Mr. Ross, to approve the Bond Agenda.

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

Nays: 0.

I. Building and Sites

A. General Building and Sites Projects

1. Contract for asbestos abatement for the Buchanan Elementary School construction and renovation project for the Facilities and Operations Department at a total cost of \$57,662.00 (Funded: Bond Funds)
VENDORS: 2 Abatement Professionals, HBC Specialized Contracting
2. Contract for construction management services for the Buchanan Elementary School construction and renovation project (base bid work and alternate bid item 1) for the Facilities and Operations Department at a total cost of \$11,248,989.00 (Funded: Bond Funds)
VENDORS: 1 Triangle Associates

Bylaw #1020 Bylaws, Second Reading, Final Adoption

This bylaw was pulled at the last meeting so that the Ad Hoc Policy Committee could review the language to reflect a two thirds majority vote needed for a bylaw suspension for consistency throughout the policy.

Motion by Dr. Baker, supported by Mr. Ross, to approve Bylaw #1020 Bylaws, Second Reading, Final Adoption.

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

Nays: 0.

Section 1000: Board Bylaws

1020 Bylaws

The exercise by the Board of its powers granted by statute, the conduct of its affairs, and the rights and powers of its members and officers shall be governed by these bylaws, in accord with the laws of the State of Michigan and the regulations of the Michigan Department of Education.

Amendment of Bylaws

The Board bylaws/governance principles may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the members elected to and serving on the Board of Education at a regular meeting only and not unless such amendment shall have been proposed at a previous regular meeting.

Suspension of Bylaws

Any bylaw/governance principle may be suspended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members elect at any meeting.

Approved: June 29, 2009

Revised: _____:

LEGAL REF: MCL 380.11a (6)

Bylaw #1030 Elections and Membership, Acceptance of First Reading

This policy was clarified to update the election process and eligibility and consolidated what was a one sentence policy on compensation into this policy.

Motion by Dr. Baker, supported by Ms. Slade, to approve Bylaw #1030 Elections and Membership, Acceptance of First Reading.

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

Nays: 0.

Section 1000: Board Bylaws
1030 Elections and Membership

Elections

An individual is eligible for election as a school board member if the individual is a citizen of the United States and is a qualified and registered elector of the school district the individual seeks to represent by the filing deadline.

The School District Election Coordinator (the Grand Rapids City Clerk) shall conduct each regular election and each special election requested by the Board to submit a ballot question or to fill a vacancy on the school board. Election processes can be found at MCL 168.301 et.seq.

Special Elections

The Board may schedule special elections at such time, under law, as it shall designate and for such purposes as determined by the Board and shall seek the advice of legal counsel concerning proper procedures.

Membership

The Board is composed of nine members. serving four-year terms except when appointed by the Board to fill a vacancy. Term of Office

The term of office of a Board member shall be for four-year terms beginning on January 1 following his/her election, or immediately upon Board appointment when filling a vacancy. The term of a Board member shall end on December 31 of the year his/her term expires. See Board Policy 1170 *Board Position Vacancy* for the process and term of Board members filling vacancies.

Compensation

The Board authorizes compensation for its members.

Approved: June 29, 2009

Revised: May 7, 2012

Revised: _____

LEGAL REF: MCL 168.302; 168.641; 380.11a

Bylaw #1160 New Member Orientation, Acceptance of First Reading

This policy the language was reordered for better flow to make a distinction between newly sworn in members and those that have been serving.

Motion by Dr. Baker, supported by Ms. Grant, to approve Bylaw #1160 New Member Orientation, Acceptance of First Reading.

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

Nays: 0.

Section 1000: Board Bylaws

1160 New Member Orientation

Newly elected members of the Board shall be invited to attend all regular meetings of the Board prior to the time they officially take office and shall receive copies of all agenda, reports, and other communications normally received by regular Board members except information or material of a confidential nature.

Newly elected and newly appointed Board members shall be encouraged to attend workshops for new Board members sponsored by the Michigan Association of School Boards.

Present members of the Board and the Superintendent shall conduct an appropriate orientation program designed to acquaint new Board members with the District, Board policy, duties, responsibilities, and other activities.

Approved: June 29, 2009
LEGAL REF: MCL 380.11a

Bylaw #1162 Board Member Development Opportunities, Acceptance of First Reading

The policy now has a reference to Bylaw #1168 that outlines reimbursement for board development. Clarification was made that the Board President will prepare a calendar for board conferences and workshops with the secretary assigned to the board rather than the Board Secretary. The Board President will authorize requests for members to attend these conferences and meetings within the budgeted allotment.

Motion by Mr. Ross, supported by Dr. Baker, to approve Bylaw #1162 Board Member Development Opportunities, Acceptance of First Reading.

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

Nays: 0.

Section 1000: Board Bylaws

1162 Board Member Development Opportunities

The Board recognizes the need for continuing in-service training and education and encourages the participation of all members at these specific categories of activities as a part of their official duties: conferences, workshops, in-service programs, and conventions, at the local, regional, state, and national levels. A Board member's actual and necessary expenses shall be paid for or reimbursed when the member attends any of these activities in accordance with Policy 1168 *Reimbursement for Expenses*. Funds for participation at all activities shall be budgeted for on an annual basis.

In situations where a Board member holds a state or national office in a School Board Association, or has been asked or appointed to serve a School Board Association at the state or national level, the Board shall budget for the additional expenses as agreed to prior to the beginning of each fiscal year.

The Board President and Secretary assigned to the Board shall prepare a calendar of annual conferences, workshops, in-service programs, and conventions which Board members may wish to attend. The Board President and the Secretary assigned to the Board shall update the calendar with additional in-service programs for Board members, as the programs become known. The Board shall periodically review the calendar and designate those activities for Board member participation along with limitations as to the number of persons attending specific events.

The Board President is responsible for authorizing requests for attendance of Board members at approved meetings if the requests come within budgeted appropriations and limitations.

Approved: June 29, 2009

Revised:

LEGAL REF: MCL 380.11a; 380.1254; 388.1764b

Bylaw #1168 Reimbursement of Expenses, Acceptance of First Reading

Board members will receive reimbursement for board approved workshops and conferences and other official business in accordance with the rate of reimbursement for district employees.

Motion by Mr. Ross, supported by Ms. Grant, to approve Bylaw #1168 Reimbursement of Expenses, Acceptance of First Reading.

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

Nays: 0.

Section 1000: Board Bylaws

1168 Reimbursement of Expenses

Board members shall be reimbursed for actual and necessary expenses incurred because of attendance at Board-approved workshops, seminars, conferences, or conventions, and any other approved official business.

To receive reimbursement for an expense listed in this policy, an expense voucher, together with supporting receipts or other evidence of actual expenses, shall be submitted to the District business office for processing within 60 days of the date the expense was incurred. Reimbursement amounts shall be in accordance with the annual federal reimbursement rate.

Expenses for spouses, family members, or others accompanying Board members as companions, are not reimbursable unless such persons would otherwise be entitled to reimbursement as conference attendees and employees of the District.

There shall be no reimbursement for the purchase of any alcohol, tobacco, or personal products or services.

Approved: June 29, 2009

Revised:

LEGAL REF: MCL 380.1254; 388.1764b; OAG, 577-578, No 5272(578).

Bylaw #1300 Meetings, Acceptance of First Reading

Language was cleaned up and added specifics on when work and study sessions should take place.

Motion by Dr. Baker, supported by Ms. Grant, to approve Bylaw #1300 Meetings, Acceptance of First Reading.

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

Nays: 0.

Section 1000: Board Bylaws
1300 Meetings

Organizational

The Board holds its organizational meeting at its first meeting in January.

Regular

Regular meetings of the Board of Education shall be held on the first and third Mondays of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the auditorium of the Administration Building unless otherwise announced and posted. Board meetings will last only until 9:30 p.m. unless the Board votes to extend the adjournment time. The District will post a notice of the regular meeting schedule at the entrance to the Administration building within ten days after the organizational meeting. In cases of an official holiday, regular business meetings shall be held on the first following work day.

The schedule of regular meetings or the regular meeting date may be changed by the Board as provided in current law.

Special Meetings

Special meetings of the Board include closed sessions, work sessions, public hearings, and emergency sessions.

- a. Special meetings of the Board of Education may be called by the President or upon written request of two or more Board members.
- b. Written notice of the meeting will be sent to Board members and the meetings shall not be held sooner than eighteen (18) hours following the posting of the meeting, except for emergency sessions.
- c. The purpose of the meeting shall be stated in the notice and only the business mentioned in the notice shall be transacted.
- d. At least eighteen (18) hours prior to the time of any special meeting or any rescheduled meeting, the Secretary shall post in a prominent place at the Grand Rapids Public Schools Administration Building at 1331 Franklin, SE, Grand Rapids, Michigan, a notice of the time, place, and date of said special meeting or rescheduled regular meeting..

Emergency Meetings

The Board may meet in emergency session in the event of severe and imminent threat to the health, safety or welfare of the public, when two-thirds of the members elected to, appointed,

and serving on the Board decide that delay would be detrimental to the efforts to lessen or respond to the threat.

Information/Work/Study Sessions

Information, work, or study sessions of the Board will be held on the second Monday of the month or at additional times deemed necessary by the Board President. The Board President may also cancel the meeting when it is not deemed necessary. These sessions shall be open to the public and properly posted as Board meetings.

Adjourned Meetings

Meetings may be adjourned and reconvened as provided by law.

Adopted: June 29, 2009;
Revised: February 6, 2012
May 7, 2012

LEGAL REF: MCL 15.261-275 (Open Meetings Act of 576)
168.302; 168.642; 380.1201, 380.1202

Bylaw #1310 Closed Sessions, Acceptance of First Reading

Language was cleaned up that it will require a two thirds vote to go into a closed session. Reasons why the Board goes into closed session were moved into the policy to make clear.

Motion by Ms. Grant, supported by Mr. Ross, to approve Bylaw #1310 Closed Session, Acceptance of First Reading.

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

Nays: 0.

Section 1000: Board Bylaws
1310 Closed Sessions

The Board may meet in closed session for the following reasons upon a 2/3 vote of its members:

- To consider the personnel evaluation of the Superintendent or staff, if the named person requests a closed hearing
- To consider the dismissal, suspension, or disciplining or to hear complaints or charges against the Superintendent or staff, if the named person requests a closed hearing
- To consider the dismissal, suspension, or disciplining of a student, if the student or the student's parent or guardian requests a closed hearing
- For strategy and negotiation of a collective bargaining agreement if either negotiating party requests a closed hearing
- To consider the purchase or lease of real property up to the time an option to purchase or lease the property is obtained

- To consult with its attorney regarding trial or settlement strategy in connection with specific pending litigation
- To review and consider the contents of an application for employment or appointment to a public office if the candidate requests that the application remain confidential
- To consider material exempt from discussion or disclosure by state or federal statute

.¹ The minutes of a closed session shall be kept separate from the minutes of the regular or special meeting and shall not be a matter of public record except as provided by law.

Any Board action taken because of a closed session shall be taken in a public meeting and recorded as such.

Approved: June 29, 2009
Revised
LEGAL REF: MCL 15.268

Bylaw #1370 Public Participation, Acceptance of First Reading

Language was added to accommodate for translation during public comment with up to an additional three minutes.

Motion by Ms. Grant, supported by Mr. Ross, to approve Bylaw #1370 Public Participation, Acceptance of First Reading.

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

Nays: 0.

Section 1000: Board Bylaws
1370 Public Participation

At each meeting of the Board, the President or the presiding Board officer shall welcome all visitors to the Board meeting.

The Board President shall ask, at the appropriate time as specified on the agenda, those members of the public attending the Board meeting if any of them have something to bring to the attention of the Board. All those wishing to address the Board shall be subject to the following procedural regulations:

- The Board President or Vice-President shall conduct Board meetings in an orderly manner. Members of the Board and others in attendance shall comply with the directions and requests of the presiding officer.
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- Citizens attending Board or Committee meetings may have two opportunities per meeting to address the Board or Committee. The first opportunity will be commentary regarding scheduled agenda items and the second opportunity will be commentary regarding other matters not included as agenda items but within the jurisdiction of the board. Speakers are requested to complete a card prepared by the Board to assist in the accuracy of meeting minutes.
- The purpose of public comment is to discuss the business of the school Board and the District and not to discuss individual personalities.
- The public participation portion of the meeting shall be limited to one-half hour normally. An exception will be made so that no one's right to address the Board will be denied.
- Each person shall be allowed to speak for up to three minutes, except where the number of speakers exceeds the time limit. In those instances, either the Board President may reduce the three-minute limit to a two-minute limit for each speaker or will waive the one-half hour time limit and establish a longer period. The Board President may give speakers additional time up to three minutes to account for language translation.

Opportunities to address the Board are through:

- *Public hearings.* Scheduled public hearings may be held on specified topics under consideration by the Board. A three-minute time limit is imposed per speaker.
- *Comment on scheduled agenda items.* The Board will designate a time for public comment on scheduled agenda items at each meeting of the Board or a standing committee. During this time, community members may speak on any agenda items for up to three minutes total. The presiding officer may rule any speaker out of order for failing to speak on agenda item(s) or exceeding the time limit. Speakers must complete a card and state which agenda item(s) they wish to address. Cut off for submission of all cards will be at that point in the agenda.
- *Comment on other matters.* Community members may also speak on matters not on the agenda, but related to the business of the school District. Each speaker is limited to three minutes total. Such citizens must complete a card prepared by the Board, state the matter they wish to address, and whether they have utilized the District's administrative or complaint process to resolve the matter. The presiding officer may rule out of order any speaker who does not speak about the business of the Board or does not comply with these requirements.
- The Public Comment on general matters section of the agenda shall include comments by the Presidents of employee bargaining units, subject to the three-minute limitation. Comments from Presidents of employee bargaining units shall precede comments from the general public.

- No person may yield or donate his/her public comment time to any other person.
- Conduct contrary to the normal presentation of business during a school Board or Board Committee meeting or which interrupts the orderly process of the proceeding is a disturbance. No speaker shall make any slanderous or profane remark which disturbs, disrupts, or otherwise impedes the orderly conduct of any Board meeting.
- No person shall make any personally abusive attacks on a Board member, employee, volunteer, or contractor unrelated to the performance of their official duties and responsibilities. A personally abusive attack includes, but is not limited to insults, discourteous comments, or defamatory statements.
- No person in attendance at a Board meeting shall engage in disorderly conduct, including the utterance of threatening or abusive language, carrying of signs, whistling or stomping of feet or pounding of hands on furniture, or any other act which disturbs, disrupts, or otherwise impedes the orderly conduct of any Board meeting or the presentation of any speaker. Speakers who speak too long, are unduly repetitious, or engage in an extended discussion of irrelevancies are out of order and disruptive. Speakers may be asked to leave the meeting at the discretion of the presiding officer.
- Nothing in these rules is intended to limit or restrain negative, positive, or neutral comment about the manner in which an individual employee, contractor, volunteer, officer, official, or Board member carries out his or her duties in public office or employment.

Handling of Complaints (Cf. 9450)

Speakers are encouraged to present complaints about a specific employee, Board member, or student to the Superintendent or designee before requesting Board consideration.

Approved: June 20, 2009
 Revised: June 20, 2011
 February 6, 2012

LEGAL REF: MCL 15.263(1); 15.268; 380.11a; 380.1808; *Gault v Battle Creek*, 73 F Supp 2d 811 (WD Mich, 1999); *Lysogorski v Bridgeport Charter Twp.*, 662 N.W. 2d 108 (2003)

Bylaws “eliminated and incorporated into other policies”: Bylaw #1167 Compensation and Bylaw #1175 Vacancies in Office

These bylaws were incorporated into other bylaws.

Motion by Ms. Grant, supported by Ms. Slade, to eliminate Bylaw #1167 Compensation and Bylaw #1175 Vacancies in Office from the policy manual.

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

Nays: 0.

The following bylaws are stricken from the Grand Rapids Board's policy manual:

Bylaw # 1167 Compensation

Bylaw #1175 Vacancies in Office

CONSENT AGENDA

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

1. Approval of Minutes
 - a. Board Meeting – May 15 2017
2. Reports of Committees
 - a. Academic Achievement Committee – April 18, 2017
 - b. Academic Achievement Committee – May 16, 2017
 - c. Finance Committee – May 22, 2017
 - d. Ad Hoc Policy Committee – May 25, 2017
3. Business Items
 - a. Personnel Transactions
 - b. Financials – April 2017
4. Motions & Resolutions (None)

Motion by Mr. Ross, supported by Ms. Grant, to approve the Consent Agenda.

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

Nays: 0.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

Academic Achievement Committee

The April 18, 2017 Academic Achievement Committee meeting minutes were approved under the Consent Agenda and have been posted to the District's website.

Academic Achievement Committee

The May 16, 2017 Academic Achievement Committee meeting minutes were approved under the Consent Agenda and have been posted to the District's website.

Finance Committee

The May 22, 2017 Finance Committee meeting minutes were approved under the Consent Agenda and have been posted to the District's website.

Ad Hoc Policy Committee

The May 25, 2017 Ad Hoc Policy 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
TE	TECHNICAL EXEMPT	ALLANTE	JOHNSON	APPOINTED	FRANKLIN CAMPUS	5/8/2017	PC ASSEST RECOVERY

RESIGNATIONS/RETIREMENTS/DISMISS - INSTRUCTIONAL STAFF

GROUP	GROUP	FNAME	LNAME	STATUS	LOCATION	EFF DATE	DESC
TC	GR EDUCATION ASSOCIATION	INGA	DIETLIN	RESIGNED PERSONAL REASONS	ADULT EDUCATION WESTWOOD MIDDLE SCHOOL	6/15/2017	ENGLISH ESL
TC	GR EDUCATION ASSOCIATION	POLLY	LONG	OTHER REASON	HARRISON PARK	6/15/2017	FROM LEAVE
TC	GR EDUCATION ASSOCIATION	VERONICA	CORTES	RETIRED	HARRISON PARK	6/15/2017	1/2 GRADE
TC	GR EDUCATION ASSOCIATION	JUSTIN	STROH	RESIGNED PERSONAL REASONS	ALGER MIDDLE	6/15/2017	SCIENCE TEACHER
TC	GR EDUCATION ASSOCIATION	AMBER	ROELOFS	RESIGNED PERSONAL REASONS	KEN O SHA PARK ELEMENTARY	6/15/2017	KDGN

RESIGNATIONS/RETIREMENTS/DISMISS - NON-INSTRUCTIONAL STAFF

GROUP	GROUP	FNAME	LNAME	STATUS	LOCATION	EFF DATE	DESC
IA	GR EDUCATION ASSOCIATION	MICHELLE	DOWNER	RETIRED	ADULT EDUCATION	4/13/2017	PARAPROFESSIONAL

Financial Reports-April 2017

The following financial reports were accepted under the Consent Agenda:

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

Business Affairs: Fiscal Reports:

1. Expenditures for the period April 1, 2017 through April 30, 2017.
2. Cash Receipts & Disbursements for the period of April 1, 2017 through April 30, 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: April 1, 2017 – April 30, 2017

		<u>Operating Funds</u>	
Invoices – Materials and Services			\$12,549,867
Taxes:			
Federal		\$ 674,720	
State		250,567	
City		<u>75,589</u>	
Total Taxes			1,000,876
Payroll:			
Gross Payrolls		8,044,222	
Non-Tax Reimbursements		43,032	
Less:			
Income Tax Withholding	\$ 998,307		
Social Security Withholding	557,819		
Annuities	842,775		
Hospital & Life Insurance	588,585		
Other Deductions	<u>61,582</u>		
Total Deductions		<u>3,049,068</u>	
Net Payroll			5,038,186
Payroll Reclassified to Funds Below			<u>0</u>
Total Operating Funds Disbursement			18,588,929

Building & Sites, Special Revenue, Trust & Agency & Debt Retirement,
Disbursements for the Period: April 1, 2016 – April 30, 2016

	<u>Other Fund</u>		
	<u>Invoices</u>	<u>Payroll</u>	
Building & Site Funds	331,244	0	331,244
Special Revenue Funds	610,928	0	610,928
Trust & Agency Funds	27,315	0	27,315
Debt Retirement Funds	<u>3,383,459</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>3,383,459</u>
<u>0</u>			
Total Other Funds Disbursements	4,352,946	0	4,352,946
 TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS: ALL FUNDS			 <u>\$22,941,875</u>

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

None.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Michigan Association of School Boards Membership Renewal

President Falb and members of the board expressed the value of renewing its membership with the Michigan Association of School Boards. President Falb also shared that she and Superintendent Neal discussed reviewing the overall budget for the board at the retreat this summer and prioritizing its expenses.

PUBLIC COMMENT – AGENDA AND NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None.

SUPERINTENDENT’S COMMENTS

Superintendent Neal expressed her excitement for graduations. She thanked teachers, parents, and students for a wonderful year. This is a fun time to celebrate all that our students have done with the support of staff and parents.

BOARD MEMBERS’ COMMENTS

Rev. Matias shared his excitement for the graduations and is expressed that is an honor to serve on the board and participate in the events.

Ms. Schottke thanked teachers, staff, and Superintendent Neal for their service and loyalty to GRPS children.

Dr. Baker recognized that his daughter is graduating on June 6 from City and had her open house on Saturday. He was really happy that the Board and Superintendent talk about that it takes a village to raise a child. He had a village in his backyard to celebrate his daughter’s graduation. He recognized Ms. Frankie Scott in the audience for all she did to help him be a better parent and her encouragement for his daughter to become the special woman she is. He expressed his gratitude and appreciation to Ms. Scott and to everyone who has been part of the village.

Ms. Grant thanked everyone involved as well and for being part of this village for her daughter. Ms. Scott’s encouragement and support has influenced her as well. Ms. Grant thanked the amazing teachers her daughter had attending Montessori. She congratulated and thanked staff for their years of service and Superintendent Neal. She is grateful to be part of the village.

President Falb expressed her gratitude as well to Ms. Scott and is looking forward to graduations. She thanked everyone for their work.

ADJOURNMENT

The Board adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

Secretary

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