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## **EAST GRAND RAPIDS PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

Kent County, Michigan

### **REGULAR MEETING of the East Grand Rapids Board of Education**

Community Board Room at the James E. Morse Administration Center at Woodcliff  
2915 Hall Street SE, East Grand Rapids, MI 49506

**Monday, September 19, 2011**

### **MINUTES**

The **REGULAR MEETING** of the East Grand Rapids Public Schools Board of Education, Kent County, Michigan, was held on Monday, September 19, 2011, in the Community Board Room of the James E. Morse Administration Center at Woodcliff, 2915 Hall Street, SE, East Grand Rapids, MI 49506.

#### **BOARD OF EDUCATION**

Present: Brian Ellis, Steve Edison, Michelle Rabideau, Julie Ridenour, Beth Milanowski

Absent: Bob Minnema and Peter Ruppert

Administration: Dr. Sara Magaña Shubel, Jeanne Glowicki, Kevin Philipps, Kathy Wisniewski, Doug Jenkins, Jenny Fee

#### Meeting Called to Order

President Ellis called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Acknowledgment of Guests – None

Public Comments – None

#### Board Secretary's Report: Communications to and from the Board – Steve Edison

The Board received communication from the following persons on the Top to Bottom ranking: Carla Boyd, Eric Van Dellen, Diana Schad

The Board received a thank you from Peter Ruppert for the Board's support during his recent illness.

High School Student Council President's Report - None

#### **PRESENTATION / DISCUSSION**

None

#### **ACTION ITEMS - CONSENT AGENDA**

Background: In order to save time during the meeting, we are using a Consent Agenda. Items in the Consent Agenda include those that are routine or have been previously discussed by the Board of Education. Any Board Member may request to have any item removed for a separate discussion and vote.

Recommendation: Motion to approve the items in the Consent Agenda, Numbers 6-8.

Approval of Minutes of ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING of 08/29/2011 (Enclosure #6)

Approval of Payment of Bills for August, 2011 (Enclosure #7)

Approval of Overnight Student Activities (Enclosure #8)

In accordance with Board of Education Policy #7490, the district has various trips and overnight athletic and student activities as outlined in Enclosure #8 for approval by the Board.

Member Edison moved to approve Consent Agenda Items 6-8. Member Rabideau seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

## **OTHER ACTION ITEMS**

### Appoint Delegate Representatives to MASB Fall Conference Delegate Assembly (Enclosure #9)

Background: The Michigan Association of School Boards' 2011 Delegate Assembly is meeting for the annual 2011 Fall Conference at the at the Grand Traverse Resort & Spa on Thursday, October 27 at 7:30 p.m. Three delegates may be appointed to represent the East Grand Rapids Board of Education.

Recommendation: Motion to appoint delegates to the MASB 2011 Delegate Assembly.

President Ellis indicated that there were no board members available to attend the 2011 Delegate Assembly. If a member should become available and interested in attending, he/she is to inform President Ellis.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

### Superintendent

Dr. Shubel provided an update on Student Enrollment numbers. Based on our blended count, we are close to where we had projected, a little over 3,000 district-wide. Official Student Count date is October 5, 2011. Freshman classes are a little larger this year, and we still have some families deciding on their move-in date.

A discussion was held with questions and answers from the Board.

### Assistant Superintendent of Business

Kevin Philipps provided a Legislative Update with what has been happening in Lansing. Senate Bill 7 was presented relating to medical insurance, with a default "cap" on contributions. The Board has an option for 80/20 cost share. This bill would be effective January 1, 2012, or when collective bargaining agreements or contracts expire.

Philipps reported on the Kindergarten Funding Intent Language. The 2011-2012 School Aid Act included intent language to provide for a full foundation allowance for only the same hours of instruction as grades 1-12. This could represent a potential \$900,000 loss of revenue, or an increase in costs of \$450,000 to move to full day instruction. The discussion in Lansing is that Legislature is committed to seeing this happen for 2012-2013.

The Parent Empowerment Education Reform Package was presented, Senate Bills 618 through 624 relating to charter schools, cyberschools, "conversion schools" and shared time expansion for non-public students, dual enrollment, and schools of choice.

Philipps reported on Senate Bill 34 regarding taxation and detailed the direct impacts on EGRPS. Other House and Senate Bills were also briefly presented.

A discussion was held with questions and answers from the Board.

### Assistant Superintendent of Instruction

None

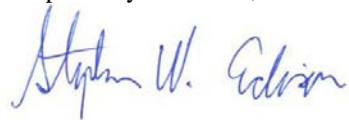
### Board of Education Members' Report

President Ellis announced the next board meeting will be held October 24, 2011, 7:00 p.m., in the Community Board Room.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

President Ellis adjourned the meeting at 5:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Stephen W. Edison, Secretary  
East Grand Rapids Public Schools Board of Education

\* Minutes for this meeting will be available in the Superintendent's Office at 2915 Hall St. SE, East Grand Rapids, MI 49506. The phone number is 235-3535.

\*\* If you plan to attend and have a special need and require accommodation to attend this meeting, please contact Dr. Sara M. Shubel, Superintendent, at 235-3535.  
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