

**EAST GRAND RAPIDS PUBLIC SCHOOLS**  
**2915 Hall Street SE**  
**East Grand Rapids, MI 49506**

**James E. Morse, Ed.D.**  
**Superintendent**

**Superintendent's Office**  
**Phone: (616) 235-3535**  
**FAX: (616) 235-6730**

---

---

***NOTICE***

A **REGULAR MEETING** of the Board of Education will be held on **Monday, March 29, 2004 at 7:30 p.m.** at the Woodcliff Center, 2915 Hall Street, SE, East Grand Rapids, MI 49506. Phone number for information is 235-3535.

**PURPOSE of the REGULAR MEETING**

***Recognition of:***

Support Staff Week, April 18-24 2004  
Secretaries' Day, April 21, 2004  
Crossing Guard Appreciation Week, April 11-17, 2004

***Information Items:***

*Budget Update*

***Consent Agenda:***

Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting of 2/17/04  
Approval of Minutes of Special Meeting of 3/23/04  
Payment of Bills for February 2004  
Approval of a Section 6 Non-Resident Student

***Other Action Items:***

Approval of Extension of the Superintendent's Contract  
Approval of Middle School Schedule  
Approval of High School Student European Trip  
Approval of 2004-2005 School Year Calendar

***Administrative Reports:***

Strategic Plan Update  
Self-Funded Health Insurance Update  
K-8 Science Committee

***Board Reports:***

Joint Facilities Committee  
Facilities Committee

Mrs. Beth Lent, President  
East Grand Rapids 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. James Morse at 235-3535  
aht 03/25/04

## ***Our Mission***

***East Grand Rapids Public Schools, in partnership with students, parents, and community, will ensure that each student acquires the knowledge, skills, and strategies necessary to reach his or her full potential, and become a productive citizen.***

EAST GRAND RAPIDS PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
Kent County, Michigan

**REGULAR Meeting of the East Grand Rapids Board of Education**  
Woodcliff Center, 2915 Hall Street, SE, East Grand Rapids, MI 49506.  
Phone 616-235-3535.

**Monday, March 29, 2004**

**7:30 p.m.**

### **AGENDA**

1. Meeting Called to Order
2. Acknowledgment of Guests
3. Public Comments
4. Communications to and from the Board
5. Recognition of:
  - (A) East Grand Rapids Public Schools' Support Staff Week - April 18-24, 2004 - Dr. Morse
  - (B) Secretaries' Day - April 21, 2004 - Dr. Morse
  - (C) Crossing Guard Appreciation Week - April 11-17, 2004 - Dr. Morse

Recommendation: Motion to recognize the school and city employees mentioned above and to thank them for their work with our children.
6. High School Student Council President's Report - Ms. Steffie Kabat
7. EGREA President's Report - Mrs. Cynthia Bischoff

### **Discussion Items**

8. Budget Update - Dr. Morse and Mr. Derks

Background:                      Review of the Budget assumptions plus a discussion of options for a recreation millage.

**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 considered 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 items in the Consent Agenda Numbers 9 through 12.

9. Approval of Minutes of REGULAR MEETING of 2/17/04 (Enclosure #9)

10. Approval of Minutes of SPECIAL MEETING of 3/23/04 (Enclosure #10)

11. Approval of Payment of Bills for February 2004 (Enclosure #11)

12. Approval of Section 6 Non-Resident Student (Enclosure #12)

**Other Action Items:**

13. Approval of Extension of the Superintendent's Contract

Background: The Board conducted the annual evaluation of Dr. Morse on March 16, 2004. They reviewed the Superintendent's goals and his performance. Mrs. Lent, Board President, will present a summary evaluation and recommendation for a contract extension for Board approval.

Recommendation: Board President will recommend.

14. Approval of Middle School Schedule

Background: The Board received a report from the Middle School Schedule Committee on March 23<sup>rd</sup> and approval is requested.

Recommendation: Motion to authorize the Superintendent to implement the new Middle School schedule for 2004-05 and to thank the committee for its work.

15. Approval of High School Student Trip

Background: In accordance with Board of Education Policy #7490, Mr. Cwayna is requesting approval of a European trip, led by Mrs. Kim Ibara (Foreign Language Teacher), for high school students as outlined on the enclosure. (Enclosure #15)

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

March 29, 2004

Page 3

Recommendation: Motion to approve High School European trip as outlined on Enclosure #15, dependent on U. S. State Department approval, as recommended by the Superintendent.

16. Approval of 2004-2005 School Year Calendar

Background: In January this Board approved the KISD county-wide calendar. Because of State under funding we have looked at days and hours and made revisions specific to East Grand Rapids Public Schools. (Enclosure #16)

Recommendation: Motion to approve the 2004-2005 school year calendar as presented in Enclosure #16.

Administrative Reports

17. Superintendent

Strategic Plan Update

18. Assistant Superintendent for Business

Self-Funded Health Insurance Update

19. Assistant Superintendent for Instruction

K-8 Science Committee

20. Board Representative Report

Joint Facilities Committee - Beth Lent  
Facilities Committee - Joe Camp

21. Adjournment

\* Minutes for this meeting will be available in the Superintendent's Office at 2915 Hall Street SE, East Grand Rapids, MI 49506.

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

Superintendent's Office - 3/25/04