

EAST GRAND RAPIDS PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
Kent County, Michigan

**REGULAR Meeting of the East Grand Rapids Board of Education**  
Woodcliff Center, 2915 Hall St., SE., East Grand Rapids, MI 49506

Phone 616-235-3535

***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.***

**Monday, August 25, 2003**

A ***SPECIAL MEETING*** of the Board of Education will be held on **Monday, August 25, 2003 at 6:00 p.m.** at the Woodcliff Center, Pioneer Room, 2915 Hall Street, SE, Grand Rapids, Michigan 49506. The telephone number for information is 235-3535.

***PURPOSE OF THE SPECIAL MEETING:***

***Student Discipline Hearing*** – Possible Closed Session Upon Request of Parents - Michigan Open Meetings Act, MCLA 15.268, Sec. 8(b).

**7:30 p.m. - REGULAR MEETING**

**AGENDA**

1. Meeting Called to Order
2. Acknowledgment of Guests
3. Public Comments
4. Communications to and from the Board

**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 6 through 9.

6. Approval of Minutes of Organizational MEETING of 7/01/03 (Enclosure #6)

7. Approval of Minutes of Special Work Session of 7/29/03 (Enclosure #7)

8. Approval of Payment of Bills for June and July (Enclosure #8)

9. Approval of Breton 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Camp at Camp Miniwanca

Background: In accordance with Board of Education Policy #7490, Mrs. Glowicki has requested Board of Education approval to take the Breton 5<sup>th</sup> Grade class to Camp Miniwanca in Shelby, Michigan, on September 10, 11, and 12, 2003. (Enclosure #9)

Recommendation: Motion to approve Breton Downs Elementary 5<sup>th</sup> Grade camp at Camp Miniwanca in Shelby, Michigan, on September 10, 11, and 12, 2003.

**Information Items:**

10. East Grand Rapids Board of Education Policy Book Online – Dr. Morse

**Other Action Items:**

11. Review 2003 Revised O.K. Conference By-Laws

Background: The O.K. Conference Athletic Directors' Commission and Principals' Executive Council have approved the enclosed 2003 revisions to the O.K. Conference By-Laws. They are now asking the O.K. conference superintendents and Boards of Education to approve those revisions. (Enclosure #11)

Recommendation: Review the proposed 2003 revisions made to the O.K. Conference By-Laws and approve at the September 22, 2003 meeting.

12. Appoint Delegate Representatives to MASB Fall Conference Delegate Assembly

Background: The Michigan Association of School Boards' 2003 Delegate Assembly is meeting at the annual 2003 Fall Conference at the Detroit Marriott renaissance Center in Detroit on Thursday, November 7, 2003. Three delegates may be appointed to represent the East Grand Rapids Board of Education. (Enclosure #12)

Recommendation: Motion to appoint delegates to the MASB 2003 Delegate Assembly.

13. Approval of Region 3 Candidate for the MASB Board of Directors Three-Year Term

Background: Official ballots must be returned to MASB by September 5, 2003, to participate in the MASB Board of Directors Election. Only one candidate, Gary Scholten from Zeeland Public Schools Board of Education, has been nominated to represent our region, Region 3.

Recommendation: Motion to approve Mr. Gary Scholten to represent Region 3 on the MASB Board of Directors. (Enclosure #13)

14. Approval of Electronic Transaction of Funds

Background: According to PA 738 of 2002, MCL 124.301 and our new policy, #3405, the Board must authorize the Electronic Transactions involving public funds of payment, debit, or credit that are processed through an automated clearing house. (Enclosure #14)

Recommendation: A motion to approve a resolution to authorize the District to utilize electronic transactions in compliance with the written procedures and internal controls of the District.

15. Approval of a Foreign Exchange Student from Germany

Background: The High School Administration recommends that foreign exchange student, Ms. Barbara Schmitz from Germany, be approved for enrollment at East Grand Rapids High School during the 2003-04 school year. (Enclosure #15)

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Recommendation: Motion to approve the recommendation by the administration that Ms. Barbara Schmitz from Germany be enrolled at East Grand Rapids High School for the 2003-04 school year.

16. Approval of Section 6 Non-Resident Students

Background: Each year, we approve additional non-resident students. (Enclosure #16)

Recommendation: Motion to approve the Section 6 non-resident students in Enclosure #16 as recommended by the Superintendent.

17. Approval of Middle School Athletic Fees

Background: The Middle School Athletic program will be reduced this year because other school districts have reduced their teams. Therefore, administration is recommending a participation fee of \$75.00 rather than the previously approved \$100.00 at the high school. The Middle School maximum would be \$225.00 per family and the High School is \$300.00 maximum per family.

Recommendation: Motion to approve a Middle School participation fee of \$75.00 per sport per student with a maximum of \$225.00 per family for Middle School sports.

18. Approval of an Additional Part-time Teaching Position

Background: Mrs. VanAirsdale is recommending an additional .20 teacher in Special Education at Breton Downs because of an increase of students from 18 to 24. An existing part-time teacher will add the hour per day to her schedule.

Recommendation: Motion to approve an additional .20 part-time Special Education teacher at Breton Downs Elementary School upon the recommendation of the Superintendent.

19. Approval of a New One-Year Master Agreement with East Grand Rapids Education Association

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Background: The Administration and teachers reached a tentative agreement in June on a new contract. The teachers reviewed the contract provisions at a meeting on August 18<sup>th</sup> and voted on August 25<sup>th</sup>. (Enclosure #19)

Recommendation: Motion to approve a new one-year agreement for the 2003-2004 school year with the East Grand Rapids Education Association with a 1.55% increase on the base upon the recommendation of the Superintendent.

Administrative Reports:

20. Superintendent

- A. Opening of School
- B. New Staff and Tenure Acknowledgment (Enclosure #20 B)
- C. Diversity Goal (Enclosure #20 C)

21. Assistant Supt. for Business

- A. State Aid Update
- B. Summer Projects
- C. Four-year Old Program Update

22. Assistant Supt. for Instruction

- A. Highly Qualified Teachers
- B. Summer Academy 2003 Report ( Enclosure #22 B)

23. Board Representative Report

- A. Board Committee Assignments - Mrs. Lent
- B. Diversity - Mrs. Stein

24. 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.