



**REGULAR Meeting of the East Grand Rapids Board of Education**

Woodcliff Center Community Board Room, 2915 Hall Street SE,  
East Grand Rapids, MI 49506.  
For Information -Phone 616-235-3535.

**Monday, January 26, 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. High School Student Council President's Report - Ms. Steffie Kabat
6. EGREA President's Report - Mrs. Cynthia Bischoff
7. Recognition of:
  - A. East Grand Rapids Board of Education Members for School Board Recognition Month January 2004 - Dr. Morse
  - B. East Grand Rapids "We the People" 2003 State Champions - Dr. Morse

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Discussion Items:

8. Preview of Updated East Grand Rapids Public Schools Website– Mr. Doug Jenkins, Mrs. Peggy Howard and Ms. Rebecca Firlik

Background: The updated site has a new look and improved features that make it a stronger marketing tool for the district, and a better information conduit for everyone in our school community. The site is planned to go live on Tuesday, January 27<sup>th</sup>. (Enclosure #8)

9. Development of a Middle School Restructuring Plan for a 6-Period Day for the 2004-2005 School Year

Background: Following State of Michigan revenue reductions, it is recommended that the Middle School Administration and staff be directed to plan for a 6-period day for the 2004-2005 school year.

10. Recommendation of Timeline and Numbers for 2004-05 Choice Program

Background: We will present a timeline and projected choice numbers with a request for Board approval at the February 17, 2004 regular meeting. (Enclosure #10)

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 Consent Agenda Numbers 11 through 15.

11. Approval of Minutes of REGULAR MEETING of 12/15/03 (Enclosure #11)

12. Approval of Minutes of SPECIAL MEETING on 1/12/04 (enclosure #12)

13. Approval of Payment of Bills for December 2003. (Enclosure #13)

14. Approval of a Maternity and Unpaid Child Care Leave of Absence for Mrs. Katherine McIntosh (Kindergarten-Breton Downs)

Background: Under provisions of the Master Agreement in Article 15, Section M, Mrs. Katherine A. McIntosh is requesting a maternity leave of absence beginning approximately March 21, 2004 and an unpaid child care leave of absence for the

remainder of the 2003-2004 school year following the birth of her child. (Enclosure #14)

Recommendation: Motion to approve the recommendation to grant to Mrs. Katherine A. McIntosh a maternity leave of absence and an unpaid child-care leave for the remainder of the 2003-2004 school year upon the recommendation of the Superintendent.

15. Approval of a Maternity and Unpaid Child Care Leave of Absence for Mrs. Sara Mervenne-Edleman (English - High School)

Background: Under the provisions of the Master Agreement in Article 15, Section M, Mrs. Sara Mervenne-Edleman is requesting a maternity leave of absence beginning approximately April 1, 2004 and an unpaid child care leave of absence for the remainder of the 2003-2004 school year following the birth of her child. (Enclosure #15)

Recommendation: Motion to approve the recommendation to grant to Mrs. Sara Mervenne-Edleman a maternity leave of absence and unpaid child-care leave for the remainder of the 2003-2004 school year upon the recommendation of the Superintendent.

Other Action Items:

16. Approval of Resolution to Appoint Election Inspectors for the Special Education Millage Election

Background: The administration requests approval by the Board of Education of a resolution to appoint Election Inspectors for the Special Education Millage Election on Tuesday, February 24, 2004. (Enclosure #16)

Recommendation: Motion to approve the appointment of the Election Inspectors listed in Enclosure #16 for the Special Education Millage Election on February 24, 2004.

17. Approval of Revision to 2004-2005 County-Wide School Year Calendar

Background: The KISD informed all schools that the county-wide calendar approved by this Board at the regular meeting on December 15, 2003, has a revision in the month of January, 2005. (Enclosure #17)

Recommendation: Motion to approve the revised county-wide 2004-2005 school year calendar as listed in Enclosure #17.

18. Approval of the Schools of Choice Resolutions for 2004-2005

East Grand Rapids Public Schools has participated in the Kent Intermediate School District Collaborative Schools of Choice Program since its inception in the 1996-97 school year.

A. Approval of a Resolution to Opt Out of Section 105 State of Michigan Choice Plan

Background: East Grand Rapids Public Schools has opted out of the State Choice Plan since the inception of the KISD Collaborative Schools of Choice Plan in the 1996-97 school year.

Recommendation: Motion to pass a resolution to opt out of Section 105 of the State School Aid Act of 1979, as amended by Public Act 300 of 1996, of the State of Michigan Schools of Choice Program for the 2004-2005 school year, for the purpose of participating in an intermediate school district-wide schools of choice program. (Enclosure #18A)

B. Approval of a Resolution to Participate in the 2004-05 Kent Intermediate School District Collaborative Schools of Choice Program

Background: This is the fourth year of the new Choice Program.

Recommendation: Motion to pass a resolution to participate in the Kent ISD Collaborative Schools of Choice Program for the 2004-05 school year as recommended by the Superintendent. (Enclosure #18 B)

C. Approval of a Resolution to Opt Out of Section 105c of the State 2004-05 Schools of Choice Plan

Background: In accordance with Section 105c as permitted in the State School Aid Act, Public Act 119 of 1999, as amended by Public Act 297 of 2000, it is recommended that East Grand Rapids Public Schools not accept applications for enrollment from residents of contiguous intermediate school districts for the 2004-05 school year.

Recommendation: Motion to pass a resolution to opt out of Section 105c as recommended by the Superintendent. (Enclosure #18 C.)

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Administrative Reports

19. Administrative Reports

A. Superintendent

Strategic Plan Update

B. Assistant Supt. for Business

1. Budget Update and Communication Plan
2. West Michigan Health Insurance Pool

C. Assistant Supt. for Instruction

1. Department of Education Report Card
2. Dialogue on Diversity continues - March 1, 2004

20. Board Representative Report - No Report this Month

21. Adjournment

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\*\* 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.

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