

EAST GRAND RAPIDS PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
Kent County, Michigan

*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.*

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

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

**Monday, September 22, 2003**

**7:30 p.m.**

**AGENDA**

1. Meeting Called to Order
2. Acknowledgment of Guests
3. Public Comments
4. Recognition of Fund Raising Group

Background: Last Spring, during our budget planning several parents stepped forward to raise funds to reinstate student programs. We would like to thank those parents.

- 4A. Recognition of State Awards in Architecture - Dr. Morse and Mr. Graham

Background: Nikko Rautiola and Lauren Gill received state awards in architecture.

5. Recognition of Student Semifinalists in the 2004 Merit Scholarship Competition - Mr. Mitchum

Background: East Grand Rapids High School had 19 semi-finalists in the Merit Scholarship competition.

6. Communications to and from the Board
7. High School Council President's Report - Ms. Steffie Kabat
8. EGREA President's Report - Mrs. Cynthia Bischoff

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 items in the Consent Agenda Numbers 9 through 16.

9. Approval of Minutes of REGULAR MEETING of 8/25/03 (Enclosure #9)

10. Approval of Minutes of SPECIAL MEETING of 8/25/03 (Enclosure #10)

11. Approval of Payment of Bills for August 2003 (Enclosure #11)

12. Approval of Lakeside Student Trip

Background: In accordance with Board of Education Policy #7490, Mrs. Kehm is requesting Board approval of the student/teacher trip to Mackinac Island on Wednesday and Thursday, May 19-20, 2004 for approximately 73 Lakeside 4<sup>th</sup> grade students and a number of parent chaperones. This trip is a culmination of their year-long focus on Michigan history and geography. (Enclosure #12)

Recommendation: Motion to approve the Mackinac Island trip as outlined on Enclosure #12 as recommended by the Superintendent.

13. Approval of Athletic Overnight Trips

Background: In accordance with Board of Education Policy #7490, Mr. Fouch is requesting Board approval of athletic overnight trips as outlined on Enclosure #13. (Enclosure #13)

Recommendation: Motion to approve the athletic overnight trips as outlined on Enclosure #13 as recommended by the Superintendent.

14. Approval of High School Student Trips

Background: In accordance with Board of Education Policy #7490, Mr. Cwayna is requesting approval of overnight trips for various groups at the High School as outlined on the enclosure. (Enclosure #14)

Recommendation: Motion to approve High School overnight trips as outlined on Enclosure #14 as recommended by the Superintendent.

15. Approval of Wealthy Student Trips

Background: In accordance with Board of Education Policy #7490, Mr. Tompkins is requesting Board approval of the student/teacher trip to Science Camp at Mystic Lake Camp on October 1-3, 2004 for Wealthy 5<sup>th</sup> grade students and a number of parent chaperones. Also approval for the student/teacher trip to Mackinac Island for Wealthy 4<sup>th</sup> grade students and a number of parent chaperones on May 25-27, 2004. (Enclosure #15)

Recommendation: Motion to approve the Science Camp at Mystic Lake Camp and Mackinaw Island overnight trips as outlined on Enclosure #15 as recommended by the Superintendent.

16. Approval of 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 #16)

Recommendation: Motion to approve the proposed 2003 revisions made to the O.K. Conference By-Laws.

**Action Items:**

17. 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 #17)

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

**Administrative Reports:**

18. Superintendent

- A. Enrollment Update (Enclosure #18A)
- B. Diversity Dinner - KIASB
- C. Strategic Planning Update

19. Assistant Supt. for Instruction

- A. Update on Status of MEAP Scores
- B. Community Dialogue on Diversity  
To be held October 21, 2003 from 7:30-11:30 a.m. in the Performing Arts Center

20. Board Representative Report

- A. Champions of Diversity – Mrs. Stein

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 – 9/17/03