

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 Center, 2915 Hall Street SE

East Grand Rapids, MI 49506. For Information -Phone 616-235-3535.

Monday, October 27, 2003

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 Council President's Report - Ms. Steffie Kabat
6. EGREA President's Report - Mrs. Cynthia Bischoff
7. Recognition of the East Grand Rapids Commended Students in the 2004 Merit Scholarship Competition - Mr. Glenn Mitcham and Mr. Pat Cwayna
8. Recognition of Award to URS for the Jimmy Gerken Plaza - Mr. Doug Derks

Discussion Items:

9. Child Care Program Update - Mrs. Julie Jewell
10. MEAP Scores - Mrs. Christine Vettese, Mr. Doug Jenkins, Mrs. Kathy Wisniewski (Enclosure #10)
11. First Reading of Policy #8320 (Electronic Communication Devices) and Policy #5250 (Employee Use of Electronic Communication Devices) - (Enclosure #11)

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.

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Recommendation: Motion to approve items in the Consent Agenda Numbers 12 through 13

12. Approval of Minutes of REGULAR MEETING of 9/22/03 (Enclosure #12)

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

Other Action Items:

14. Approval of Middle School Athletic Policy and Fees (Enclosure #14)

Background: Following the last Board meeting, Ty Wessell set up a parent committee to review the Middle School Athletic program. A copy of their report is enclosed. Ultimately, we are recommending that we stay with our current no-cut philosophy for Middle School Athletics, trying to maximize opportunities. The Finance Committee has received the report and is recommending the Middle School fee be set at \$75.00 per sport with a family maximum of \$225.00 for Middle School sports.

Recommendation: Motion to approve the recommendations presented by the Middle School Advisory Committee and the fees of \$75.00 per sport with a family maximum of \$225.00 as recommended by the Board Finance Committee.

15. Approval of a Resolution for a Food Service Co-op (Enclosure #15)

Background: Chartwells, our Food Service Management company, is asking that we act as a lead district in creating a food service cooperative. The cooperative would bring greater volumes of commodity funds to participating districts at lower prices. As a result of the East Grand Rapids Public Schools Food Cooperative, we would realize a reduction in food costs.

Recommendation: Motion to authorize the Administration to enter into agreements to establish the East Grand Rapids Public Schools Food Cooperative Commission.

Administrative Reports:

16. Superintendent

On-Line Policy Book Update (Goal #5)

17. Assistant Superintendent for Instruction

Strategic Plan Update - Calendar and Survey Questions (Goal #1)

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18. Assistant Superintendent for Business

- A. 2003-04 Finance Update
- B. West Michigan Health Insurance Pool Update (Goal #2)
- C. Special Education Transportation Update (Goal #3)

19. Board Representative Report

Diversity Report – Mrs. Stein

20. 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 – 10/23/03