

***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 St. SE, East Grand Rapids, MI 49506

For Information, call 616-235-3535.

**Monday, November 24, 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 Student Council President's Report - Ms. Steffie Kabat
6. EGREA President's Report - Mrs. Cynthia Bischoff
7. Recognition of the East Grand Rapids High School MHSAA Lower Peninsula Girls Division III 2003 State Championship Tennis Team - Dr. James Morse and Mr. Jerry Fouch
8. Recognition of the East Grand Rapids High School MHSAA Lower Peninsula Girls Division II 2003 State Championship Cross Country Team - Dr. James Morse and Mr. Jerry Fouch

***Presentation:***

9. High School MEAP Scores - Mrs. Christine Vettese and Mr. Doug Jenkins (Enclosure #9)
10. Report on Food Service Program - Mrs. Amy Larson, Food Service Supervisor (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 items in the Consent Agenda Numbers 11 through 14.

11. Approval of Minutes of REGULAR MEETING of 10/27/03 (Enclosure #11)

12. Approval of October Payment of Bills (Enclosure #12)

13. Approval of Maternity Leave of Absence - Mrs. Susan Stearns

Background: Under the provisions of the Master Agreement in Article 15, Section M, Mrs. Susan L. Stearns is requesting a maternity leave of absence for approximately six weeks following the birth of her child and an unpaid child-care leave for an additional six weeks, ending April 1, 2004. (Enclosure #13)

Recommendation: Motion to approve the recommendation to grant to Mrs. Susan Stearns a maternity/child care leave of absence upon the recommendation of the Superintendent.

14. Acceptance of a Child-Care Leave of Absence - Mrs. Kristine Greiffendorf

Background: Under the provisions of the Master Agreement in Article 15, Section M, Mrs. Kristine A. Greiffendorf is requesting an extension of a part-time, unpaid child-care leave of absence beginning October 27, 2003 until January 5, 2004. (Enclosure #14)

Recommendation: Motion to approve the recommendation to grant to Mrs. Greiffendorf an extension of a part-time, unpaid child-care leave of absence upon the recommendation of the Superintendent.

*Other Action Items:*

15. 2002-2003 Audit Report

Background: The audit was completed by Hungerford, Aldrin, Nichols & Carter, P.C. this fall. The Board Finance Committee

reviewed the report and recommends that the Board of Education receive the 2002-2003 Audit Report.

Recommendation: Motion to receive the 2002-2003 Audit Report as presented and recommended by the Board Finance Committee and Superintendent.

16. Update on 1999 Bond and Approval of Purchase of Technology Equipment

Background: Mr. Jenkins will provide a review of the technology equipment purchased through the 1999 Bond issue and recommend equipment for Wealthy Elementary School and the District technology infrastructure. (Enclosure #16)

Recommendation: Motion to approve the purchase of technology equipment for Wealthy Elementary School and the District technology infrastructure as presented in Enclosure #16 as recommended by the Board Finance Committee and Superintendent.

17. Second Reading and Approval of Revised Board Policy #8320 - Student Use of Electronic Communication Devices

Background: The Board discussed a few changes at the first reading of Board Policy #8320 - Student Use of Electronic Communication Devices at the regular meeting on October 27, 2003. Those changes have been incorporated. (Enclosure #17)

Recommendation: Motion to approve Board Policy #8320 - Student Use of Electronic Communication Devices as recommended by the Board Policy Committee and the Superintendent.

18. Second Reading and Approval of New Board Policy #5250 - Employee Use of Electronic Communication Devices

Background: The Board reviewed Policy #5250 - Employee Use of Electronic Communication Devices at the regular meeting on October 27, 2003. (Enclosure #18)

Recommendation: Motion to approve Board of Education Policy #5250 - Employee Use of Electronic Communication Devices.

19. Administrative Reports

A. Superintendent  
Michigan School Aid Update

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B. Assistant Supt. for Business  
State Revenue Reductions

C. Assistant Supt. for Instruction  
Differentiation

20. Board Representative Report  
MASB Conference Report – Mrs. Beth Lent

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.

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