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***NOTICE***

A **REGULAR MEETING** of the Board of Education will be held on **Monday, January 24, 2005 at 7:30 p.m.** at the Woodcliff Center, 2915 Hall Street, SE, East Grand Rapids, MI 49506. Phone number for information is 235-3535.

**PURPOSE of the REGULAR MEETING**

***Presentation:***

“Kindness Counts” – Lakeside Elementary Students

***Recognition of:***

“We the People” 2004 State Champions  
School Board Recognition Month – EGR School Board Members  
Principal’s Week – February 13-19,2005

***Information Items:***

Middle School Social Studies Curriculum  
K-12 Art Curriculum  
Drug and Alcohol Survey Results  
Recommendation of Timeline and Numbers for 2005-06 Choice Program  
First Reading of Revised Policy #7055 – Comprehensive School Health Education

***Consent Agenda:***

Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting of 12/13/04  
Approval of Minutes of Special Meeting of 1/17/05  
Payment of Bills for December 2004  
Approval of Two Maternity Leaves and One Unpaid Child Care Leave of Absence  
Approval of Additional High School and Athletic Overnight Trips  
Approval of a Resolution Calling Regular School Election  
Second Reading and Approval of Two Revised Policies (#7175, #1020)

***Other Action Items:***

Second Reading and Approval of One Revised Policy (#1190)  
Approval of a Facilities Maintenance Plan Contract with URS  
Approval of Schools of Choice Resolutions for 2005-06

***Administrative Reports:***

Revised Middle School Schedule for 2005-06  
Teacher Evaluation Update  
Budget Update and Communication Plan  
West Michigan Health Insurance Pool Update

***Board Reports:***

Mrs. Beth Lent, President  
East Grand Rapids Board of Education

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## **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 24, 2005 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. Recognition of:
  - East Grand Rapids "We the People" 2004 State Champions - Dr. Morse
6. High School Student Council President's Report - Mr. Tom Bander
7. EGREA President's Report - Mrs. Cynthia Bischoff
8. Presentation:
  - Lakeside Elementary Students: Kindness Counts
9. Recognition of:
  - A. East Grand Rapids Board of Education Members for School Board Recognition Month January 2005 - Dr. Morse

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- B. Recognition of Principal's Week - February 13-19, 2005 - Dr. James Morse  
(Enclosure #9B)

Discussion Items:

10. Middle School Social Studies Curriculum - Mrs. Jenny Fee

Background: The Middle School Social Studies Curriculum Committee has reviewed the social studies curriculum for grades 6-8. Members of the committee will present the newly aligned curriculum and recommend corresponding resource materials to the Board of Education. (Enclosure #10)

11. K-12 Art Curriculum - Mrs. Holly Lampen, Mrs. Jill Gersch and Mrs. Sharon Pollice

Background: The K-12 Art Curriculum Committee, made up of all district art teachers, members of the community, administrators, and a Board member, has reviewed and aligned the K-12 art curriculum. Members of the committee will present the new curriculum to the Board of Education. (Enclosure #11)

12. Drug and Alcohol Survey Results- Mr. Mark Tompkins

Background: Each year the students at the high school take a survey regarding drug and alcohol use. Mr. Tompkins will share the results from this year's survey. (Enclosure #12)

13. Recommendation of Timeline and Numbers for 2005-06 Choice Program

Background: We will present a timeline and projected choice numbers with a request for Board approval at the February 28, 2005 regular meeting. (Enclosure #13)

14. First Reading of Revised Policy #7055 (Comprehensive School Health Education) -  
(Enclosure #14)

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 15 through 22.

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15. Approval of Minutes of REGULAR MEETING of 12/13/04 (Enclosure #15)

16. Approval of Minutes of SPECIAL MEETING on 1/17/05 (Enclosure #16)

17. Approval of Payment of Bills for December 2004. (Enclosure #17)

18. Approval of a Maternity and Unpaid Child Care Leave of Absence for Mrs. Erin Grin (First Grade - Lakeside) (Enclosure #18)

Background: Under provisions of the Master Agreement in Article 15, Section M, Mrs. Erin Grin is requesting a maternity leave of absence beginning approximately April 20, 2005 and an unpaid child care leave of absence for the remainder of the 2004-2005 school year following the birth of her child.

Recommendation: Motion to approve the recommendation to grant to Mrs. Erin Grin a maternity leave of absence and an unpaid child-care leave for the remainder of the 2004-2005 school year upon the recommendation of the Superintendent.

19. Approval of a Maternity Leave of Absence for Mrs. Amanda Werner (Speech Therapist) (Enclosure #19)

Background: Under provisions of the Master Agreement in Article 15, Section M, Mrs. Amanda Werner is requesting a maternity leave of absence beginning approximately April 15, 2005 following the birth of her child.

Recommendation: Motion to approve the recommendation to grant to Mrs. Amanda Werner a maternity leave of absence upon the recommendation of the Superintendent.

20. Approval of Additional High School and Athletic Overnight Trips (Enclosure #20)

Background: In accordance with Board of Education Policy #7490, the district has various trips and overnight athletic and student activities as outlined in Enclosure #20 for approval by the Board.

Recommendation: Motion to approve various trips and overnight athletic and student activities as outlined in Enclosure #20.

21. Approval of Resolution Calling Regular School Election (Enclosure #21)

Background: The administration requests approval by the Board of Education of a resolution to call a regular school election on Tuesday, May 3, 2005

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Recommendation: Motion to approve the resolution to call a regular election on Tuesday, May 3, 2005.

22. Second Reading and Approval of Revised Policy #7175 (Parent(s)/Guardian(s) Involvement Policy - General Education and Title I Programs) (Enclosure #22)

Background: The Board had a first reading of revised Board Policy #7175 - Parent(s)/Guardian(s) Involvement Policy - General Education and Title I Programs, at the Board of Education meeting on December 13, 2004.

Recommendation: Motion to approve the revised Board Policy #7175 as recommended by the Board Policy Committee and the Superintendent.

23. Second Reading and Approval of Revised Policy #1020 (Election of Board Members and School Elections) (Enclosure #23)

Background: The Board had a first reading of revised Board Policy #1020 - Election of Board Members and School Elections, at the Board of Education meeting on December 13, 2004.

Recommendation: Motion to approve the revised Board Policy #1020 as recommended by the Board Policy Committee and the Superintendent.

*Other Action Items:*

24. Second Reading and Approval of Revised Policy #1190 (Minutes of Board Meetings)

Background: The Board has a first reading of revised Policy #1190 - Minutes of Board Meetings, at the Board of Education meeting on December 13, 2004. (Enclosure #24)

Recommendation: Motion to approve the revised Board Policy #1190 as recommended by the Board Policy Committee and the Superintendent.

25. Approval of a Facilities Maintenance Plan Contract with URS (Enclosure #25)

Background: One of the goals in our Strategic Plan is to develop a long term Facilities Maintenance Plan. To facilitate this process, we recommend contracting with URS to develop a long term analysis of our facilities. The scope of the agreement is attached and has been reviewed and is being recommended by the Facilities Committee.

Recommendation: Motion to approve the contract with URS to develop a long term Facilities Maintenance Plan per Enclosure #25.

26. Approval of the Schools of Choice Resolutions for 2005-2006

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 (Enclosure #26A)

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 2005-2006 school year, for the purpose of participating in an intermediate school district-wide schools of choice program.

B. Approval of a Resolution to Participate in the 2005-06 Kent Intermediate School District Collaborative Schools of Choice Program (Enclosure #26B)

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 2005-06 school year as recommended by the Superintendent.

C. Approval of a Resolution to Opt Out of Section 105c of the State 2005-06 Schools of Choice Plan (Enclosure #26C)

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 2005-06 school year.

Recommendation: Motion to pass a resolution to opt out of Section 105c as recommended by the Superintendent.

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Administrative Reports

27. Superintendent

- A. Revised Middle School Schedule for 2005-06 (Enclosure #27A)
- B. Teacher Evaluation Update (Enclosure #27B)

28. Assistant Supt. for Business

- A. Budget Update and Communication Plan
- B. West Michigan Health Insurance Pool Update

29. Board Representative Report

30. Adjournment

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