

**EAST GRAND RAPIDS PUBLIC SCHOOLS**  
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***NOTICE***

A **REGULAR MEETING** of the Board of Education will be held on **Monday, February 28, 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:***

***Recognition of:***

***Information Items:***

Impact of the Reading Recovery Program  
Report on February Professional Development Days

***Consent Agenda:***

Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting of 1/24/05  
Payment of Bills for January 2005  
Approval of Theater Program at the High School  
Approval of Middle School Social Studies Curriculum  
Approval of K-12 Art Curriculum  
Second Reading and Approval of Revised Policy #7055

***Other Action Items:***

Approval of Numbers for the 2005-06 Schools of Choice Program  
Approval of March as "Reading Incentive Month"  
Approval of 2005-06 School Year Calendar  
Approval of Food Service Contract

***Administrative Reports:***

Gifted/Talented Update  
District Assessment Program Update  
Budget Update

***Board Reports:***

Joint Facilities

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

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***Educating and inspiring each student to navigate successfully  
in a global community.***

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Kent County, Michigan

**REGULAR Meeting of the East Grand Rapids Board of Education**  
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Phone 616-235-3535.

**Monday, February 28, 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. High School Student Council President's Report - Mr. Tom Bander
6. EGREA President's Report - Mrs. Cynthia Bischoff

**Information Items:**

7. Impact of the Reading Recovery Program - Mr. Mark Tompkins
8. Report on February Professional Development Days - Mr. Doug Jenkins and Mrs. Jeanne Glowicki

**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 14.

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9. Approval of Minutes of REGULAR MEETING of 1/24/05 (Enclosure #9)

10. Approval of Payment of Bills for January 2005 (Enclosure #10)

11. Theater Program at the High School

Background: The High School is recommending three new theater courses: Theater I, Theater II, and Theater Production. These courses were presented to the Board of Education on December 13, 2004.

Recommendation: Motion to approve the three proposed high school theater courses for the 2005-2006 school year as recommended by the Superintendent.

12. Middle School Social Studies Curriculum

Background: The Middle School has proposed a new Social Studies Curriculum and materials for Grades 6-8. The new curriculum was presented to the Board of Education on January 24, 2005.

Recommendation: Motion to approve the new Middle School Social Studies Curriculum for the 2005-2006 school year as recommended by the Superintendent.

13. K-12 Art Curriculum

Background: A representative committee has proposed a new K-12 Art Curriculum. The new curriculum was presented to the Board of Education on January 24, 2005.

Recommendation: Motion to approve the new K-12 Art Curriculum for the 2005-2006 school year as recommended by the Superintendent.

14. Second Reading and Approval of Revised Policy #7055 (Comprehensive School Health Education) (Enclosure #14)

Background: The Board had a first reading of revised Board Policy #7055 - Comprehensive School Health Education, at the Board of Education meeting on January 24, 2005.

Recommendation: Motion to approve the revised Board Policy #7055 as recommended by the Board Policy Committee and the Superintendent.

**Other Action Items:**

15. Approval of Numbers for the 2005-2006 Schools of Choice Program (Enclosure #15)

Background: The 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. The Finance Committee and Superintendent are recommending that we accept 47 (includes 13 siblings) students plus additional siblings if space is available through the 2005-06 Kent ISD Collaborative Schools of Choice Program.

Recommendation: Motion to accept 47 (includes 13 siblings) students plus additional siblings if space is available through the 2005-06 Kent ISD Collaborative Schools of Choice Program.

16. Approval of March as "Reading Incentive Month" (Enclosure #16)

Background: The Board is asked to designate March as "*Reading Incentive Month*" in East Grand Rapids Public Schools.

Recommendation: Motion to designate March as "*Reading Incentive Month*" in the East Grand Rapids Public Schools and to encourage all students, staff members, and community members to support this program.

17. Approval of 2005-2006 School Year Calendar (Enclosure #17)

Background: Each year the Board of Education is asked to approve the calendar for the following school year. This calendar has been reviewed and approved by the Problem Solving Committee and the EGREA Executive Committee as well as the administrative Leadership Team.

Recommendation: Motion to approve the 2005-2006 school year calendar as presented in Enclosure #17.

18. Approval of Food Service Contract

Background: The Administration is required to bid our Food Service contract. Mr. Derks has initiated the process and has received one bid. He will present the proposal at the Board meeting on February 28, 2005.

Recommendation: Motion to approve the Food Service Contract as recommended by the Finance Committee and Administration.

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*Administrative Reports:*

18. Superintendent

- A. Gifted/Talented Update
- B. District Assessment Program Update

19. Assistant Superintendent for Business

Budget Update

20. Board Representative Report

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21. Adjournment

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