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NOTICE

A **REGULAR MEETING** of the Board of Education will be held on **Monday, May 9, 2005 at 5:30 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:

We the People Team
Mrs. Cynthia Bischoff – Former EGREA President

Information Items:

Annual Child Care Program Update
First Reading of Revised Policies #7650 and #5430
First Reading of New Policy #7655
Acknowledgement of Policy Rules Changes for Policy #8335-R and #8040-R-2

Consent Agenda:

Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting of 4/18/05
Payment of Bills for April 2005
Approval of Maternity and Unpaid Childcare Leave of Absence
Approval of Medical Leave of Absence

Other Action Items:

Approval of Early Retirement Incentive

Administrative Reports:

High School Graduation
Request for Proposals for Summer Projects

Board Reports:

Joint Facilities
K-16 Education Rally – June 21, 2005

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.*

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, May 9, 2005

5:30 p.m.

AGENDA

1. Meeting Called to Order
2. Recognition of:
 - A. East Grand Rapids High School students and their advisor, Mr. Pierre Sirois, in the national competition of *We The People* for their outstanding performance – Dr. Morse and Mr. Cwayna

Background: EGR High School students won the State of Michigan competition in January and represented Michigan at the national competition in Washington, D.C. finishing in the top ten in the nation.
 - B. Recognition of: Mrs. Cynthia Bischoff, Former EGREA President
3. Acknowledgment of Guests
4. Public Comments
5. Communications to and from the Board

Information Items

6. Annual Child Care Program Update – Enclosure #6
7. First Reading of Revised Policy #7650 (Assessment Program) – Enclosure #7
8. First Reading of New Policy #7655 (Michigan Merit Award – Community Service Requirements) – Enclosure #8
9. First Reading of Revised Policy #5430 (Hiring) – Enclosure #9
10. Acknowledgement of Revised Policy Rules and Regulations #8335-R (Unlawful Substances and Other Criminal Acts) – Enclosure #10

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11. Acknowledgement of Revised Policy Rules and Regulations #8040-R-2 (School Admissions) -Enclosure #11
12. Strategic Plan Update - Progress Report on Differentiation in the Classroom (Superintendent Goal #2) - Mr. Doug Jenkins

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 considered 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 13 through 16.

13. Approval of Minutes of REGULAR MEETING of 4/18/05 - Enclosure #13
14. Approval of Payment of Bills for April 2005 - Enclosure #14
15. Approval of a Maternity and Unpaid Child Care Leave of Absence Enclosure #15

Background: Under provisions of the Master Agreement in Article 15, Section M, Mrs. Nicole Gessner is requesting a maternity leave of absence beginning approximately July 31, 2005 and an unpaid child care leave of absence for an additional two weeks following the birth of her child.

Recommendation: Motion to approve the recommendation to grant to Mrs. Nicole Gessner a maternity leave of absence and an unpaid child-care leave beginning approximately July 31, 2005 and continuing until September 19, 2005 upon the recommendation of the Superintendent.

16. Approval of a Medical Leave of Absence Enclosure #16

Background: Mrs. Melissa Sayre is requesting a medical leave of absence beginning May 12, 2005 through approximately June 10, 2005.

Recommendation: Motion to approve a medical leave of absence for Mrs. Melissa Sayre as recommended by the Superintendent.

Other Action Items:

17. Approval of Early Retirement Incentive Enclosure #17

Background: The Teachers' association has requested a retirement incentive this year. The Finance Committee and Administration are recommending a retirement incentive for the 2004-05 school year.

Recommendation: Motion to approve the Retirement Program as presented in Enclosure #17 upon the recommendation of the Superintendent.

Administrative Reports

18. Superintendent

High School Graduation - May 26, 2005

19. Assistant Superintendent for Business

Request for Proposals for Summer Projects

20. Board Representative Report

A. Joint Facilities - Mrs. Beth Lent

B. K-16 Education Rally - June 21, 2005 - Mrs. Beth Lent

21. Adjournment

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