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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 18, 2004

7:30 p.m.
MINUTES

The REGULAR MEETING of the East Grand Rapids Public Schools Board of Education, Kent County, Michigan, was held on Monday, October 18, 2004 in the Community Board Room, Woodcliff Center, 2915 Hall Street SE, East Grand Rapids, MI 49506.

Board of Education:

Present: Mrs. Beth Lent, Mr. Joe Camp, Mrs. Natalie Kuras, Mr. Brian Ellis, Mr. Charlie Denton, and Mrs. Stacy Trierweiler

Administration: Dr. James Morse, Mr. Doug Jenkins, Dr. Ty Wessell, Mrs. Jeanne Glowicki, and Mr. Mark Tompkins

Absent: Mrs. Rosalie Stein, Mrs. Christine Vettese, Mr. Doug Derks, Mr. Pat Cwayna

Meeting Called to Order -

Mrs. Lent called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. She appointed Mrs. Trierweiler as Secretary Pro-Tem due to Mrs. Stein's absence. A few notes on the agenda: Item #8 and Item #18A are being moved to the November 29, 2004 meeting due to Mrs. Vettese's absence; Item #18B will be presented by Mr. Jenkins; Item #20A will be moved to the November 29, 2004 meeting, and there is an addendum, Item #15A is being added to the Consent Agenda. Mr. Derks is absent due to a conference.

Acknowledgment of Guests - None

Public Comments - None

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Communications to and from the Board

A thank you card was received from Kris Bratlie (Middle School) for the donation of a book to the Middle School library in memory of her grandfather and a thank you card was received from Peter and Amy Stuursma for the gift basket following the birth of their son.

High School Council President's Report - Mr. Tom Bander

No report this month.

EGREA President's Report - Mrs. Cynthia Bischoff

Great collaborative planning day today. Much more got done with the longer period of time to work.

Recognition of the East Grand Rapids Commended Students in the 2005 Merit Scholarship Competition - Mr. Larry Fisher

Dr. Morse, Mr. Camp and Mr. Fisher gave certificates to the following 13 Commended students in the National Merit Scholarship competition: Ross Brenneman, Meryl Chaffee, Kathryn Christmann, Katherine Faasse, William Gallmeyer, Hunder Judson, Katelyn Kuhl, Alena Smalligan, John Sprague, David Stoddard, Douglas VandeVusse, Joseph Wiltse and Elan Winterberger

Discussion Items:

High School MEAP Scores (Enclosure #18C)

Mr. Jenkins presented the information on the High School MEAP scores. East has very strong scores this year. MEAP testing will be changing: Elementary & Middle School testing will move into October beginning in 2005-06; testing in grades 3-8 for English language arts and math, required by NCLB will begin in 2005-06; grade level content expectations (GLCE) are being created for grades K-8; ACT for high school has been tabled for now by the State school board.

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 15

Approval of Minutes of REGULAR MEETING of 9/20/04 (Enclosure #9)

Approval of Payment of Bills for September 2004 (Enclosure #10)

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Approval of a Maternity and Unpaid Child Care Leave of Absence for Mrs. Kathleen A. Storey (Reading Specialist - Lakeside Elementary)

Under the provisions of the Master Agreement in Article 15, Section M, Mrs. Kathleen A. Storey is requesting a maternity leave of absence beginning approximately November 11, 2004 and an unpaid child care leave of absence for an additional six weeks. (Enclosure #11)

Approval of a Maternity and Unpaid Child Care Leave of Absence for Mrs. Molly E. Buxton (Foreign Language - Lakeside Elementary)

Under the provisions of the Master Agreement in Article 15, Section M, Mrs. Molly E. Buxton is requesting a maternity leave of absence beginning approximately October 25, 2004 and an unpaid child care leave of absence for an additional six weeks. (Enclosure #12)

Approval of a Maternity and Unpaid Child Care Leave of Absence for Mrs. Erin Bollman (2nd Grade - Lakeside Elementary)

Under the provisions of the Master Agreement in Article 15, Section M, Mrs. Erin M. Bollman is requesting a maternity leave of absence beginning approximately December 14, 2004 and an unpaid child care leave of absence for an additional six weeks. (Enclosure #13)

Approval of a Maternity and Unpaid Child Care Leave of Absence for Mrs. Rebecca A. Hamm-Martin. (Science - Middle School)

Under the provisions of the Master Agreement in Article 15, Section M, Mrs. Rebecca A. Hamm-Martin is requesting a maternity leave of absence beginning approximately December 21, 2004 and an unpaid child care leave of absence for an additional six weeks. (Enclosure #14)

Approval of a Maternity and Unpaid Child Care Leave of Absence for Mrs. Susanne G. Trout (Social Studies - High School)

Under the provisions of the Master Agreement in Article 15, Section M, Mrs. Susanne G. Trout is requesting a maternity leave of absence beginning November 15, 2004 with an approximate due date of November 21, 2004 and an unpaid child care leave of absence for an additional six weeks. (Enclosure #15)

Approval of Michigan Junior Classical League trip to Italy

In accordance with Board of Education Policy #7490, Mr. Cwayna is requesting Board approval of the student/teacher trip to Italy on June 15-27, 2005. (Enclosure #15A)

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Mr. Denton moved to approve Consent Agenda Items #9-#15A. Mrs. Trierweiler seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

Other Action Items:

Approval of Maintenance Truck Purchase

The Maintenance Department is recommending the replacement of a 1996 plow truck. Requests for proposal were distributed to seven local dealers. (Enclosure #16)

Mr. Camp moved to approve the motion to approve the Finance Committee's recommendation that the Board of Education authorize the purchase of a 2005 three-quarter ton plow truck from K&M Northfield Dodge in the net amount of \$20,213.00. Mrs. Kuras seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

Administrative Reports:

Superintendent

Update on Crisis Plan:

The revised Crisis Plan was reviewed by Dr. Wessell. The updated plan was worked on by Dr. Wessell, Dr. Morse, principals, administrators, and Chief Gallagher. When completed, the Chief will meet with staff to go over any changes and review procedures. The State provided a grant to Public Safety and the school to work on this.

Assistant Superintendent for Instruction

Strategic Plan Update – Plan for evaluating of the district assessment program (Superintendent Goal #3)

Mr. Jenkins provided an update on the district assessment program. This is Goal #4 of the Strategic Plan. Recommendations will be presented to the Board in March of 2005.

Assistant Superintendent for Business

No reports this month.

Board Representative Report

Art Curriculum – Mrs. Trierweiler

This group is moving along. The Cultural Arts District Committee is being restarted and will be a help to the committee.

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Legislative Committee Report – Mr. Denton

Meets monthly. Mr. Denton reviewed the goals for this year and also passed out a packet of various newspaper articles and a copy of the ballot for the November election.

Adjournment

Mrs. Lent adjourned the meeting at 8:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stacy Trierweiler, Secretary Pro-Tem
East Grand Rapids Board of Education

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