

EAST GRAND RAPIDS PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Kent County, Michigan

REGULAR Meeting of the East Grand Rapids Board of Education

Community Board Room, Woodcliff Center, 2915 Hall St. SE
For information, phone 616-235-3535.

Monday, June 6, 2005

5:00 p.m.

MINUTES

The REGULAR MEETING of the East Grand Rapids Public Schools Board of Education, Kent County, Michigan, was held on Monday, June 6, 2005 in the Community Board Room, Woodcliff Center, 2915 Hall Street SE, East Grand Rapids, MI 49506.

Board of Education:

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

Absent: Mr. Joe Camp

Administration: Dr. James Morse, Mr. Doug Derks, Mrs. Kathy Wisniewski, Mr. Doug Jenkins, Mrs. Jeanne Glowicki, Mrs. Linda Kehm, and Dr. Ty Wessell

Call to Order

Mrs. Lent called the meeting to order at 5:04 p.m. She announced that there has been an addendum added to the agenda. It will be Agenda Item #6A.

Acknowledgment of Guests - None

Public Comments - None

Communications to and from the Board - None

Information Items

Budget Hearing: 2005-06 General Fund Budget - Mr. Doug Derks

Mr. Derks gave an updated presentation on the 2005-06 General Fund Budget and thanked all of the members of the Budget Committee for their work on this budget.

Other Action Items

Approval of 2004-2005 General Fund Budget Amendment (Enclosure #6)

The Finance Committee has reviewed the attached amendment to the 2004-05 General Fund Budget.

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Mr. Ellis moved to approve the 2004-05 General Fund Budget Amendment as recommended by the Finance Committee and presented in Enclosure #6. Mr. Denton seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

Calendar Change for 2005-2006 (Enclosure #6A)

At the February 28, 2005 Board of Education meeting the 2005-06 school year calendar was approved. We recently received a memo from the KISD stating that it is State law that students cannot be in school on Monday, January 2, 2006 as this is a legal holiday. The administration in collaboration with the Teachers Association looked at various options and agreed upon having school Monday and Tuesday, December 19 and 20, 2005 with holiday vacation beginning Wednesday, December 21, 2005. School would then resume on Wednesday, January 4, 2006.

Mrs. Trierweiler moved to approve the changes to the 2005-06 school year calendar at the recommendation of the Superintendent and presented in Enclosure #6A. Mrs. Kuras seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

Administrative Reports

Superintendent

Tenure Acknowledgement

Dr. Morse stated that he and the Administrative team are very pleased with the quality of the teachers recommended for tenure and he will be moving forward to approve their tenure.

Teacher Retirements (Enclosure #7B)

Dr. Morse gave a public thank you to all of the retirees for their years of service to East Grand Rapids Public Schools. The list includes four teachers and one support staff person.

Appointment of Ms. Jeanne Glowicki as Assistant Superintendent of Instruction

Dr. Morse announced the appointment of Ms. Jeanne Glowicki to the position of Assistant Superintendent of Instruction. He stated that we are pleased to have her in the District Office. He thanked Mr. Jenkins for all of his work over the past few months and announced that Mr. Jenkins will have a new title: Director of Technology and Assessment. He and Ms. Glowicki will be working closely together. Ms. Glowicki stated that she is pleased to be given this opportunity and she is looking forward to begin the duties of the position on July 1st.

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Middle School Principal –

Dr. Morse gave a review of the process to hire. He stated that following the initial posting we had received 12 applications. From there a 5-person administrative committee screened the candidates down to four. The administrative committee interviewed those four. The committee did not recommend any of the candidates as a final candidate. Dr. Morse made the decision to repost the position and invited Peter Stuursma to apply. A feedback group, comprised of Board of Education members, administrators, teachers, support staff members, parents and students will meet with Mr. Stuursma and give their feedback. He stated that he makes his decision based on the interview process, references, and information from the feedback session. Dr. Morse will meet with the Middle School staff on June 7th to discuss the candidate and answer questions.

Assistant Superintendent for Business – No report-

Board Representative Report

Mrs. Lent reported that the regular Board of Education meeting times for the 2005-06 school year would be at 7:00 p.m. instead of 7:30 p.m.

The Board of Education received a School of Choice handout. Discussion followed.

Adjournment

Mrs. Lent adjourned the meeting at 5:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosalie Stein, Secretary
East Grand Rapids Board of Education

* Minutes for this meeting will be available in the Superintendent's Office at 2915 Hall Street SE, East Grand Rapids, MI 49506.

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