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EAST GRAND RAPIDS PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Kent County, Michigan

REGULAR Meeting of the East Grand Rapids Board of Education

Woodcliff Center, 2915 Hall SE, East Grand Rapids, MI 49506.

Phone 616-235-3535.

Monday, June 13, 2005 - 7:30 p.m.

Community Board Room

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. Joe Camp, Mr. Brian Ellis, Mr. Charlie Denton, Mrs. Rosalie Stein, and Mrs. Stacy Trierweiler

Administration: Dr. James Morse, Mr. Doug Derks, Mr. Doug Jenkins, Mrs. Jeanne Glowicki, Mrs. Linda Kehm, Mrs. Jann Van Airsdale and Mr. Peter Stuursma

Meeting Called to Order

Mrs. Lent called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. She stated that Item #22 would be postponed to a future meeting.

Acknowledgment of Guests - None

Public Comments

Mr. Gil Segovia of 751 Cambridge Boulevard – Read a letter he sent to all Board Members this week regarding the process for hiring the Middle School Principal.

Dr. Tom Peterson of 3052 Midland SE – Read a letter he had written regarding the process for hiring a Middle School Principal.

Ms. Sara Peterson of 3052 Midland – Spoke regarding the process of hiring for the Middle School Principal.

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Recognition of Retiring Board of Education Members:

Dr. Morse thanked both Mrs. Natalie Kuras and Mrs. Rosalie Stein for giving of their time over the last 8 years to the East Grand Rapids Public Schools. He and Mrs. Lent presented them with certificates from the Kent ISD as well as from East Grand Rapids Public Schools. He also presented them with gifts from the district. Both Mrs. Kuras and Mrs. Stein said a few words about their time on the Board.

Communications to and from the Board - None

EGREA President's Report - Mrs. Nancy McSkimming

Mrs. McSkimming reported that teachers will continue their own learning through the summer by attending workshops.

Information Items

Acknowledgement of Policy Rules and Regulations #7630-R (Enclosure #7)

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 8 through 11.

Approval of Minutes of REGULAR MEETING of 5/23/05 (Enclosure #8)

Approval of Minutes of REGULAR MEETING of 6/06/05 (Enclosure #9)

Approval of Payment of Bills for May 2005 (Enclosure #10)

Approval of a PAC and PASE Committee Member (Enclosure #11)

Mrs. Laura Pifer is being recommended by Mrs. Jann VanAirsdale, Special Education Director, to represent the East Grand Rapids parents on the Region II Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) and the Kent Intermediate School District parent Advisors (PASE) for the term 2005-2008.

Mrs. Trierweiler moved to approve Consent Agenda Items #8 - #11. Mrs. Kuras seconded the motion. The motion passed 7-0.

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Other Action Items:

Second Reading and Approval of Revised Policies (Enclosure #12)

The first reading of revised policies #7005, #7010, #5185 and #8395 was on the May 23, 2005 agenda.

Mr. Denton moved to approve the updated policies as recommended by the Policy Committee and the Superintendent. Mrs. Kuras seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Approval of Assessment Recommendations (Enclosure #13)

The recommendations of the District Assessment Committee were brought before the Board at the May 23, 2005 meeting.

Mrs. Stein moved to approve the recommendations from the District Assessment Committee as recommended by the Superintendent. Mrs. Trierweiler seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Note: Items 14-22 have been reviewed and approved by the Finance Committee, Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent for Business

Approval of 2005 Millage Rates for the General Fund Budget, Debt Retirement, Sinking Fund, and Recreation Millage (Enclosure #14)

The Board of Education is required to annually set millage rates for the General Fund, Debt Retirement Fund, Sinking Fund and Recreation Millage.

Mrs. Kuras moved to certify the 2005 millage rates per Enclosure #14. Mr. Ellis seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Approval of 2005-2006 General Fund Budget (Enclosure #15)

The Board of Education is required to adopt a budget for the General Fund for 2005-2006 prior to June 30, 2005. Our process has been ongoing since last September. The Finance Committee has reviewed the final document.

Mrs. Trierweiler moved to approve the 2005-2006 General Fund Budget as presented. Mr. Denton seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Approval of the 2005-2006 Budgets for Food Service and Athletics (Enclosure #16)

The State of Michigan requires separate budgets for Food Service and Athletics.

Mrs. Kuras moved to approve the 2005-2006 Budgets for Food Service and Athletics per Enclosure #16. Mrs. Trierweiler seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

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Approval of the 2005-2006 Budget for Debt Retirement (Enclosure #17)

The State of Michigan requires an individual budget for Debt Retirement.

Mr. Denton moved to approve the 2005-2006 Budget for Debt Retirement per Enclosure #17. Mrs. Stein seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Approval of the 2005-2006 Budget for the Sinking Fund (Enclosure #18)

The State of Michigan requires an individual budget for the Sinking Fund.

Mr. Camp moved to approve the 2005-2006 Budget for the Sinking Fund per Enclosure #18. Mrs. Kuras seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Approval of a State Aid Loan Resolution (Enclosure #19)

The district borrows annually from the State to ensure positive cash flow in the General Fund. This loan is required due to the fact that district State Aid payments do not begin until October.

Mrs. Trierweiler moved to approve the attached resolution authorizing the district to borrow funds in anticipation of State Aid. Mrs. Kuras seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Approval of Middle School Roof Renovation Bid (Enclosure #20)

Request for proposals were sent to vendors for roof renovations at the Middle School. The Finance Committee has reviewed the bids. The funds will come from the Sinking Fund.

Mrs. Kuras moved to award a contract as recommended in Enclosure #20 for roof renovation at the Middle School. Mrs. Trierweiler seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Approval of Van Replacement Bid (Enclosure #21)

Request for proposals were sent to vendors to replace two (2) vans in the district. The Finance Committee has reviewed the bids.

Mr. Denton moved to award a contract as recommended in Enclosure #21 to replace two vans. Mrs. Trierweiler seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Approval of 2005-2006 Non-Union Support Staff and Supervisory Personnel Salaries

The Superintendent recommends and the Personnel Committee supports a 2.25% increase and MESSA Choices II/WMHIP insurance for Non-Union support Staff and Supervisory Personnel for the 2005-2006 school year.

Mrs. Stein moved to approve a 2.25% increase and MESSA Choices II/WMHIP insurance for Non-Union Support Staff and Supervisory Personnel as recommended by the

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Superintendent and supported by the Personnel Committee. Mr. Camp seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Approval of the 2005-2006 Administrator Salaries and Contracts (Enclosure #24)

The Superintendent and the Personnel Committee recommend the salaries, contracts and MESSA Choices II/WMHIP insurance for administrators as presented in Enclosure #24.

Mr. Denton moved to approve the salary schedule, contracts and MESSA Choices II/WMHIP insurance as recommended by the Superintendent and the Personnel Committee. Mrs. Kuras seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Approval of Salary for the Superintendent for 2005-2006 (Enclosure #25)

The Personnel Committee is recommending contract and salary provisions for the Superintendent per Enclosure #25.

Mr. Camp moved to approve the contract and salary provisions for the Superintendent as recommended by the Personnel Committee in Enclosure #25. Mrs. Trierweiler seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Administrator Reports

Superintendent

Administrator Appointment and Vacancy

Dr. Morse announced that Mr. Peter Stuursma would be the new Middle School Principal. He also reviewed the process that he has used for the last 24 years in choosing administrators. The current vacancies we have are the Principal position at Breton Downs Elementary and also the Assistant Principal position at the High School.

New Teacher Hires (Enclosure #26C)

We have hired eight new teachers for next year. Dr. Morse mentioned that the Principals have done a great job in the process of hiring.

June 21 Rally in Lansing

Dr. Morse reminded everyone to get out there and get people to attend this very important rally. Organizers would like to have 10,000 people at this rally. We need to let the people in charge in this state know how important it is that there be adequate funding for public schools in Michigan.

Dr. Morse asked Mr. Derks to give an update on the water problem at the Performing Arts Center. Following the rain this weekend a roof drain popped and there was significant water damage, especially on the stage. It will take 5-6 weeks to dry out all of the water and then a determination of damages will be able to be made. We need to find how this happened and how to prevent this in the future.

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Assistant Superintendent for Business

Mr. Derks and Mrs. Lent gave a presentation to the Board of an award presented to Dr. Morse at the KISD Superintendent's Association meeting. It is the Excellence in Educational Leadership Award from the University Council.

Instruction Office

Summer Curriculum Work (Enclosure #28A)

Mr. Jenkins reviewed the enclosure to show the various ways teachers are spending their summer in learning. These teachers in turn will bring what they have learned back to share with other teachers here in the district.

Differentiation 2005-2006

There are now two sessions offered, one this summer and one next school year.

Countywide Diversity Kick-off – August 19, 2005

Will be held on August 19th at Northview High School. All administrators for East Grand Rapids Public Schools will be attending.

Board Representative Report

Mr. Camp gave a "hats off" to Patty Temple for her work, not only for our district but also with the officials of the city of East Grand Rapids while they are under construction.

Adjournment

Mrs. Lent adjourned the meeting at 9:02 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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