

EAST GRAND RAPIDS PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Kent County, Michigan

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING of the East Grand Rapids Board of Education

Community Board Room at Woodcliff Center
2915 Hall Street SE
East Grand Rapids, MI 49506

Friday, July 1, 2005 - 7:30 a.m.

Minutes

The ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING of the East Grand Rapids Public Schools Board of Education, Kent County, Michigan, was held on Friday, July 1, 2005 in the Community Board Room, Woodcliff Center, 2915 Hall St., SE, East Grand Rapids, MI 49506.

Board of Education:

Present: Mrs. Beth Lent, Mrs. Stacy Trierweiler, Mr. Joe Camp, Mr. Brian Ellis, Mrs. Julie Ridenour, and Mrs. Diane Bok

Present Via Phone: Mr. Charlie Denton (Participating via phone therefore not eligible to vote)

Administration: Dr. James Morse, Mr. Doug Derks, Mr. Doug Jenkins, Mr. Peter Stuursma

Organizational Meeting Called to Order – Current President

Mrs. Lent called the meeting to order at 7:31 a.m.

Administration of Oath and Welcome to Newly Elected Board Members

Ms. Anne Thomasma, Secretary to the Board and Superintendent administered the oath of office to Mrs. Julie Ridenour and Mrs. Diane Bok. Both Mrs. Ridenour and Mrs. Bok will serve as members of the Board of Education for East Grand Rapids Public Schools, Kent County, Michigan for a 4-year term commencing July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2009.

Election of Officers - 2005-06

President

Mrs. Trierweiler moved that Mrs. Lent serve as President for the 2005-2006 school year. Mr. Ellis seconded the motion. There were no other nominations. Motion passed 6-0.

Vice President

Mr. Ellis moved that Mr. Denton serve as Vice President for the 2005-2006 school year. Mrs. Trierweiler seconded the motion. There were no other nominations. Motion passed 6-0.

Secretary

Mr. Camp moved that Mrs. Trierweiler serve as Secretary for the 2005-2006 school year. Mr. Ellis seconded the motion. There were no other nominations. Motion passed 6-0.

Treasurer

Mr. Ellis moved that Mr. Camp serve as Treasurer for the 2005-2006 school year. Mrs. Trierweiler seconded the motion. There were no other nominations. Motion passed 6-0.

Acknowledgment of Guests - None

Public Comments - None

Communications to and from the Board

A thank you card was received from Joanne Rollins (retired high school para educator) for the retirement luncheon and gifts and a thank you card from Bert Wadel (retired special education teacher at Breton Downs) for the retirement luncheon and gifts. Ms. Glowicki was not able to attend the meeting today due to the death of her grandmother.

Discussion Items:

Michigan Law on Conflict of Interest (PA 317 of 1968 and PA 145 of 1997)

Letter of Disclosure (Enclosure #7a)

Dr. Morse explained to the Board that if a board member has an issue that is a conflict of interest, the member must notify the board seven days prior to a vote on that issue or the vote must be postponed. Mr. Denton had previously written a Letter of Disclosure in keeping with that law because he is employed by Varnum, Riddering Law firm that is used by East Grand Rapids Public Schools for personnel issues and other matters. Since he is participating via phone today he will not be voting on any of the agenda items.

First Reading of Revised Policy #8390 (Suspension Procedures) (Enclosure #8)

Mrs. Trierweiler

Mrs. Trierweiler went over the proposed change to the policy. Discussion and questions from the Board. Changes will be made to the first and second sentences of item "D" and brought to the Board for a second reading and vote for approval at the next meeting on August 29, 2005.

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 the items in the Consent Agenda, Numbers 9 through 27.

Approval of Minutes of REGULAR MEETING of 6/13/05 (Enclosure #9)

Appointment of Legal Counsel (Enclosure #10)

Authorize the Superintendent or Assistant Superintendent for Business to Transfer Budget Line Funds (Enclosure #11)

Designation of Depositories (Enclosure #12)

Authorize the Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent for Business, and Board Treasurer to Sign Checks (Enclosure #13)

Authorize the Superintendent of Schools or his Designee to Hire, Accept Resignations, Approve Leaves of Absence, and to Terminate Employment for Certificated Staff (Enclosure #14)

Authorize the Superintendent or Assistant Superintendent for Business to Hire, Accept Resignations, Approve Leaves of Absence, and to Terminate, When Necessary, Support Personnel (Enclosure #15)

Authorize the Superintendent or Assistant Superintendent for Business to Invest Funds (Enclosure #16)

Authorize the Superintendent or Assistant Superintendent for Business to Transfer Funds (Enclosure #17)

Authorize District to Utilize Electronic Transactions of Funds (Enclosure #18)

Authorize the Superintendent or Assistant Superintendent for Business to Transfer Funds from the General Fund to the Food Service Fund, Athletic Fund or Student Activity Fund, and to Make Fund Modifications as Necessary (Enclosure #19)

Authorizations for Signatures on Checking Accounts (Enclosure #20)

Appointment of Auditors (Enclosure #21)

Adoption of the Summer Tax Collection (Enclosure #22)

Background: The Board of Education needs to renew authorization of a summer tax collection.

Recommendation: Motion to authorize a summer tax collection as presented in Enclosure #22.

Authorization to Approve Letters of Agreement With EGREA and EGRASE (Enclosure #23)

Background: Dr. Morse and Mr. Derks, Assistant Superintendent for Business, request that they have authorization to approve Letters of Agreement with EGREA and EGRASE as presented in Enclosure #23.

Recommendation: Motion to approve the Resolution as listed in Enclosure #23.

Resolution for Membership in Michigan High School Athletic Association (Enclosure #24)

Background: The Board of Education is asked to approve District Membership in the Michigan High School Athletic Association for the 2005-06 school year.

Recommendation: Motion to approve the Resolution to voluntarily join the Michigan High School Athletic Association from August 1, 2005, through July 31, 2006.

Approval of Board of Education Memberships and Dues (Enclosure #25)

Background: The Board asked to have all memberships in organizations reviewed at the Organizational Meeting

Recommendation: Motion to renew institutional memberships in the following organizations and pay the dues required as listed in Enclosure #25.

<u>Name</u>	<u>2005-06 Dues</u>
Michigan Association of School Boards, Inc.	\$4,315.00
MASB Legal Trust Fund	Waived for 05-06

Approval for Board of Education Members to attend any or all MASB, MASA, or KIASB conferences and activities

Background: Pre-approval is needed to attend MASB, MASA and KIASB conferences, workshops, and activities.

Recommendation: Motion to approve Board of Education members attendance at MASB, MASA, and KIASB conferences, workshops, and activities.

Approval of Section 6 Non-Resident Students (Enclosure #27)

Background: Each year, we approve additional Section 6 non-resident students.

Recommendation: Motion to approve the Section 6 non-resident students as recommended by the Superintendent in Enclosure #27.

Mr. Camp moved to approve the all of the items in the Consent Agenda, numbering 9 through 27. Mrs. Trierweiler seconded the motion. The motion passed 6-0.

Other Action Items:

Official Meeting Dates for the 2005-06 School Year (Enclosure #28)

Background: See Enclosure #28.

Recommendation: Motion to authorize Board Meetings as listed in Enclosure #28.

Mrs. Trierweiler moved to authorize official Board Meeting dates as listed in Enclosure #28. Mrs. Bok seconded the motion. The motion passed 6-0.

Periodicals for the Board of Education

Background: Last year the Board received *Phi Delta Kappan*, *American School Board Journal*, and *Education Week*. The administration would like direction as to the periodicals to be ordered for 2005-06.

Recommendation: Board direction requested.

Board members were offered subscriptions to *Phi Delta Kappan*, *American School Board Journal*, and *Education Week*. Board members gave their forms with their requests to Ms. Thomasma to do the subscribing.

Approval of a School Bond Loan Resolution (Enclosure #30)

Background: The district borrows annually from the School Bond Loan Program to assist in making our debt retirement payments. The application for the 2005-2006 borrowing needs to be applied for prior to August 1, 2005.

Recommendation: Motion to approve the attached resolution authorizing the district to borrow funds from the Michigan School Bond Loan Program as presented.

Mrs. Ridenour moved to approve the attached resolution authorizing the district to borrow funds from the Michigan School Bond Loan Program as presented. Mr. Camp seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

Approval of Weight Room Equipment Bid (Enclosure #31)

Background: Request for proposals were sent to vendors to replace and update weight equipment at the High School. The Athletic Boosters will fund \$25,000 up front for the purchase and are requesting a one year loan for the balance.

Recommendation: Motion to approve the purchase of weight room equipment in the amount of \$37,528.00 from Strength Equipment to be paid by the Athletic Boosters as recommended by the Administration and supported by the Finance Committee.

Mr. Camp moved to approve the purchase of weight room equipment in the amount of \$37,528 from Strength Equipment pending receipt of an Athletic Booster letter of acknowledgement. Mrs. Trierweiler seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

Approval of Superintendent Goals for 2005-2006 (Enclosure #32)

Background: The Board has reviewed the Superintendent's Goals at previous meetings.

Recommendation: Motion to approve the Superintendent's Goals for 2005-2006 per Enclosure #32.

Mrs. Trierweiler moved to approve the Superintendent's Goals for 2005-2006 as discussed at previous Board meetings and outlined in Enclosure #32. Mrs. Bok seconded the motion. The motion passed 6-0.

Administrative Reports

Superintendent

Board/Administrator Retreat – August 31, 2005 (5:30 p.m.)

Dr. Morse reminded Board members and administrators of the Retreat to be held on August 31, 2005 at 5:30 p.m.

Administrator Appointment

Mr. Kris Vydareny has been appointed as the principal at Breton Downs Elementary school. He is a former East resident and graduate. Ms. Glowicki will be his mentor. See attached press release.

Dr. Morse also spoke regarding the State budget and the school aid. There are 3 different proposals being reviewed in Lansing at this point regarding funding for public schools.

Assistant Superintendent for Business

Mr. Derks indicated that there are a number of facilities projects going on in the district this summer. These are being funded by the Sinking Fund. The district is getting quotes on the parking lot at the high school. He gave an update on the insurance (WMHIP) and stated it is anticipated that we will begin the program on September 1st. He also gave an update on the PAC water situation. The PAC is still in the process of drying out and repairs will then be made. We are also looking at long term solutions so this does not happen again.

Assistant Superintendent for Instruction

Gifted/Talented Report Update – Mr. Jenkins/Ms. Glowicki

Mr. Jenkins presented the Gifted/Talented report to the Board. He reviewed the recommendations from Dr. Rachel Reed and indicated that the Gifted/Talented group will continue to meet in the fall. A final report will come to the Board in the spring.

Board of Education Members' Report

Mr. Lent gave a thank you to everyone who attended the rally in Lansing from East Grand Rapids – parents, students, staff, administrators and Board members.

Appointments of Representatives to Committees and Organizations – Mrs. Lent

Mrs. Lent would like the forms returned to her within the next week or so. She hopes to have committees seated by August.

Adjournment

Mrs. Lent adjourned the meeting at 8:21 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stacy Trierweiler, Secretary
East Grand Rapids Public Schools Board of Education

* Minutes for this meeting will be available in the Superintendent's Office at 2915 Hall St. SE, East Grand Rapids, MI 49506. The phone number is 235-3535.

** If you plan to attend and have a special need and require accommodation to attend this meeting, please contact Dr. James Morse, Superintendent, at 235-3535.

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