

EAST GRAND RAPIDS PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
Kent County, Michigan

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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, September 26, 2005**

**7:00 p.m.**

**MINUTES**

The REGULAR MEETING of the East Grand Rapids Public Schools Board of Education, Kent County, Michigan, was held on Monday, September 26, 2005 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. Stacy Trierweiler, Mr. Charlie Denton, Mrs. Diane Bok, Mr. Brian Ellis, and Mrs. Julie Ridenour

**Administration:** Dr. James Morse, Ms. Jeanne Glowicki, Mr. Doug Derks, Mr. Doug Jenkins, Mrs. Kathy Wisniewski, Mr. Larry Fisher, Mr. Kris Vydareny, Mr. Jerry Fouch, Mrs. Jenny Fee, Mr. Peter Stuursma, Mr. Mark Tompkins, Mrs. Linda Kehm, and Mr. Pat Cwayna

**Meeting Called to Order**

Mrs. Lent called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**Acknowledgment of Guests**

There were no guests to be acknowledged.

**Public Comments**

There were no public comments.

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Recognition of Student Semifinalists in the 2005 Merit Scholarship Competition - Mr. Fisher

East Grand Rapids High School had 8 semi-finalists in the Merit Scholarship competition. Mr. Fisher gave a brief overview of the Merit Scholarship competition and the students who received the awards. Dr. Morse and Mr. Fisher presented certificates to the following students: Eric Anderson, Kristen Cragwall, Peter Denton, Charles Knape, Cecelia McDonald, Peter Meyer, Gabe Tourek, and Jack Van Dahm.

Communications to and from the Board

Two addendums have been added to the agenda. The Board received a thank you note from Jeanne Glowicki for a book in memory of her grandmother.

High School Student Council President's Report - Mr. John Abraham

Mr. Abraham was absent this meeting.

EGREA President's Report - Mrs. Nancy McSkimming

Mrs. McSkimming reported that teachers have had a busy start back to school and also that the curriculum team has been established for this year.

*Presentation/Discussion:*

Facility Review - Mr. Doug Derks

Dr. Morse introduced Mr. Derks who gave the facility presentation. Dr. Morse stated that our goal is to stay within our debt millage rate. Mr. Derks presented a timeline with a final presentation to the Board at the March 2006 meeting.

*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 11.

Approval of Minutes of REGULAR MEETING of 8/29/05 (Enclosure #9)

Approval of Minutes of SPECIAL MEETING of 8/31/05 (Enclosure #10)

Approval of Payment of Bills for August 2005 (Enclosure #11)

Mr. Camp moved to approve Consent Agenda Items #9-11. Mrs. Trierweiler seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

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**Other Action Items:**

Appoint Delegate Representatives to MASB Fall Conference Delegate Assembly

The Michigan Association of School Boards' 2005 Delegate Assembly is meeting at the annual 2005 Fall Conference at the Lansing Center in Lansing on Thursday, October 27, 2005. Three delegates may be appointed to represent the East Grand Rapids Board of Education. (Enclosure #12)

Mr. Ellis moved to appoint Mrs. Lent as the delegate to the MASB 2005 Delegate Assembly. Mrs. Ridenour seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Competitive Dance Team - Mr. Jerry Fouch

At the meeting in August, Mr. Jerry Fouch gave a presentation outlining the request to form a Competitive Dance Team.

Mr. Denton moved to approve the formation of a Competitive Dance Team. Mrs. Trierweiler seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Resolution Supporting the K-16 Coalition Statewide Petition Drive (Enclosure #14)

The Kent County Grassroots Legislative Committee is recommending districts support the statewide petition drive.

Mrs. Bok moved to support the K-16 Coalition Statewide Petition Drive which ensures funding for K-16 education as outlined in Enclosure #14. Mr. Denton seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

OK Conference Tier Proposal (Enclosure #14A)

The OK Conference is recommending eliminating the tier structure effective beginning the 2005-2006 school year.

Mrs. Trierweiler moved to support the recommendation to eliminate the tier structure beginning with the 2005-2006 school year upon the recommendation of the Superintendent. Mr. Camp seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

**Administrative Reports:**

Superintendent

Enrollment Update (Enclosure #15A)

Dr. Morse stated that East Grand Rapids Public Schools experienced a very positive opening of school. Currently it appears that our enrollment is staying firm. We have 2996 students as of today. Count Day is this week Wednesday. The four students we received from Louisiana, following Hurricane Katrina, have left and gone back home.

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### Grass Roots Meeting

Dr. Morse reported that the Grass Roots meeting was a very positive meeting. He discussed the petition drive, state funding and involvement by Board, parents and administrators. Grassroots needs to continue as coalition of school districts to ensure that funding in public schools remains a priority.

### Assistant Supt. for Instruction

#### Curriculum Timeline

Mrs. Glowicki passed out a sheet showing curriculum committees and staff development opportunities.

#### Constitution Day Tape

The schools recognized Constitution Day, as mandated by Federal Law, with the help of our older students who prepared a tape for grades K-2 and a longer tape for grades 3-12.

### Assistant Supt. for Business

#### Financial Update – State Aid

Mr. Derks reported that Legislators should act on the State Aid bill before the end of this month. Schools should receive the \$175/student as promised. Over the last three years the school aid fund has been eroded and is not being used by the State as intended. He stated that Legislators need to keep the integrity of the School Aid fund.

### Board Representative Report

No reports this evening.

Dr. Morse took this opportunity to recognize Mr. Jenkins for his work this summer with the Michigan Department of Education on GLCKS and technology.

### Closed session for student expulsion hearing:

*Roll call vote to go into closed session: Mr. Denton, yes; Mrs. Trierweiler, yes; Mr. Camp, yes; Mrs. Ridenour, yes; Mrs. Bok, yes; and Mrs. Lent, yes.*

### Student A

Hearing to act on expulsion recommendation from the High School Administration.

### Student B

Hearing to act on expulsion recommendation from the High School Administration.

### Move Back Into Open Session

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Mr. Ellis made a motion to return to open session. Mrs. Ridenour seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Mr. Denton moved to expel Student A permanently from the East Grand Rapids Public Schools for Theft and Vandalism. Mr. Ellis seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Mr. Camp moved to expel Student B permanently from the East Grand Rapids Public Schools for Theft and Vandalism and Persistent Disobedience. Mrs. Bok seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Adjournment

Mrs. Lent adjourned the meeting at 8:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stacy L. Trierweiler, Secretary  
East Grand Rapids Board of Education

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