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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 24, 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, Mrs. Diane Bok, Mr. Brian Ellis, and Mrs. Julie Ridenour

**Administration:** Dr. James Morse, Ms. Jeanne Glowicki, Mr. Doug Jenkins, Mrs. Jann VanAirdale, Mr. Larry Fisher, Mr. Kris Vydareny, Mr. Peter Stuursma, Mrs. Linda Kehm, and Mr. Pat Cwayna

**Absent:** Mr. Charlie Denton, Mr. Doug Derks

**Meeting Called to Order**

Mrs. Lent called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

**Acknowledgment of Guests** - None

Public Comments - None

**Communications to and from the Board**

Thank you card from Nancy Gallavin (Breton Downs) for the book in memory of her father-in-law and Kris Vydareny (Principal, Breton Down) for the book in memory of his

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grandmother. Mrs. Triereweiler left early to attend the Choral Concert at 7:30 pm at the High School.

High School Council President's Report – Mr. John Abraham

Mr. Abraham stated that student council was involved in fund raising for Hurricane Rita. Today was the start date of the annual Cystic Fibrosis Penny Wars. Student Council is now brainstorming service projects for each class. The annual food drive will be held during the two weeks following Thanksgiving break. The Blood drive will be in the winter or spring.

EGREA President's Report - Mrs. Nancy McSkimming

Mrs. McSkimming stated that during the month of October there was state testing. She also mentioned that the parent teacher conferences are coming up in November.

Recognition of the East Grand Rapids Commended Students in the 2006 Merit Scholarship Competition – Mr. Larry Fisher and Mr. Pat Cwayna

East Grand Rapids High School had 10 commended students in the 2006 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. Camp presented certificates to the following students: Andrea Bartoszewicz, Alison Decker, David Fischer, Andrew Grayson, Marla Kalmbach, Katherine Khorey, Elizabeth Malcolm, Emily Patzelt and Andrew Steele.

Recognition of the East Grand Rapids Boys Golf Team– Mr. Dave Ghareeb and Mr. Pat Cwayna

The East Grand Rapids High School Boys Golf Team captured the MHSAA 2005 Lower Peninsula State Championship. This also was EGR's 100<sup>th</sup> state championship. Dr. Morse and Mr. Ellis presented certificates to the following students: Yazin Atallah, Michael Basinski, Joseph Carroll, Marshall Cusey, James Ferris, Michael Gering, Benjamin Krill, Andrew Ladwig, and David Sukenik.

*Discussion Items:*

Diversity Plan Update – Diversity Plan Implementation (Superintendent Goal #1)

Mrs. Glowicki gave a brief history of the diversity plan implementation and an overview of what the administrators, professional staff, and students are working on.

Strategic Plan Update – Progress Report on Differentiation in the Classroom (Superintendent Goal #2)

Mrs. Glowicki presented an overview of the differentiation training. We are currently at the end of Tier 1 and ready to move into Tiers 2 and 3. She also outlined the planning for the future in differentiation training.

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First Reading of Revised Policy #8383 (Procedures for Discipline) -(Enclosure #10)

Mrs. Trierweiler indicated that the language must be changed to exclude student's names from being disclosed in discipline cases to conform to federal law. Other policies are now in compliance, but this was one that had been overlooked.

First Reading of Revised Policy #8390 (Suspension Procedures) -(Enclosure #11)

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**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 12 through 13

Approval of Minutes of REGULAR MEETING of 9/26/05 (Enclosure #12)

Approval of Payment of Bills for September 2005 (Enclosure #13)

Mr. Camp moved to approve Consent Agenda Items #12-13. Mrs. Bok seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

**Other Action Items:**

**Administrative Reports:**

Superintendent

State Budget Update

The State has started a new budget year and schools are counting on the \$175/child as outlined in the State budget. Mr. Morse does have some concerns with the budget revenue and whether or not we may receive an "Executive Order" again this year.

Assistant Superintendent for Instruction

Gifted/Talented Update

This committee has met twice so far this year. The committee is off to a good start and Mrs. Glowicki indicated that she would be able to share more in the near future.

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Y5-12 Math Curriculum Update

Mrs. Glowicki stated that this is an outstanding group. They are preparing a database of the Stanford and MEAP scores. The committee will then be looking at all data from all of the levels and then will decide where to go with this curriculum. The committee hopes to have this wrapped up by the end of the year.

Board Representative Report

Community Action Council - Mrs. Lent

Mrs. Lent reported that on Monday, November 19<sup>th</sup> there would be a forum for the community titled: "Drugs, Alcohol and Your East Grand Rapids Student". More information will be coming out in the next few weeks.

Adjournment

Mrs. Lent adjourned the meeting at 7:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

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