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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 St. SE, East Grand Rapids, MI 49506

For Information, call 616-235-3535.

**Monday, November 28, 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, October 28, 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. Charlie Denton, Mr. Joe Camp, Mrs. Stacy Trierweiler, Mrs. Diane Bok, Mr. Brian Ellis, and Mrs. Julie Ridenour

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

**Meeting Called to Order**

Mrs. Lent called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

**Acknowledgment of Guests** - The Student Council Officers of the Middle School (Olivia Avery, Francesca Parnham, Ellen Busch and Matt DeLong) presented a check to Dr. Morse in the amount of \$400 for the United Way. Mr. Stuursma stated that they also donated to Godfrey Lee schools instruments and money for their music program. In addition they collected items for Hurricane Katrina. Dr. Morse and the Board thanked the them for their contributions

Boy Scout Troop #253 - Nine scouts from this troop were in attendance at the meeting. They are working on their Citizenship Merit Badge and/or Communications Merit Badge and attending this meeting fulfills a part of the requirements for the badge.

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Public Comments - None

### Communications to and from the Board

A thank you card was received from Diane Bok (Board of Education member) for the arrangement and kind wishes following her fall and break of her ankle. Mrs. Lent announced that an addendum item (#15A) has been added to the agenda.

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

Mr. Abraham let the Board know that the annual High School food drive is now underway. The Student Council will send letters to parents and community members to remind them to give at this time. Cystic Fibrosis fundraiser collected \$500 from the student body.

### EGREA President's Report - Mrs. Nancy McSkimming

Mrs. McSkimming stated that the District is looking forward to having Dr. Michael Fowlin come this week to work with the students. He will also give a community presentation on Wednesday evening, November 30<sup>th</sup> in the PAC beginning at 7:00 p.m.

### ***Presentation:***

First Reading of Revised Policy #1020 (Election of Board Members and School Elections) - (Enclosure #7) - Mr. Denton suggested replacing the monetary amount with the following: "non refundable statutory filing fee". This will be changed in time for the next meeting.

First Reading of Revised Policy #7810 (School Ceremonies and Observances) - (Enclosure #8)

First Reading of Revised Policy #5357 (Family and Medical Leave) - (Enclosure #9)

First Reading of New Policy #7058 (Reproductive Health Education) - (Enclosure #10)

### Data Warehouse Update - Mr. Doug Jenkins

Dr. Morse introduced Mr. Jenkins. Mr. Jenkins reviewed the timeline and indicated that right now the District is at the midway point of this timeline. The District chose Pearson Inform as the product to use. He gave a demonstration of the three perspectives for the data plan - District Administrator; Building Administrator; and Teachers. Currently the District has MEAP and Stanford data in the warehouse and will be adding additional data in the month of December with a complete rollout of the data warehouse in February for teachers.

### ***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 15A.

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Approval of Minutes of REGULAR MEETING of 10/24/05 (Enclosure #12)

Approval of October Payment of Bills (Enclosure #13)

Second Reading and Approval of Revised Policy #8383 (Procedures for Discipline)

Background: The Board has a first reading of revised Policy #8383 - (Procedures for Discipline) at the Board of Education meeting on October 24, 2005. (Enclosure #14)

Recommendation: Motion to approve the revised Board Policy #8383 as recommended by the Board Policy Committee and the Superintendent.

Second Reading and Approval of Revised Policy #8390 (Suspension Procedures)

Background: The Board has a first reading of revised Policy #8390 -(Suspension Procedures) at the Board of Education meeting on October 24, 2005. (Enclosure #15)

Recommendation: Motion to approve the revised Board Policy #8390 as recommended by the Board Policy Committee and the Superintendent.

Approval of a Foreign Exchange Student from Brazil (Enclosure #15A)

Background: The High School Administration recommends that foreign exchange student, Fernando Azevedo, from Brazil, be approved for enrollment at East Grand Rapids High School for the second semester of the 2005-06 school year.

Recommendation: Motion to approve the recommendation by the administration that Fernando Azevedo from Brazil be enrolled at East Grand Rapids High School for the second semester of the 2005-06 school year.

Mrs. Trierweiler moved to approve Consent Agenda Items #12-15A. Mrs. Bok mentioned that for item #15A the student is from Brazil and not Germany. She asked that that change be made in the minutes and seconded the motion to approve Consent Agenda Items #12-15A with the noted change. Motion passed 7-0.

*Other Action Items:*

2004-2005 Audit Report

The audit was completed by Hungerford, Aldrin, Nichols & Carter, P.C. this fall. The Board Finance Committee reviewed the report and recommends that the Board of Education receive the 2004-2005 Audit Report.

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Mr. Camp moved to receive the 2004-2005 Audit Report as presented and recommended by the Board Finance Committee and Superintendent. Mrs. Trierweiler seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

### 2005-2006 General Fund Budget Amendment

Each fall, the Board Finance Committee recommends a Budget Amendment to the Board of Education. The Finance Committee has reviewed the proposed amendment. (Enclosure #17))

Mr. Denton moved to approve the amendment for the 2005-06 budget as listed in Enclosure #17. Mrs. Ridenour seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

### Administrative Reports

#### Superintendent

Citizens Facilities Committee

Dr. Morse stated that the Citizens Facility Committee has been reviewing various projects and at the next meeting will begin to prioritize the projects. He anticipates bringing a report of the Committee's recommendations to the Board at the December meeting.

#### Assistant Supt. for Business

West Michigan Health Insurance Update

Mr. Derks presented an update on the West Michigan Health Insurance Pool (WMHIP). This program has gained much interest over the past few months. WMHIP also supports Senate Bills 895-898 which promote self-funded benefit pools like WMHIP, initiate a State catastrophic fund and require carriers to release claims data to schools. Mr. Denton moved to support a resolution to support Senate bills 895-898. Mrs. Bok seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

E-Rate Update

Mr. Derks reported on the e-rate funds over the last three years. He pointed out that each year we have received increased funding. We use this grant mainly for our phone services.

#### Assistant Supt. for Instruction

East Grand Rapids Public Schools Annual Report - PA 125/NCLB

This is a document, which is mandated by the State. This report has already been posted on our website and is available to anyone.

Update on Professional Development Day

Mrs. Glowicki distributed an overview of the February Professional Development activities. This day will provide teachers with very important topics and there is much excitement on the committee about the upcoming presentations.

### Board Representative Report

Math Committee - Mrs. Stacy Trierweiler

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This Committee has met a couple of times already this year. Currently the Committee is looking at where we are now and what we need to look at for the future. Future meetings will include having vendors come in and show what is available. There is much excitement on this committee.

MASB Delegate Assembly – Mrs. Beth Lent

Mrs. Lent did attend the MASB delegate assembly. She gave a brief report on the Assembly.

Community Action Council – Mrs. Beth Lent

The Parent Forum held a few weeks ago in the District and was very well attended.

Youth Development – Mr. Joe Camp

Mr. Camp reported on Youth Development and their goals for this year.

Dr. Morse thanked the *CADENCE* for the special booklet on 100 State Championships.

Mrs. Lent announced that the meeting on December 12<sup>th</sup> will be held at 5:30 p.m. This is a time change from 7:00 p.m.

### Adjournment

Mrs. Lent adjourned the meeting at 8:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

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\*\* 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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