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EAST GRAND RAPIDS PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
Kent County, Michigan

### **REGULAR Meeting of the East Grand Rapids Board of Education**

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

For Information, call 616-235-3535.

**5:30 p.m.**

**Monday, December 12, 2005**

### **MINUTES**

The REGULAR MEETING of the East Grand Rapids Public Schools Board of Education, Kent County, Michigan, was held on Monday, December 12, 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, and Mr. Brian Ellis

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

**Absent:** Mrs. Julie Ridenour

#### **Meeting Called to Order**

Mrs. Lent called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

**Acknowledgement of Guests** - Mr. Steve Edison 2855 Elmwood Drive SE - formally announced he will be running for the Board of Education this year.

**Public Comments** - None

**Communications to and from the Board** - Mrs. Lent announced that there has been an additional Board meeting scheduled for January 16, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of beginning to work on our budget and to review the recommendations from the Citizens Facilities Committee.

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

Mr. Abraham stated that the annual food drive continues this week with final collection on Friday (12/16) with delivery to recipients on Saturday (12/17). The Student Council also donated \$500 to buy books for single parents with young children.

**Presentation:**

Citizens Facilities Committee Report - Dr. James Morse

Dr. Morse gave a brief overview of the Committee and it's work and introduced Mr. Derks. Mr. Derks introduced Mr. Ralph Moxley, Mr. Fred Gore, Mr. Mark Wrona, Mr. Jim Haskins and Ms. Julia Goetzka all from URS. Mr. Moxley gave a brief outline of the steps taken to determine needs in the district. Dr. Brian Phillips, Mrs. Sherry Blair and Mrs. Dawn Wise, all members of the Citizens Facilities Committee, presented the findings of the committee. Mr. Derks spoke regarding the millage rates for the bonds. There was discussion and questions from the Board.

Math Curriculum Update - Mrs. Jeanne Glowicki

Mrs. Glowicki presented an update of the Y5-12 Math Curriculum Committee. She stated that this is a very exciting committee and thanked Mrs. Trierweiler for her work with the committee.

Student Laptop Program Update - Mr. Doug Jenkins

Mr. Jenkins brought the Board up to date on the Student Laptop Program. The pilot will roll out second semester with 30 students from the Middle School and 30 students from the High School.

**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 Consent Agenda Numbers 9 through 14.

Approval of Minutes of REGULAR MEETING of 11/28/05 (Enclosure #9)

Approval of November Payment of Bills (Enclosure #10)

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Second Reading and Approval of Revised Policy #1020 (Election of Board Members and School Elections)

Background: The Board has a first reading of revised Policy #1020 – (Election of Board Members and School Elections) at the Board of Education meeting on November 28, 2005. (Enclosure #11)

Recommendation: Motion to approve the revised Board Policy #1020 as recommended by the Board Policy Committee and the Superintendent.

Second Reading and Approval of Revised Policy #7810 (School Ceremonies and Observances)

Background: The Board has a first reading of revised Policy #7810 – (School Ceremonies and Observances) at the Board of Education meeting on November 28, 2005. (Enclosure #12)

Recommendation: Motion to approve the revised Board Policy #7810 as recommended by the Board Policy Committee and the Superintendent.

Second Reading and Approval of Revised Policy #5357 (Family and Medical Leave)

Background: The Board has a first reading of revised Policy #5357 – (Family and Medical Leave) at the Board of Education meeting on November 28, 2005. (Enclosure #13)

Recommendation: Motion to approve the revised Board Policy #5357 as recommended by the Board Policy Committee and the Superintendent.

Second Reading and Approval of Board Policy #7058 (Reproductive Health Education)

Background: The Board has a first reading of Policy #7058 – (Reproductive Health Education) at the Board of Education meeting on November 28, 2005. (Enclosure #14)

Recommendation: Motion to approve the revised Board Policy #7058 as recommended by the Board Policy Committee and the Superintendent.

Ms. Trierweiler moved to approve Consent Agenda Items #9-14. Mrs. Bok seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

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### Other Action Items:

#### Acceptance of Grants from the East Grand Rapids Schools Foundation

The East Grand Rapids Schools Foundation awarded the fall Mini Grants and Grants at the November 2005 Foundation meeting. (Enclosure #15)

Mr. Camp moved to accept the grants as reviewed by Mr. Ted Gedra of the Foundation and listed in Enclosure #15 totaling \$29,800.90 and to thank the East Grand Rapids Schools Foundation for its support of the East Grand Rapids Public Schools. Mr. Denton seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

#### Energy Contract Recommendation

As part of the Finance Goal in the Strategic Plan, the Finance Committee has evaluated ways to reduce energy costs. Energy Education, Inc. is proposing a program that will reduce energy consumption and can save the district in excess of \$1 million over a 7-year period with no financial risk. (Enclosure #16)

Mr. Camp moved to recommend the Administration be authorized to enter into a contract with Energy Education, Inc. for energy management services as proposed. Mrs. Trierweiler seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

### Administrative Reports

#### Superintendent

##### Lansing Legislative Meeting Report

Dr. Morse gave a brief report of the Legislative Meeting held last week in Lansing. This was a very productive meeting for all involved and it appears the Legislators are very supportive of our efforts and the health insurance pool.

#### Assistant Supt. for Business

##### Financial Update (Enclosure #18)

Mr. Derks reviewed our current financial situation and pointed out a couple of items indicating the lack of funding from the State of Michigan. He also mentioned that we are tracking quite well in most categories.

#### Assistant Supt. for Instruction

##### Staff Development Update

Mrs. Glowicki passed out copies of the Staff Development Brochure. She reviewed the brochure and gave various comments from teachers on their excitement for this week in February.

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Board Representative Report

Legislative Committee Report – Mr. Charlie Denton

Mr. Denton gave an overview of the coffee with Representative Hildenbrand. Many administrators, parents and students attended this event. Rep. Hildenbrand spoke about the K-16 initiative, the health insurance bill and a variety of other issues and concerns.

Adjournment

Mrs. Lent adjourned the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

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