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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 Street, SE, East Grand Rapids, MI 49506.
Phone 616-235-3535.

Monday, March 27, 2006

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, March 27, 2006 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, Mrs. Julie Ridenour, and Mr. Brian Ellis

Administration: Mr. Pat Cwayna, Mrs. Jenny Fee, Mrs. Jeanne Glowicki, Mrs. Kathy Wisniewski, Mrs. Larry Fisher, Mr. Doug Jenkins, Mr. Doug Derks, Mr. Mark Tompkins, and Mr. Peter Stuursma

Meeting Called to Order

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

Acknowledgment of Guests - None

Public Comments - None

Communications to and from the Board

Thank you cards were received from Jenny Fee (High School), Linda Kehm (Lakeside), and Jann VanAirsdale (Special Education) for the Starbuck's gift card in honor of Principal's Week. Amy Flynn (Lakeside) sent a thank you card for the book

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in honor of her grandfather and Teresa Catlin (District Office) for the book in honor of her mother. Terry Szieg wrote a thank you note for the gift certificate for his son.

Recognition of:

East Grand Rapids Public Schools' Support Staff Week - April 23-29, 2006 - Dr. Morse

Secretaries' Day - April 26, 2006 - Dr. Morse

Crossing Guard Appreciation Week - April 9-15, 2006 - Dr. Morse

Mr. Camp moved to recognize the school and city employees mentioned above and to thank them for their work with our children. Mrs. Trierweiler seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Presentation to the Board - Youth Development STEP (SPIN) Performance Team - Mr. Dave Kampfschulte

Mr. Camp gave a brief background of the STEP (SPIN) Performance Team and then introduced Mr. Kampfschulte. The STEP Team performed two skits for the Board. Mr. Ellis stated that this team is a great role model for students and this is a very informative, fun way to deal with difficult topics.

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

Mr. Abraham reported that the Spring Service projects (volunteering) would be performed soon. He also mentioned that the Student Council of East Grand Rapids High School is now part of a Regional student council group. The Regional student council group is also sending students to the Diversity group. The Prom is coming up and the juniors are working on this project.

EGREA President's Report - Mrs. Nancy McSkimming

Mrs. McSkimming stated that this is a very busy time of year for teachers. Everyone is excited for Spring Break. She thanked Dr. Morse for his support over the years.

Discussion Items

Fall 2005 MEAP Scores - Mr. Jenkins

Mr. Jenkins presented a PowerPoint of the MEAP scores. There have been many changes at the state level from year to year which schools have had to comply.

First Reading of Revised Policy #8320 & #8320-R (Student Use of Electronic Communications Devices) - (Enclosure #10)

Some changes were recommended. Changes will be made and the policy will be brought for a second reading and approval at the next meeting.

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First Reading of Revised Policy #8383 (Procedures for Discipline) -(Enclosure #11)

First Reading of Revised Policy #8390 & #8390-R (Suspension Procedures) -(Enclosure #12)

First Reading of Revised Policy #8335 & #8335-R (Unlawful Substances and Other Criminal Acts) -(Enclosure #13)

First Reading of New Policy #4060 (Energy Management Conservation) -(Enclosure #14)

Some changes were recommended. Changes will be made and the policy will be brought to the next meeting for a second reading and approval.

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 considered 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 15 through 20.

Approval of Minutes of REGULAR MEETING of 2/27/06 (Enclosure #15)

Approval of Minutes of SPECIAL MEETING of 3/13/06 (Enclosure #16)

Approval of Payment of Bills for February 2006 (Enclosure #17)

Approval of a Foreign Exchange Student from Germany (Enclosure #18)

Background: The High School Administration recommends that foreign exchange student, Adrienne Becht, from Germany, be approved for enrollment at East Grand Rapids High School during the 2006-07 school year.

Recommendation: Motion to approve the recommendation by the administration that Adrienne Becht from Germany be enrolled at East Grand Rapids High School for the 2006-07 school year.

Approval of a Foreign Exchange Student from Germany (Enclosure #19)

Background: The High School Administration recommends that foreign exchange student, Katharina Olbrich, from Germany, be

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approved for enrollment at East Grand Rapids High School during the 2006-07 school year.

Recommendation: Motion to approve the recommendation by the administration that Katharine Olbrich, from Germany, be enrolled at East Grand Rapids High School for the 2006-07 school year.

Approval of Student Trip Abroad

Background: In accordance with Board of Education Policy #7490, Mr. Cwayna is requesting Board approval of an overseas student/teacher trip. (Enclosure #20)

Recommendation: Motion to approve the overseas student/teacher trip as recommended by the Superintendent.

Mrs. Trierweiler moved to approve Consent Agenda Items #15-20. Mrs. Bok seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0. Mr. Camp was out of the room during this vote.

Other Action Items:

Approval of Retirement Incentive Tax Sheltered Annuity Plan

Our attorneys have recommended an agreement to provide a tax sheltered plan for our retirees.

Mrs. Bok moved to approve the Retirement Incentive Tax Sheltered plan as recommended by our attorneys and the Finance Committee. Mrs. Trierweiler seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0. Mr. Camp was out of the room during this vote.

Approval of the Superintendent's Evaluation

The Board conducted the annual evaluation of Dr. Morse on March 9, 2006. They reviewed the Superintendent's goals and his performance. Mrs. Lent, Board President, will present a summary evaluation for Board approval.

Mrs. Ridenour moved to approve the Superintendent's Evaluation statement. Mrs. Trierweiler seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Acceptance of Retirement of the Superintendent (Enclosure #23)

Dr. Morse has submitted his resignation for retirement effective June 30, 2006.

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Mrs. Lent, Board President, recommended an acceptance of the resignation of the Superintendent, effective June 30, 2006. Mr. Denton moved, reluctantly, to accept the resignation of Dr. Morse. Mrs. Trierweiler seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Compact for the Future - KISD (Enclosure #24)

The KISD Superintendents are recommending the Compact for the Future as part of our goal to better prepare students for a global, information-age economy.

Mrs. Ridenour moved to approve the KISD Compact for the Future as recommended by the Superintendent. Mrs. Bok seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Approval of Architectural Contract (Enclosure #25)

The Board has worked with URS on our last two bond projects. Pending the outcome of the May 2 election, we are requesting authorization to enter into a contract with URS.

Mr. Camp moved to approve that the Board of Education authorize the administration to enter into a contract with URS, pending the outcome of the May 2 election, as recommended by the Finance Committee. Mr. Denton seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Approval of Construction Management Contract (Enclosure #26)

The Board has worked with OAK on our last two bond projects. Pending the outcome of the May 2 election, we are requesting authorization to enter into a contract with OAK.

Mr. Camp moved to approve that the Board of Education authorize the administration to enter into a contract with OAK, pending the outcome of the May 2 election, as recommended by the Finance Committee. Mrs. Ridenour seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Approval of Bond Underwriter (Enclosure #27)

Pending approval of the May 2 election, the Board will need to work with a bond underwriter to sell bonds. To expedite the sale of bonds and to insure the best rate, we are recommending that the Board authorize a contract with Fifth Third Securities to prepare a bond sale.

Mrs. Trierweiler moved to approve that the Board of Education authorize the administration to enter into an agreement with Fifth Third Securities to broker the sale of bonds, pending the outcome of the May 2 election, as recommended by the Finance Committee. Mr. Denton seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Food Service Van (Enclosure #28)

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The district is in need of replacing the 1992 Food Service delivery van. Requests for proposals were sent to local dealerships.

Mr. Denton moved to approve the purchase of a 2006 van to the low bidder, Berger Chevrolet in the amount of \$28,337 as recommended by the Finance Committee. Mrs. Trierweiler seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Middle School Girls Lacrosse Program (Enclosure #28A)

Middle School parents have requested Middle School Girls Lacrosse be approved for this spring. This will be a club sport and will not be funded by the Board of Education.

Mrs. Trierweiler moved to approve Middle School Girls Lacrosse as an unfunded club sport. Mrs. Bok seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Administrative Reports

Superintendent

Teacher Retirements (Enclosure #29A)

Dr. Morse announced that there are eight teachers retiring at the end of this school year. They have given many years of service to this district. He thanked them for their work and wished them well in the future.

Community Bond Forum – April 17, 2006

Just a reminder to the community of the Community Bond Forum to be held in the Little Auditorium at the High School on Monday, April 17, 2006 beginning at 7:00 p.m. The evening will begin with a brief presentation of the bond issues and then the Board will be available as a panel to answer questions from the community.

Assistant Superintendent of Business

Budget Update

Mr. Derks gave an update of the budget for 2006-2007. He also shared some of the recommendations from the budget committee. He will bring more information on the committee's recommendations at a future meeting.

Assistant Superintendent of Instruction

Summer School – Physical Education

There will be summer school sessions for physical education. Two of our staff will be teaching these classes. Mrs. Glowicki stated that by offering this class over the summer helps our students to free up their schedule during the year for other classes.

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Spring/Summer Staff Development Opportunities for Differentiation

Mrs. Glowicki reported on the Spring/Summer staff development for Differentiation. One of the classes will be primarily training for High School/secondary teachers.

Board Representative Report

Parks and Recreation – Mr. Joe Camp

Mr. Camp reported that at the last meeting Dr. Morse presented to this group the upcoming bond proposal. He also mentioned that the construction of the City Hall/Library/Parks & Recreation complex is coming along very well. This will be quite an asset to the community. There will be an August opening of this complex.

2006-07 Tentative Board Meeting Dates – Mrs. Beth Lent (Enclosure #32B)

Mrs. Lent proposed tentative meeting dates for the 2006-2007 school year. Note especially the first proposed meeting date for the Organizational Meeting is July 5th at 7:00 p.m.

Adjournment

Mrs. Lent adjourned the meeting at 8:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

* Minutes for this meeting will be available in the Superintendent's Office at 2915 Hall Street SE, East Grand Rapids, MI 49506.

** 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.

Superintendent's Office – 03/28/06