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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, April 24, 2006 – 7:00 p.m.

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MINUTES

The REGULAR MEETING of the East Grand Rapids Public Schools Board of Education, Kent County, Michigan, was held on Monday, April 24, 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. Jann VanAirdale, Mr. Doug Jenkins, Mr. Doug Derks, Mr. Peter Stuursma, Mr. Mark Tompkins, Mr. Kris Vydareny, and Mrs. Linda Kehm

Meeting Called to Order

Mrs. Lent called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

Acknowledgment of Guests - None

Public Comments – Mr. Joe Dole, 950 Maxwell SE. He sent an e-mail to Board members regarding the Gifted/Talented program – if anyone wants to talk with him, please give him a call either at home or his place of business.

Recognition of:

Teacher Appreciation Week – May 7-13, 2006 – Dr. Morse

Background: The Administration recommends a resolution designating May 7-13, 2006 as *Teacher Appreciation Week*

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Parent and Volunteer Appreciation Week – May 1-6, 2006 - Dr. Morse

Background: The Administration recommends a resolution designating May 1-6, 2006 as East Grand Rapids Schools *Parent and Volunteer Appreciation Week* to show appreciation to our students' parents and our volunteers.

Mrs. Bok moved to recognize the teachers and parents and volunteers mentioned above and to thank them for their work with our children. Mrs. Trierweiler seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

PTA Legislative Committee Members – Mrs. Winnie Brinks and Mrs. Rita Maddox reported on the efforts of the Legislative Committee over the past school year. Mrs. Maddox stated that she has turned over the reins to Mrs. Brinks, who, she feels, will do a wonderful job. Mrs. Lent thanked Mrs. Maddox for her work and dedication on this committee. Dr. Morse, Mrs. Lent and Mr. Denton presented her with a certificate and flowers.

Communications to and from the Board - None

High School Student Council President's Report – Mr. Nathan Stevens

Mr. Nathan Stevens will be the Student Council Board president for 2006-2007. Mr. Stevens stated the class projects are identified and will begin soon. Prom will be May 13th at St. Nicholas Church. Student Council will be purchasing food and beverages for Teacher Appreciation day.

EGREA President's Report - Mrs. Nancy McSkimming

Mrs. McSkimming was not available to give a report.

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 8 through 16.

Approval of a Foreign Exchange Student from South Korea (Enclosure #8)

Background: The High School Administration recommends that foreign exchange student, Hyun-A Kim, from South Korea, 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 Hyun-A Kim from South Korea be enrolled at East Grand Rapids High School for the 2006-07 school year.

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Second Reading and Approval of Revised Policy #8383 (Procedures for Discipline) (Enclosure #9)

Background: The Board had a first reading of revised Policy #8383 (Procedures for Discipline) at the Board of Education meeting on March 27, 2006.

Second Reading and Approval of Revised Policy #8390 & #8390R (Suspension Procedures) (Enclosure #10)

Background: The Board had a first reading of revised Policy #8390 and #8390R (Suspension Procedures) at the Board of Education meeting on March 27, 2006.

Second Reading and Approval of Revised Policy #8335 & #8335R (Unlawful Substances and Other Criminal Acts) (Enclosure #11)

Background: The Board had a first reading of revised Policy #8335 and #8335R (Unlawful Substances and Other Criminal Acts) at the Board of Education meeting on March 27, 2006.

Approval of Minutes of REGULAR MEETING of 3/27/06 (Enclosure #12)

Approval of Minutes of SPECIAL MEETING of 3/27/06 (Enclosure #13)

Approval of Minutes of SPECIAL MEETING of 4/12/06 (Enclosure #14)

Approval of Minutes of SPECIAL MEETING of 4/17/06 (Enclosure #15)

Approval of Payment of Bills for March 2006 (Enclosure #16)

Mrs. Camp moved to approve Consent Agenda Items #8-16. Mrs. Trierweiler seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Other Action Items:

Acceptance of Grants from the East Grand Rapids Schools Foundation (Enclosure #17)

At the East Grand Rapids Schools Foundation meeting, the Foundation board awarded the spring grants. Ted Gedra from the EGR Foundation presented the information.

Mrs. Bok moved to accept the grants awarded by the East Grand Rapids Schools Foundation as listed in Enclosure #17 and to thank the Foundation for its generous support of East Grand Rapids Schools. Mrs. Trierweiler seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Second Reading and Approval of Revised Policy #8320 & #8320R (Student Use of Electronic Communications Devices) (Enclosure #18)

The Board had a first reading of revised Policy #8320 and #8320R (Student Use of Electronic Communication Devices) at the Board of Education meeting on March 27, 2006. Changes were recommended and have been made to this policy.

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Mr. Denton moved to approve the revised Board Policy #8320 and #8320R (Student Use of Electronic Communications Devices) as recommended by the Board Policy Committee and the Superintendent. Mrs. Bok seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Second Reading and Approval of New Policy #4060 (Energy Management Conservation) (Enclosure #19)

The Board had a first reading of a new Policy #4060 (Energy Management Conservation) at the Board of Education meeting on March 27, 2006. Changes were recommended and have been made to this policy.

Mrs. Ridenour moved to approve new Board Policy #4060 (Energy Management Conservation) as recommended by the Board Policy Committee and the Superintendent. Mr. Camp seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Acknowledgement of Rule Revision for Policy #2070R (School Superintendent) (Enclosure #20)

Board Policy #2070 and Rule #2070R are not consistent in the experience requirement. The Policy Committee recommends that the rule be changed to be consistent with the requirements as set forth in Policy #2070.

Administrative Reports:

Superintendent

Dr. Morse announced that Mrs. Glowicki was on Radio Black/White 1230 AM this morning speaking about diversity. He stated that she did a great job.

All of the Board, Administrators and parents are encouraged to write and express concern to the Legislature regarding taking part of the school aid fund for other parts of the State budget. More information to come later this week.

Dr. Morse stated that the administration is in negotiations with the teachers and support staff. He hopes to have new contracts ready for Board approval sometime in May. He reminds everyone that the calendar is part of the teacher negotiations and he hopes to have a calendar finalized soon.

Assistant Superintendent of Business

Budget Update - Mr. Derks stated that Mr. Philipps would be bringing an amendment to the Board in May. Mr. Derks says that he anticipates a balanced budget for next year.

Assistant Superintendent of Instruction

Differentiation - Mrs. Glowicki presented an overview of the differentiation training. She said that we currently are offering Tier 1 and Tier 2 and will be ongoing with Tier 3. There will be several summer sessions available, which may include a session for secondary teachers only.

Gifted/Talented Brochure - Mrs. Glowicki passed out copies of the new Gifted/Talented brochure. This has been a work in progress for quite some time and is now ready for distribution. Mrs. Glowicki stated that we have many "high flyers" in this school district and this will help everyone (parents, teachers, staff and administrators) understand the expectations and services provided. The brochure will also be posted on our website.

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Math Update – Mrs. Glowicki stated that this is a very active committee. The committee is currently looking at what various companies have to offer to meet our needs. The curriculum is very close and will be worked on in the fall.

Board Representative Report

Superintendent Search Update – Mr. Denton reviewed the process of the search for the new Superintendent. He stated that the forums would be completed by Tuesday evening. On Thursday, April 27th at 5:30 p.m., there will be a special Board meeting to review the candidate profile and the brochure and approve them. Candidate applications will be accepted until May 19th. More information is posted on our website.

Mrs. Lent reminded everyone of the May 2nd election and urged everyone to get out and vote.

There will be a Community Open House for Dr. Morse on Tuesday, May 23rd from 3:30-5:30 p.m. in the High School Performing Arts Center. More information will come out in a few weeks.

The Board paid tribute to Mr. Doug Derks and thanked him for his work and many contributions over the last 9 years to East Grand Rapids Public Schools.

Adjournment

Mrs. Lent adjourned the meeting at 8:49 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. aht-04/25/06