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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
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, May 22, 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. Kevin Philipps, Mrs. Jeanne Glowicki, Mrs. Jann VanAirsdale, Mr. Doug Jenkins, Mr. Kris Vydareny, and Mrs. Linda Kehm

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 Sherri Blair for the planter and Doug Derks for the support of the Board during his tenure as Assistant Superintendent of Business.

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

Mr. Stevens reported that school and the Student Council are wrapping up for the year. He invited everyone to attend graduation on Thursday.

EGREA President's Report - Mrs. Nancy McSkimming

Mrs. McSkimming stated that this is the end of school year, which is exciting but also bittersweet. She reminded everyone of the retirement luncheon tomorrow and also Dr. Morse's open house at the High School PAC. She thanked the PTA groups and parents for the many special things they have done for teachers during the month of May and the rest of the year.

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Recognition of:

Breton Downs "Newscast From the Past" Team - Dr. Morse

The video of "Newscast From the Past" was shown. Dr. Morse and Mr. Ellis presented certificates to the students.

Information Items

Annual Child Care Program Update - Mrs. Julie Jewell (Enclosure #7)

Mrs. Jewell reported that in August the program would be 10 years old. The following programs are a part of the East Grand Rapids Child Care: the 4-year old preschool program; the Before and After childcare and the Bright Beginnings. Ratios in preschool are 1:8. The Child Care Program has 5 full-time and 6 part-time employees. There are 152 children enrolled in childcare program. Camp East, the summer program, already has 98 children enrolled and more are expected.

Annual Athletic Program Update - Mr. Jerry Fouch

Mr. Fouch gave an overview of the 2005-06 school year. He also updated the Board on Title IX requirements and compliance.

Strategic Plan Update - Progress Report on Diversity Plan (Superintendent Goal #2) - Mrs. Jeanne Glowicki

Mrs. Glowicki reviewed the accomplishments, goals and highlights of our diversity plan.

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 11 through 14.

Approval of Minutes of REGULAR MEETING of 4/24/06 (Enclosure #11)

Approval of Minutes of SPECIAL MEETING of 4/27/06 (Enclosure #12)

Approval of Minutes of SPECIAL MEETING of 5/8/06 (Enclosure #13)

Approval of Payment of Bills for April 2006 (Enclosure #14)

Mrs. Bok moved to approve Consent Agenda Items #11-14. Mrs. Trierweiler seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Other Action Items:

Approval of Bond Sale Resolution and Execution of Bond Purchase Agreement (Enclosure #15)

The 2006 Bond Issue was priced on Thursday, May 18, 2006. Presentations were made by Fifth Third (Jeff Zylstra) as Lead Underwriter, Stauder & Barch (RJ Naughton) as Financial Advisor, and Thrun Law Firm (Chris Iamarino) as Bond Counsel to detail the pricing of the sale, whether the projected sale should be accepted by the Board and an explanation of the bond sale resolution to be authorized and the bond purchase agreement to be executed.

Mr. Camp moved to approve the resolution and bond sale as presented. Mrs. Bok seconded the motion. Role call vote: Mrs. Bok, yes; Mr. Camp, yes; Mrs. Trierweiler, yes; Mrs. Lent, yes; Mr. Denton, yes; Mr. Ellis, yes; Mrs. Ridenour, yes. Motion passed 7-0.

Mrs. Lent called a 5 minute recess to get the resolution signed.

The Board returned at 8:31 p.m. to the agenda.

2005-2006 Budget Amendments (Enclosure #16)

The Finance Committee has reviewed the attached amendment to the 2005-2006 General Fund Budget.

Mr. Camp moved to approve the 2005-2006 General Fund Budget Amendment as recommended by the Finance Committee. Mrs. Ridenour seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Approval of KISD Budget for 2006-07 (Enclosure #17)

The State of Michigan now requires that local school boards review their ISD's proposed budget and act in support or non-support of the budget. The Finance Committee has discussed the KISD budget and recommends support.

Mrs. Ridenour moved to support the KISD budget as presented. Mrs. Trierweiler seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Administrative Reports

Superintendent - No Report

Assistant Superintendent of Business

Mr. Philipps reviewed for the Board the results of the revenue conference held last week in Lansing.

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Assistant Superintendent of Instruction - No Report

Board Representative Report

Search Update - Mr. Denton

Mr. Denton stated that 18 completed applications have been received. Six are from out of state, one from Canada, eleven from Michigan. There are seven women and eleven men. Ten of the applicants have doctorates. MLI is now checking references and backgrounds. May 31st the Board will review all applications and interviews will begin on June 1st.

Legislative Committee - Mr. Denton

Mr. Denton reported that on May 8th the Legislative Committee met with a representative from Senator Sikkema's office. Proposal in the House to consolidate school elections in November every other year. This would be erosion of local control. House Bill 4755 deals with this issue and Mr. Denton encouraged everyone to call Senator Sikkema's office to urge him to vote no.

Joint Facilities - Mrs. Lent

The Joint Facilities met on May 10th. Mehney Field was discussed as that part of the bond issue was not passed. There is imminent need to have this field replaced. A key building project is repair/replacement of the Manhattan Tennis Courts. Also, construction of a building to house equipment for grounds maintenance at the Remington area is being considered.

Mrs. Lent reminded everyone to attend the Open House celebration for Dr. Morse scheduled for 3:30-5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 23rd.

Adjournment

Mrs. Lent adjourned the meeting at 9:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stacy L. Trierweiler, Secretary
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