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EAST GRAND RAPIDS PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Kent County, Michigan

REGULAR Meeting of the East Grand Rapids Board of Education

James E. Morse Administration Center at Woodcliff,

2915 Hall SE, East Grand Rapids, MI 49506 Phone 616-235-3535.

Monday, June 12, 2006

Community Board Room

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, June 12, 2006 in the Community Board Room of the James E. Morse Administration Center at Woodcliff, 2915 Hall Street SE, East Grand Rapids, MI 49506.

Board of Education:

Present: Mrs. Beth Lent, Mr. Joe Camp, Mrs. Stacy Trierweiler, Mr. Charlie Denton, Mrs. Diane Bok, Mrs. Julie Ridenour, and Mr. Brian Ellis

Administration: Mr. Kevin Philipps, Mrs. Jeanne Glowicki, Mr. Pat Cwayna, Mrs. Kathy Wisniewski, Mr. Doug Jenkins, Mr. Kris Vydareny, Mrs. Linda Kehm, Mr. Peter Stuursma,

Meeting Called to Order

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

Acknowledgment of Guests -

Dr. Morse acknowledged his wife, Carolyn Morse, who is attending her very first Board of Education meeting in the 40 years Dr. Morse has been in education.

Public Comments - None

Recognition of Retiring Board of Education Member:

Prior to recognizing Mr. Ellis, Mrs. Lent recognized Dr. Morse for his years of service. She pointed out the portrait, which is now hanging in the Board

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Room, as well as the Key to the City of East Grand Rapids and a plaque stating that the Woodcliff Center is now named the James E. Morse Administration Center at Woodcliff. She also read a certificate of recognition from the State of Michigan, signed by Dave Hidlenbrand and Ken Sikkema, honoring Dr. Morse.

Dr. Morse and Mrs. Lent recognized Mr. Brian Ellis for his 8 years of service on the Board of Education of East Grand Rapids Public Schools. They thanked him for his work and dedication. He was presented with gifts and cake was served to the Board and the audience.

Communications to and from the Board - None

EGREA President's Report - Mrs. Nancy McSkimming

No report for this month.

Information Items

Acknowledgement of Policy Rules and Regulations #3340-R and #9250-R (Fees, Payments and Rentals) (Enclosure #7)

Mrs. Trierweiler stated that because these are rules, there is not a vote needed and these are acknowledgements for the Board.

Technology Update - Mr. Doug Jenkins

Data Warehouse, Student Laptop and Technology Bond Update

Update on results of Bond Issue, Proposition III Survey

Mr. Jenkins reported that from the bond, there is \$3.4 million dollars to spend on technology over the next few years. He gave a brief report of where our technology is currently and upcoming projects for the next several years.

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 9 through 17.

Approval of Minutes of REGULAR MEETING of 6/05/06 (Enclosure #9)

Approval of Minutes of SPECIAL MEETING of 6/1/06 (Enclosure #10)

Approval of Minutes of SPECIAL MEETING of 6/2/06 (Enclosure #11)

Approval of Minutes of SPECIAL MEETING of 6/6/06 (Enclosure #12)

Approval of Minutes of SPECIAL MEETING of 6/7/06 (Enclosure #13)

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

Second Reading and Approval of Revised Policy #8300 (Code of Student Conduct) (Enclosure #15)

Background: The first reading of revised policy #8300 was on the June 5, 2006 agenda.

Recommendation: Approval of updated policy #8300 as recommended by the Policy Committee and the Superintendent.

Approval of a Foreign Exchange Student from Germany (Enclosure #16)

Background: The High School Administration recommends that foreign exchange student, David Lohr, 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 David Lohr from Germany be enrolled at East Grand Rapids High School for the 2006-07 school year.

Approval of Student Trip Abroad (Enclosure #17)

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

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

Mrs. Bok moved to approve Consent Agenda Items #9-17. Mrs. Trierweiler seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Other Action Items:

Note: Items 18-22 have been reviewed and approved by the Finance Committee, Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent for Business

Approval of 2006-2007 General Fund Budget (Enclosure #18)

The Board of Education is required to adopt a budget for the General Fund for 2006-2007 prior to June 30, 2006. Our process has been ongoing since last September. The Finance Committee has reviewed the final document.

Mr. Camp moved to approve the 2006-2007 General Fund Budget as presented. Mr. Denton seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Approval of the 2006-2007 Budgets for Food Service and Athletics (Enclosure #19)

The State of Michigan requires separate budgets for Food Service and Athletics.

Mrs. Trierweiler moved to approve the 2006-2007 Budgets for Food Service and Athletics per Enclosure #19. Mrs. Bok seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

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Approval of the 2006-2007 Budget for Debt Retirement (Enclosure #20)

The State of Michigan requires an individual budget for Debt Retirement.

Mr. Camp moved to approve the 2006-2007 Budget for Debt Retirement per Enclosure #20. Mr. Denton seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Approval of the 2006-2007 Budget for the Sinking Fund (Enclosure #21)

The State of Michigan requires an individual budget for the Sinking Fund.

Mrs. Ridenour moved to approve the 2006-2007 Budget for the Sinking Fund per Enclosure #21. Mr. Denton seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Approval of a State Aid Loan Resolution (Enclosure #22)

The district borrows annually from the State to ensure positive cash flow in the General Fund. This loan is required due to the fact that district State Aid payments do not begin until October.

Mrs. Bok moved to approve the attached resolution authorizing the district to borrow funds in anticipation of State Aid. Mr. Camp seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Approval of a 2-Year Contract with the East Grand Rapids Education Association (EGREA) (Enclosure #23)

The East Grand Rapids Education Association (EGREA) and the administration have negotiated a 2-year agreement which reduced the increase in health care costs and provides a modest salary increase.

Mrs. Ridenour moved to approve a 2-year contract with the East Grand Rapids Education Association (EGREA) upon the recommendation of the Superintendent. Mrs. Trierweiler seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Approval of a 2-Year Contract with the East Grand Rapids Association of Support Employees (EGRASE) (Enclosure #24)

The East Grand Rapids Association of Support Employees (EGRASE) and the administration have negotiated a 2-year agreement with reductions in health insurance costs and a modest increase on the hourly rate.

Mr. Camp moved to approve a 2-year contract with the East Grand Rapids Association of Support Employees (EGRASE) upon the recommendation of the Superintendent. Mrs. Bok seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Approval of 2006-2007 Non-Union Support Staff and Supervisory Personnel Salaries

The Superintendent recommends and the Personnel Committee supports a 2% increase and WMHIP insurance for Non-Union support Staff and Supervisory Personnel for the 2006-2007 school year.

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Mrs. Trierweiler moved to approve a 2% increase and WMHIP insurance for Non-Union Support Staff and Supervisory Personnel as recommended by the Superintendent and supported by the Personnel Committee. Mr. Denton seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Approval of the 2005-2006 Administrator Salaries and Contracts (Enclosure #26)

The Superintendent and the Personnel Committee recommend the salaries, contracts and WMHIP insurance for administrators as presented in Enclosure #26.

Mr. Camp moved to approve the salary schedule, contracts and WMHIP insurance as recommended by the Superintendent and the Personnel Committee. Mrs. Trierweiler seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Approval of Laptop and Desktop Computer Bid (Bond)

Request for proposals were sent to four vendors to furnish laptop and desktop computers for teaching staff and classroom computer labs.

Mrs. Ridenour moved to award a contract to CDWG in the amount of \$403,930.00 as recommended by the Facilities Committee and Superintendent for laptop and desktop computers. Mr. Camp seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Approval of Wireless Equipment Bid (Bond)

Requests for proposals were sent to seven vendors to furnish wireless equipment.

Mrs. Bok moved to award a contract to NETech in the amount of \$27,281.50 as recommended by the Facilities Committee and Superintendent for wireless equipment. Mrs. Trierweiler seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Approval of Middle School Generator Bid (Bond)

Requests for proposals were sent to two vendors to furnish a natural gas generator to service the technology hub at the Middle School.

Mr. Ellis moved to award a contract to Bazen Electric in the amount of \$45,464.00 as recommended by the Facilities Committee and Superintendent for the generator at the Middle School. Mr. Camp seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Administrator Reports

Superintendent

New Teacher Hires (Enclosure #30)

Dr. Morse stated that administrators have been very busy with teacher hires for the next year. The work will continue over the next several weeks to get people in place. Mr. Cwayna stated that they have had over 40 applicants for the Athletic Director position. They are interviewing and hope to have someone in place within the next couple of weeks.

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Assistant Superintendent of Business - No report

Assistant Superintendent of Instruction

Summer Curriculum Work (Enclosure #32A)

Mrs. Glowicki reviewed the summer curriculum work. She discussed the handout and gave more information on each of the workgroups.

Countywide Diversity Kick-off - August 24, 2006 - Rockford PAC

Mrs. Glowicki urged all Board members to attend this diversity kick-off in August. This is the third year it is being hosted and Julian Newman will be the presenter.

Board Representative Report

Mr. Camp reported on the Parks and Recreation Committee meeting. The annual report was presented and he stated that we are very fortunate to be in partnership with the City. Once City Hall is completed there will be more programming spaces for more offerings by Parks and Recreation. August 12th (10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.) is the grand opening of City Hall.

Mrs. Lent announced that there was a site visit to Mason today to the Ingham ISD. This is where Sara M. Shubel is currently employed. A special meeting for deliberations has been called for Tuesday, June 13th at 8:00 p.m.

Adjournment

Mrs. Lent adjourned the meeting at 8:38 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 -06/13/06