

EAST GRAND RAPIDS PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Kent County, Michigan

SPECIAL WORK SESSION of the East Grand Rapids Board of Education

Community Board Room
The James E. Morse Administration Center at Woodcliff
2915 Hall St., East Grand Rapids, MI 49506
Phone number for information is 235-3535

MINUTES

August 22, 2006 - 6:00 p.m.

The SPECIAL MEETING of the Board of Education of the East Grand Rapids Public Schools, Kent County, Michigan, was held at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 22, 2006, at Woodcliff in the Community Board Room, 2915 Hall St., SE, East Grand Rapids, MI., 49506.

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Present: Dr. Sara M. Shubel, Mr. Charlie Denton, Mrs. Diane Bok, Mrs. Stacy Trierweiler, Mrs. Beth Lent, Mr. Joe Camp, Mrs. Julie Ridenour, and Mr. Steve Edison

Meeting Call to Order

Mr. Denton called the Special Board Meeting to order at 6:10 p.m. Mr. Denton reviewed various miscellaneous items for the Board. He noted that there was an interview with Dr. Shubel in the GR Family Magazine and a few handouts for the Board including the KISD Diversity Kick-Off program announcement.

Superintendent/Board Workshop

Mr. Denton turned the meeting over to Tom Pridgeon of the Michigan Leadership Institute (MLI). This workshop is part of the contract with MLI for the Superintendent Search. Mr. Pridgeon had people introduce and tell a little bit about themselves. He then went on and asked each person to give at least one point of pride for East Grand Rapids Public Schools. He asked for thoughts on critical issues/challenges for the district in the short term and over the next 3-5 years.

Mr. Pridgeon reviewed the qualities of Peak Performing Governance Teams and the Trustee Perspective. He reviewed the Carver Policy Governance Model and the

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Governance Team Checklist. He passed out copies of the MLI "Effective Boards" checklist. He discussed the importance of trust and autonomy and reviewed the

Board's critical role in planning, basic planning principals, and planning and time management.

The discussion went on to review emotional bank accounts and deposits and withdrawals into/from these accounts. He reviewed an approach to trustee education and orientation, and discussed community issues forums.

Problem-solving was discussed with examples and responses given. There was a review of the roles of the Board and Superintendent, and a handout of the Board/Administrative Leadership Team Governance basic principals. Mr. Pridgeon led the Board in a discussion on the importance of establishing ground rules and operating principles. He shared some examples from other districts for the Board to review. Mr. Denton and Dr. Shubel will review the examples and generate a draft list for the Board to review at the October 2006 regular meeting.

At 8:00 p.m. the Board took a short break. The Board reconvened at 8:07 p.m. The Board discussed communication expectations of the Superintendent - how often the Board would like the Superintendent to communicate with them and how. Also discussed was how the Superintendent would like the Board to communicate with her.

Mr. Denton reviewed the previously-approved Proposed Superintendent Goals for 2006-07. The Board and Dr. Shubel gave input on the various goals. Changes will be made as discussed and the goals will be brought to the full Board for review and approval on August 28, 2006.

Mr. Denton and the Board thanked Mr. Pridgeon for all of his work on the Superintendent search, for his guidance of the Board through this process and for finding Dr. Shubel.

Dr. Shubel thanked the Board for the meeting and also for the chance to get together as a group to clarify and discuss expectations and issues.

Any Other Matters to Come Before the Board - None

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Stacy L. Trierweiler, Secretary
Board of Education

* Minutes for this meeting will be available in the Superintendent's Office at 2915 Hall St. SE, East Grand Rapids, MI 49506. The phone number is 235-3535.

** If you plan to attend and have a special need and require accommodation to attend this meeting, please contact Dr. Sara Shubel, Superintendent, at 235-3535

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