

EAST GRAND RAPIDS PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Kent County, Michigan

REGULAR Meeting of the East Grand Rapids Board of Education

The James E. Morse Administration Center at Woodcliff, 2915 Hall St., SE., East Grand Rapids, MI 49506

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Our Mission

Educating and inspiring each student to navigate successfully in a global community.

Monday, August 28, 2006

**7:00 p.m. - REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES**

The REGULAR MEETING of the East Grand Rapids Public Schools Board of Education, Kent County, Michigan, was held on Monday, August 28, 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: Mr. Charlie Denton, Mrs. Diane Bok, Mrs. Stacy Trierweiler, Mrs. Beth Lent, Mr. Joe Camp, Mrs. Julie Ridenour, and Mr. Steve Edison

Administration: Dr. Sara Shubel, Mr. Kevin Philipps, Mrs. Jeanne Glowicki, Mr. Pat Cwayna, Mrs. Jenny Fee, Mr. Larry Fisher, Mr. W. Scott Robertson, Mrs. Kathy Wisniewski, Mrs. Jann VanAirdale, Mr. Kris Vydareny, Mr. Mark Tompkins, and Mr. Peter Stuursma

Meeting Called to Order

Mr. Denton called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Acknowledgment of Guests - None

Public Comments - None

Board Secretary's Report: Communications to and from the Board - Mrs. Trierweiler - No report this month

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Facilities Update - Mr. Camp

Mr. Camp gave a brief overview of where the District is with the Bond Facilities project. He described the steps taken to get to this point, beginning with the 2004-2008 Strategic Plan, the work of the various committees and finally the election in May of this year. Currently the District is in the schematic design phase and hopes to begin construction in the spring of 2007.

Presentation/Discussion:

Introduction of Scott Robertson, Athletic Director - Mr. Cwayna

Mr. Cwayna introduced W. Scott Robertson, the new Athletic Director. Mr. Robertson thanked the administration and Board for their support and encouragement.

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: Mr. Denton stated that Consent Agenda Item #10 would be moved to the "Other Action Items Agenda" for further information. Motion to approve items in the Consent Agenda Numbers 7, 8, 9, 11, 12, and 13.

Approval of Minutes of Organizational MEETING of 7/05/06 (Enclosure #7)

Approval of Minutes of SPECIAL MEETING of 8/22/06 (Enclosure #8)

Approval of Payment of Bills for June and July (Enclosure #9)

Approval of a Foreign Exchange Student from Brazil (Enclosure #11)

The High School Administration recommends that foreign exchange student, Daniel Furman, from Brazil, be approved for enrollment at East Grand Rapids High School during the 2006-07 school year.

Motion to approve the recommendation by the administration that Daniel Furman from Brazil be enrolled at East Grand Rapids High School for the 2006-07 school year.

Approval to Reinstate Suspended Policy #2070 & #2070-R (School Superintendent) (Enclosure #12)

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At the June 13, 2006 Special Board Meeting Policy #2070 and #2070-R was suspended.

Motion to approve the reinstatement of Policy #2070 and #2070-R with follow-up by the Policy Committee.

Approval to Dissolve the Superintendent Search Sub-Committee

The Superintendent Search Sub-Committee was formed for the express purpose of finding a new Superintendent for the East Grand Rapids Public Schools. This sub-committee has fulfilled its purpose with the hiring of Dr. Sara M. Shubel.

Motion to approve the dissolution of the Superintendent Search Sub-Committee.

Mr. Denton noted that item #10 from the Consent Agenda would be moved to the Other Action Items agenda. Mr. Camp moved to approve Consent Agenda Items #7, 8, 9, 11, 12 and 13. Mrs. Lent seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Other Action Items:

Approval of Overnight Student Activities (Enclosure #10)

In accordance with Board of Education Policy #7490, the district has various trips and overnight athletic and student activities as outlined in Enclosure #10 for approval by the Board.

Mrs. Ridenour moved to approve various trips and overnight athletic and student activities as outlined in Enclosure #10. Mrs. Trierweiler seconded the motion. The Board had some discussion about the Diversity trip and the Music trip (instrumental music). Mr. Cwayna responded to questions regarding these trips. Motion passed 7-0.

Appoint Delegate Representatives to MASB Fall Conference Delegate Assembly
(Enclosure #14)

The Michigan Association of School Boards' 2006 Delegate Assembly is meeting at the annual 2006 Fall Conference at the Marriott Renaissance Center in Detroit on Thursday, November 9, 2006. Three delegates may be appointed to represent the East Grand Rapids Board of Education.

Mrs. Bok and Mr. Edison indicated they would be willing to attend. Mrs. Trierweiler moved to appoint Mrs. Bok and Mr. Edison as delegates to the MASB 2006 Delegate Assembly. Mrs. Lent seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Approval of Region 3 Candidate for the MASB Board of Directors Three-Year Term
(Enclosure #15)

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Official ballots must be returned to MASB by September 1, 2006, to participate in the MASB Board of Directors Election. Two candidates, Anita L. Osterman (nominated by Fremont Public Schools) and Steve Zinger (nominated by Grandville Schools), have been nominated to represent our region, Region 3.

Mrs. Bok moved to approve Steve Zinger as the candidate to represent Region 3 on the MASB Board of Directors. Mrs. Trierweiler seconded the motion. Following Board discussion of research into candidates' backgrounds and experience, motion passed 7-0.

Approval of 2006 Bond Schematic Designs (Enclosure #16)

URS Corporation will present the schematic designs for the 2006 construction project. Following the URS presentation, Owen Ames Kimball (OAK) will present its cost estimates based on those schematic designs and discuss any variations from the cost proposals developed prior to the election. Ralph Moxley, Fred Gore and Jim Haskins from URS and Frank Bartoszek from OAK were here to present.

Mr. Camp moved to approve the schematic designs for the 2006 construction project as presented. Mr. Edison seconded the motion. Following questions and discussion regarding specific aspects of the designs, motion passed 7-0.

Approval of Superintendent Goals for 2006-2007 (Enclosure #17)

The Board approved the Proposed Superintendent's Goals prior to hiring the new Superintendent. Following discussion at the Special Superintendent/Board Workshop on August 22, 2006, the finalization of the Superintendent Goals for 2006-2007 are presented.

Mrs. Ridenour moved to approve the finalized Superintendent's Goals for 2006-2007 per Enclosure #17. Mrs. Lent seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Approval of a Lease for Copiers (Enclosure #18)

Request for proposals were sent to two companies for the replacement of copy machines throughout the school district. Both companies responded. The Finance Committee has reviewed the bid tabulations.

Mrs. Lent moved to approve a 4-year lease with Applied Imaging in the total approximate amount of \$68,255 for copy machines in the district as recommended by the Finance Committee and the Superintendent. Mrs. Trierweiler seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Administrative Reports:

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Opening of School

Dr. Shubel noted that all staff would be reporting on Wednesday August 30th at 8:00 a.m. The staff opening is right on schedule and everyone is feeling the excitement. The student opening is on Tuesday, September 5th. Dr. Shubel noted that as was Dr. Morse's tradition, she will be visiting every school on opening day.

New Staff (Enclosure #19B)

Dr. Shubel stated that we have hired 24 new staff members. She was excited to be able to participate with them over the last week during orientation.

Assistant Supt. of Business

State Aid Update

Mr. Philipps noted that the Governor has signed the School Aid bill into law. There were no changes made to the bill from the original projections. Mr. Philipps will keep everyone up to date throughout the year.

Summer Projects

Mr. Philipps stated that the custodial staff has been working hard to make all the buildings ready for the school year. He distributed a hand-out showing the various projects completed over the summer.

Assistant Supt. of Instruction

Diversity Rally & Family of Color Connection Kick-Off

Ms. Glowicki reported on the county-wide Diversity Kick-Off held at Rockford Public Schools last week. She noted that the Superintendents from Kent County are very supportive of this diversity committee.

Families of Color Connection Group – Ms. Glowicki discussed this group and the process of getting this up and running for the year.

Curriculum Plan Update

Ms. Glowicki announced that this committee is firming up dates and people to serve on the various committees.

New Staff Orientation

Ms. Glowicki distributed an overview of the orientation as well as the orientation feed-back survey.

Summer Work Reflections

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Ms. Glowicki reviewed various summer projects and noted that the Morse Center was alive and humming with committee work and differentiation training most every week during the summer.

Board Representative Reports

Superintendent/Board Workshop – August 22, 2006 – Mr. Denton

Mr. Denton gave a brief report on the MLI Superintendent/Board workshop, which was held last week. One action item came out of the workshop: the Board-Superintendent “ground rules” for Mr. Denton and Dr. Shubel to work on together and then present to the full Board at the October Board meeting.

Board Committee Assignments – Mr. Denton (Enclosure #22B)

Mr. Denton confirmed the Board Committee assignments and thanked each Board member for their willingness to serve on the various committees.

Special Communication and Outreach Committee – Mrs. Ridenour

Mrs. Ridenour reported that the first meeting of this committee would be on Tuesday, August 29th. The committee would establish objectives and goals. She went on to outline as part of the Community Outreach that Dr. Shubel was introduced at the football game on Friday evening, August 25th, and will also be introduced at the Community Welcome Open House on Tuesday, September 12th at the High School PAC from 7:00-9:00 p.m.

Parks and Recreation Committee – Mr. Camp

Mr. Camp stated that the name is actually the Parks and Recreation Commission of the City of East Grand Rapids. He serves as a School Board representative on that commission. He stated that this commission is currently meeting in the new city complex. The Commission works in cooperation with the schools on recreational offerings. Mr. Camp encouraged everyone to go and take a look at the new city facilities and to attend the Parks and Recreation Commission meetings.

Mr. Denton reminded the Board of the opening day program at 8:00 a.m. on Wednesday, September 30th. He encouraged everyone to attend.

Adjournment

Mr. Denton adjourned the meeting at 8:25 p.m.

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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. Sara M. Shubel, Superintendent, at 235-3535.

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