

EAST GRAND RAPIDS PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Kent County, Michigan

SPECIAL WORK SESSION of the East Grand Rapids Board of Education

Pioneer Conference Room

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

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2006

7:00 p.m.

MINUTES

The SPECIAL MEETING of the East Grand Rapids Public Schools Board of Education, Kent County, Michigan, was held on Wednesday, October 18, 2006 in the Pioneer Conference 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, Mrs. Julie Ridenour, Mr. Joe Camp, and Mr. Steve Edison

Administration: Dr. Sara Shubel, Mr. Kevin Philipps, Mrs. Jeanne Glowicki, Mr. Pat Cwayna, Mr. Scott Robertson, and Mr. Doug Jenkins

Meeting Call to Order

Mr. Denton called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

Acknowledgment of Guests - None

Public Comments - None

Prior Proposal 3 Review

A. Scope of Work/Projects

Mr. Ralph Moxley of URS reviewed the scope of the work/projects from the original Proposal 3. At the Middle School was the replacement of carpet on Mehney Field. The High School included: a two tier concession stand with team rooms, storage, and restrooms at the south end of the field; current south side bleachers moved to finish line of track and new bleachers added on the home

side; sound system and lighting for Memorial Field; replacement of the turf at Memorial Field; synthetic turf inside the track; a new two-level press box of approximately 1,500 sq. ft. which would be required to be ADA compliant (barrier free); a two-level addition to the high school with a fitness center, visiting team locker room, and public restrooms on the lower level and an auxiliary gymnasium on the upper level. The Plaza area would be expanded to where the current drive is located for a walkway to the two level fitness center/auxiliary gymnasium. A walkway from the senior lot to city hall with new lighting. At the elementary and middle schools there would be lawn irrigation installed.

B. Estimated Costs

Mr. Philipps reviewed costs for each of the projects in the original Proposal 3. The total projected cost back in May of 2006 was just under \$8 million dollars plus contingency and fee costs.

Community Responses/Survey (Enclosure #5)

The Board reviewed the results of the community survey. There were 250 more "no" votes than "yes" votes. The survey shows that voter's felt of lowest importance was the turf in the middle of the track.

Facilities Needs Assessment

It was stated that WAVES representatives feel the need for more seating in the pool area and would like to come forward to ask for this if the Board goes ahead with another proposal. The Board agreed it might be appropriate to re-visit the assessment of needs.

Financial/Funding Options

What would be funding options? A millage proposal without increasing the millage; a bond issue; extension of the bonds; and fund raising for various pieces/aspects of the proposal; sinking fund dollars; and naming opportunities. The Board discussed the various options available.

Next Steps

The Board identified that there are some needs and discussed how to go forward. Mr. Denton suggested that a special working committee be formed which would include Board members, administrators, staff, community members, and city leaders. This committee would take another look at the various items in the proposal and bring recommendations back to the Board. Mrs. Lent made a

motion to form a special purpose board committee to assess athletic facility options. Mr. Edison supported the motion. The Board discussed how the committee would be formed. The Board President would appoint Board members to this special committee. Motion passed 7-0.

The Board had a discussion regarding the timing issue. If the Board decides to go ahead with another Proposal to voters, it would be ideal to have the vote taken in May of 2007 with a construction start time in 2008. Any delay would add to the cost, due to inflation. If the Board wants a Proposal on the ballot in May of 2007, then we would have to have a package to the State Treasury Department in January or February of 2007. A May 2007 election date is pretty aggressive. The Board and Special Committee will look at putting this issue before voters in November of 2007. Mr. Denton stated that the first task of the Special Committee would be to come up with a proposal and a timeline.

Any Other Matters to Come Before the Board - None

Adjournment

Mr. Denton adjourned the meeting at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stacy L. Trierweiler, Secretary
East Grand Rapids Board of Education

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