

EAST GRAND RAPIDS PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Kent County, Michigan

REGULAR Meeting of the East Grand Rapids Board of Education

Community Board Room, the James E. Morse Administration Center at
Woodcliff, 2915 Hall St. SE For information, phone 616-235-3535

Monday, June 4, 2007

5:30 p.m.

MINUTES

The REGULAR MEETING of the East Grand Rapids Public Schools Board of Education, Kent County, Michigan, was held on Monday, June 4, 2007 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. Stacy Trierweiler, Mrs. Beth Lent, Mr. Joe Camp, Mr. Steve Edison, Mrs. Julie Ridenour (arrived at 6:07 p.m.), and Mrs. Diane Bok (entered the meeting at 6:52 p.m.)

Administration: Dr. Sara Shubel, Mr. Kevin Philipps, Ms. Jeanne Glowicki, Mrs. Kathy Wisniewski, Mr. Larry Fisher, Mrs. Jenny Fee, Mr. Peter Stuursma, Mr. Mark Tompkins, Mr. Doug Jenkins, and Mr. Kris Vydareny

Call to Order

Mr. Denton called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m. and expressed sympathy to Julie Ridenour whose aunt passed away over the weekend.

Acknowledgment of Guests - Fred Bunn, Director of Parks and Recreation for the City of East Grand Rapids

Public Comments - Mr. Fred Bunn, Director of Parks and Recreation for the City of East Grand Rapids, handed out a memo to the Board of Education and gave comments in support of the proposed Athletic Bond. He outlined how these facilities would enhance both the schools and the Parks and Recreation Department.

Mr. Camp made mention of the memo from Mr. Graham, the Energy Education Manager, regarding the summer shut down. He thanked Mr. Graham for his work over this past year.

Communications to and from the Board - None

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Information Items

Budget Hearing: 2007-08 General Fund Budget – Mr. Kevin Philipps

Mr. Philipps reminded the Board that State law requires that schools pass their budget prior to July 1, 2007. He gave a review of our mission statement, the budget process and how the budget committee has arrived at their recommendations. He reviewed the budget assumptions in revenue and expenses. As of this date, all of the estimated revenues and expenses are balanced for the 2007-2008 budget. Mr. Philipps reviewed five issues for consideration: state funding, health care, the retirement system, utilities and finally, collaboration/consolidation. He gave a brief outline of the long-range financial forecast, which is bleak. The plans for the future of the district include finance options within the strategic plan and creating financial efficiencies within the district. The Board thanked Mr. Philipps for the work and presentation on the budget. The Board asked questions and gave comments. The Budget for 2007-2008 will be voted on by the Board at the June 11, 2007 meeting.

First Reading of Revised Policy #7600 (Promotion and Retention) – (Enclosure #6)

First Reading of Revised Policy and Rules #7630 (Graduation Requirements) – (Enclosure #7)

First Reading of Revised Policy #7642 (Alternative Credit Options) – (Enclosure #8)

First Reading of Revised Policy and Rules #7648 (Dual Enrollment and Credit) – (Enclosure #9)

First Reading of New Policy #9380 (Use of Temporary Signs and Banners on District Facilities) – (Enclosure #10)

Mrs. Lent, on behalf of the Policy Committee, stated that many of the changes to the above policies were to keep us in line with State requirements. There were questions and discussion of these revised policies, including input from the High School. The Board also asked that on the new policy #9380 (Signs), that the committee consider incorporating the use of the electronic signs and update the status of the City Sign Ordinance on signs. These policies will be brought back to the Board for approval at the June 11, 2007 meeting.

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 12.

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Approval of Minutes of REGULAR MEETING of 5/21/07 (Enclosure #11)

Approval of Revised Policy and Rules #8020 (Attendance) – (Enclosure #12)

Mr. Edison moved to approve Consent Agenda Items #11-12. Mrs. Trierweiler seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

Other Action Items

Approval of 2007 Millage Rates for the General Fund Budget, Debt Retirement, Sinking Fund, and Recreation Millage (Enclosure #13)

The Board of Education is required to annually set millage rates for the General Fund, Debt Retirement Fund, Sinking Fund and Recreation Millage.

Mr. Camp moved to certify the 2007 millage rates per Enclosure #13. Mrs. Lent seconded the motion. After discussion of the necessity for the Recreation Millage levy, motion passed 6-0.

Approval of the Athletic Facilities Proposal for Treasury Department Application for November 2007 Bond – Mrs. Beth Lent and Mr. Kevin Philipps

The Athletic Facilities Assessment Committee presented its recommendations for athletic facilities improvements and a potential November 2007 bond election at the May Board meeting. The Athletic Facilities Assessment Committee and Superintendent are seeking approval to continue the process moving forward and filing a preliminary application to have the proposed bond project qualified by the State of Michigan's Treasury Department through its School Bond Qualification and Loan Program.

After comments in support of the proposal from Dr. Shubel, Mrs. Lent gave a summary of the entire proposal, including financial aspects from Mr. Philipps. Mr. Camp moved to approve filing a preliminary application with the Treasury Department for a November 2007 ballot proposal to fund the athletic facilities projects as recommended by the special committee. Mrs. Lent seconded the motion. The Board then had opportunity to ask questions and make comments regarding this proposal. During this discussion, Mrs. Bok entered the meeting. Motion passed 6-1. Mrs. Ridenour cast the one dissenting vote but expressed her support for all of the projects.

Following the vote at 7:04 p.m., Mrs. Ridenour left the meeting to attend the KISD biannual election meeting as the representative from East Grand Rapids Public Schools.

Approval of a PAC and PASE Committee Member (Enclosure #15)

Mrs. Patricia Stemmler is being recommended by Mrs. Jann VanAirdale, Special Education Director, to represent the East Grand Rapids parents on the Region II Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) and the Kent Intermediate School District parent Advisors (PASE). Mrs. Stemmler's term will be 2007-2010.

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Mrs. Trierweiler moved to approve Mrs. Patricia Stemmler for the term 2007-2010 as the PAC/PASE Representative from East Grand Rapids Public Schools. Mr. Edison seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

Administrative Reports

Superintendent - No report at this time. Dr. Shubel stated that it is hard to believe that Friday will be the end of the school year.

Assistant Superintendent of Business - No further reports.

Assistant Superintendent of Instruction - No reports at this time.

Board Representative Report

Mrs. Bok apologized to the Board for being late due to circumstances beyond her control.

Mrs. Lent congratulated the Boys Tennis Team on winning the state championship over the weekend.

Adjournment

Mr. Denton adjourned the meeting at 7:09 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.

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