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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, Community Board Room,  
2915 Hall Street, SE.,  
East Grand Rapids, MI 49506.  
For Information, call 616-235-3535.  
7:00 p.m.

**Monday, December 10, 2007**

### **MINUTES**

The REGULAR MEETING of the East Grand Rapids Public Schools Board of Education, Kent County, Michigan, was held on Monday, December 10, 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. Brian Ellis, Mrs. Diane Bok, Mrs. Stacy Trierweiler, Mrs. Julie Ridenour, Mr. Joe Camp, Mr. Steve Edison, and Mr. Peter Ruppert

**Administration:** Dr. Sara Shubel, Mr. Kevin Philipps, Mrs. Jann VanAirsdale, Mrs. Kathy Wisniewski, Mrs. Jenny Fee, Mr. Larry Fisher, Mr. Peter Stuursma, Mrs. Linda Kehm, Mr. Mark Tompkins, Mr. Doug Jenkins, Mr. Scott Robertson, and Mrs. Wendy VanZegeren

#### **Meeting Called to Order**

Mr. Ellis called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

**Acknowledgement of Guests** - None

**Public Comments** - None

**Board Secretary's Report - Communications to and from the Board** - Mrs. Trierweiler

Mrs. Trierweiler reported that the Board received a thank you card from Erin Grin (Lakeside 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade) for the gift certificate to Schuler's following the birth of her twin daughters; a thank you card from the Custodial/Maintenance staff for the turkeys; a

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thank you card from Kirk Reifinger (Lakeside - 1<sup>st</sup> Grade) for the gift certificate to Schuler's following the birth of his daughter; and a thank you card from Mark Froehlich (husband of Kelly Froehlich - Lakeside - 4<sup>th</sup> Grade) for the gift certificate to Schuler's following his recent surgery.

### High School Student Council President's Report - Mr. Alex Yared

Mr. Yared said that the Student Council has identified 60 families in need who will receive food from the food drive. The Cystic Fibrosis fundraiser took in \$456.27 from donations and the Student Council matched the donation amount for a total of \$912.54. The committee to plan Kabookie Week will have its first meeting this week.

### EGREA President's Report - Mrs. Nancy McSkimming

No report this month.

### Recognition of Randy Brown 2007 Division 3 State Champion Girls Diving - Mr. Scott Robertson

Mr. Robertson introduced Randi Brown and her coach, Ann Williamson. Dr. Shubel and Mr. Camp presented Randi with a certificate from the Board.

### Recognition of 2007 Division 3 Football State Championship Team - Dr. Sara Shubel, Mr. Peter Stuursma and Mr. Scott Robertson

Mr. Robertson, Mr. Stuursma, Mr. Steve Edison, Mrs. Trierweiler and Dr. Shubel presented certificates to Trevor Mason and Michael Wilson from the Board of Education. Mr. Stuursma will make sure the rest of the team receives their certificates. Mr. Robertson announced that Mr. Stuursma was recognized this year as the state coach of the year by the coaches association.

### Presentation:

### Facilities Update - Mr. Joe Camp

Mr. Camp reported the Facilities Committee has resumed every other week meetings to gear up for 2007 bond work and also to continue work on the 2006 bond projects. The contractors are finishing up on punch lists for all buildings. He noted that contingency funds are still on track. He stated that we are ahead of schedule for the 2006 bond and under budget and on schedule for the 2007 bond and so far, under budget.

### Special Education Report - Mrs. Van Airsdale and Mrs. Wisniewski

Mrs. VanAirsdale and Mrs. Wisniewski along with the following special education staff: Holly Browley, Early Childhood Home & Community; Chris Kenward, Social Worker; Patty Sienstra, Speech and Language Therapist; Amanda Werner, Early Childhood Home & Community; Alisha Langeland, Early Childhood; Caroline Cannon, Special Education Teacher at the High School; and Kathy Cragwell, Speech and Language

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Pathologist, presented a video showing the range of services provided from the oldest to the youngest special education students. There are 98 students receiving special education services at the High School. The state of Michigan requires special education services for the ages 0-26 years. They noted that East serves students from 2-26 years. The Board thanked the group for their report and also thanked Chris Kenward for putting together the video presentation.

### Presentation of the East Grand Rapids High School Annual Guidance Report - Mr. Larry Fisher

Mr. Fisher thanked Mrs. Fee and Mr. Crawford for their help with the technology on this presentation. He presented an overview of the report in a power point presentation and answered questions from the Board.

### 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 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 the Consent Agenda Numbers 12 through 15.

### Approval of Minutes of REGULAR MEETING of 11/26/07 (Enclosure #12)

### Approval of November Payment of Bills (Enclosure #13)

### Approval of 9-12 Social Studies Curriculum

Background: The 9-12 Social Studies Curriculum was presented to the Curriculum Advisory Team on November 13, 2007 and to the Board of Education on November 26, 2007.

Recommendation: Motion to approve the 9-12 Social Studies Curriculum as presented at the November 26, 2007 Board meeting and recommended by the Assistant Superintendent of Instruction and the Superintendent.

### Approval of Reproductive Health Curriculum

Background: The updated 5, 8, and 9-12 Reproductive Health Curriculum was presented to the Curriculum Advisory Team on October 16, 2007 and to the Board of Education on November 26, 2007.

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Recommendation: Motion to approve the updated 5, 8, and 9-12 Reproductive Health Curriculum as presented at the November 26, 2007 Board meeting and recommended by the Assistant Superintendent of Instruction and the Superintendent.

Mrs. Rideonour moved to approve Consent Agenda Items #12-15. Mrs. Bok seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

*Other Action Items:*

Acceptance of Grants from the East Grand Rapids Schools Foundation (Enclosure #16)

The East Grand Rapids Schools Foundation awarded the fall Mini Grants and Grants at the November 2007 Foundation meeting. Mrs. Marcie Lewis of the grants committee reviewed the grants awarded for this year and stated that there were over \$79,000 in grant requests for the fall.

Mr. Edison moved to accept the grants as listed in Enclosure #16 totaling \$22,085.65 and to thank the East Grand Rapids Schools Foundation for its support of the East Grand Rapids Public Schools. Mr. Camp seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Approval of Bond Sale Resolution and Execution of Bond Purchase Agreement (Enclosure #17)

The 2007 Bond Issue was priced on Thursday, December 6, 2007. Presentations were made by Jeff Zylstra of Fifth Third as Lead Underwriter, Dick Barch of Stauder & Barch as Financial Advisor, and Mike Gressens of Thrun Law Firm as Bond Counsel to detail the pricing of the sale, whether the projected sale should be accepted by the Board and an explanation of the bond sale resolution to be authorized and the bond purchase agreement to be executed.

Mrs. Ridenour moved to approve the resolution and bond sale as presented. Mrs. Trierweiler seconded the motion. Role call vote taken: Edison, yes; Ridenour, yes; Trierweiler, yes; Ellis, yes; Bok, yes; Camp, yes; Ruppert, yes. Motion passed 7-0.

Mr. Ellis called for a 10-minute break for signatures from the president, secretary and superintendent on the Bond Sale Resolution and Execution of Bond Purchase Agreement.

Approval of 2007 Bond Schematic Design and Budget (Enclosure #18)

Ralph Moxley of URS Corporation presented the schematic designs for the 2007 construction project. Following the URS presentation, Mr. Philipps presented the cost

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estimates based on those schematic designs and discussed any variations from the cost proposals developed prior to the election.

Mr. Camp moved to approve the schematic designs and budget for the 2007 construction project as presented. Mr. Edison seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

### Administrative Reports

#### Superintendent

Dr. Shubel announced that US News and World Report named East Grand Rapids High School as one of the top high schools in the nation. The high school received a silver medal. This designation puts the high school as one of the top 3% in the nation. She congratulated all of the K-12 staff for this accomplishment.

Building Holiday Programs - Dr. Shubel announced that on Tuesday, December 11<sup>th</sup> at 2:15 p.m. Breton Downs would have a program and that Anne Thomasma would send information to Board members on program dates for the other schools.

ASCD Australia Trip Report - Dr. Shubel showed a power point presentation on her recent trip to Australia. She gave a comparison of education in the United States and Australia.

#### Assistant Supt. for Business

Budget Workshop Date - Mr. Philipps made a suggestion to wait to have a budget workshop until the Governor announces her proposed budget projections. He gave the dates of January 21, 2008 or the second week in February of 2008. Mr. Ellis will confer with the other Board members to determine a date for the workshop.

#### Assistant Supt. for Instruction

Foreign Language Update - Mrs. Glowicki stated that the first meeting of this group went very well. The group is now focusing at what will happen over the next 13 years and also for the next 13 years after that.

Preview of Science - The State of Michigan will be meeting in December to adopt their curriculum and then this group will convene in January to work on the science curriculum.

#### Board Representative Report

PASE Update - Mrs. Trierweiler reported that the MI Merit requirements would affect Special Education students. The KISD will offer a certificate of completion to students for training for manual labor jobs. She also noted that Special Education High School teachers, in order to be highly qualified, will need to go back to school for accreditation. This is due to a federal mandate to state.

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MASB Annual Meeting – Mrs. Trierweiler gave a brief review of the annual meeting and the process for voting at the meeting.

Communications and Outreach – Mr. Ellis stated that this item was carried over from the agenda last year and there is no report for this month.

Adjournment

Mr. Ellis announced the filing deadline for nominations of school board candidates is February 12, 2008 . The next Board of Education regular meeting will be January 28, 2008. He also stated that his New Years resolution would be to work on the length of the Board meetings. He does not want to rush meetings, but would like to work to improve on length of time the meetings run. Mr. Ellis adjourned the meeting at 9:55 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. Sara M. Shubel, Superintendent, at 235-3535.  
Superintendent's Office – 12/11/07