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NOTICE

A **REGULAR MEETING** of the Board of Education will be held on **Monday, November 17, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.** at the James E. Morse Administration Center at Woodcliff, 2915 Hall Street, SE, East Grand Rapids, MI 49506. Phone number for information is 235-3535.

PURPOSE of the REGULAR MEETING

Recognition of:

2008 Division 2 Girls Cross Country State Championship Team
Nick Hopkins, Michigan Coach of the Year – Girls Cross Country

Information Items:

Facilities Update
Presentation of the EGR High School Annual Guidance Report

Consent Agenda:

Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting of 10/20/08
Approval of Minutes of Special Meeting of 10/27/08
Approval of Payment of Bills October 2008
Approval of Foreign Exchange Student

Other Action Items:

Approval of 2007-08 Audit Report
Approval of Resolution to Revise WMHIP Trust Agreement
Approval of Interlocal Agreement Resolution to Join the Michigan Retirement Investment Consortium
Approval of Michigan Retirement Investment Consortium 403B Plan Document

Administrative Reports:

Foundation Grant Process
EGR Schools Foundation Distinguished Alumni Dinner
Professional Learning Opportunities in February, 2009
Science Inquiry Training Update

Board Representative Reports:

Mr. Brian R. Ellis, President
East Grand Rapids Board of Education

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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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Monday, November 17, 2008

7:00 p.m.

AGENDA

1. Meeting Called to Order
2. Acknowledgment of Guests
3. Public Comments
4. Recognition of 2008 Division 2 Girls Cross Country State Championship Team – Dr. Sara Shubel and Mr. Scott Robertson
5. Recognition of Nick Hopkins – Coach of the Year – Girls Cross Country – Mr. Scott Robertson
6. Board Secretary’s Report - Communications to and from the Board – Mrs. Trierweiler
7. High School Student Council President’s Report - Mr. Sam Wohns
8. EGREA President’s Report – Mrs. Nancy McSkimming

Presentation:

9. Facilities Update – Mr. Steve Edison
10. Presentation of the East Grand Rapids High School Annual Guidance Report – Mr. Larry Fisher

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.

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Recommendation: Motion to approve items in the Consent Agenda Numbers 11 through 14.

11. Approval of Minutes of REGULAR MEETING of 10/20/08 (Enclosure #11)

12. Approval of Minutes of SPECIAL MEETING of 10/27/08 (Enclosure #12)

13. Approval of October Payment of Bills (Enclosure #13)

14. Approval of a Foreign Exchange Student from Switzerland (Enclosure #14)

Background: The High School Administration recommends that foreign exchange student, Erik Lanz, from Switzerland, be approved for enrollment at East Grand Rapids High School during the second semester of the 2008-09 school year.

Other Action Items:

15. 2007-2008 Audit Report

Background: The audit was completed by Hungerford, Aldrin, Nichols & Carter, P.C. this fall. The Board Finance Committee reviewed the report and recommends that the Board of Education receive the 2007-2008 Audit Report.

Recommendation: Motion to receive the 2007-2008 Audit Report as presented and recommended by the Board Finance Committee and Superintendent.

16. Approval of Resolution to Revise WMHIP Trust Agreement (Enclosure #16)

Background: Consistent with the language of Public Act 106, the Western Michigan Health Insurance Pool (WMHIP) has received approval to form a Public Employer Pooled Plan (PEPP). Since the creation of the pool, it has been recognized as a Multiple Employer Welfare Association (MEWA). Moving to PEPP status was necessary for the pool to partner with Blue Cross Blue Shield as the pool's network/carrier. In order to complete this transformation, administration is requesting the Board approve the revision of the WMHIP trust agreement to recognize the PEPP.

Recommendation: Motion to approve the resolution as recommended by the Finance Committee and Superintendent.

17. Approval of Interlocal Agreement Resolution to Join the Michigan Retirement Investment Consortium (Enclosure #17)

Background: The Kent Intermediate School District in association with 24 other intermediate school districts has formed the Michigan Retirement Investment Consortium to help manage local district's 403(b) retirement savings program(s). This consortium was created in response to IRS regulation changes to 403(b) programs that would place significant administrative burden on local districts. The

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consortium will also provide the opportunity for improved service and investment choices for district employees.

Recommendation: Motion to approve the interlocal agreement resolution to join the Michigan Retirement Investment Consortium as recommended by the Finance Committee and Superintendent.

18. Approval of Michigan Retirement Investment Consortium 403B Plan Document (Enclosure #18)

Background: IRS regulation changes to 403(b) retirement saving programs as of January 1, 2009 require the district have an official written plan document detailing the district's 403(b) program. As part of joining the Michigan Retirement Investment Consortium, a written plan document is provided for the district to comply with new regulations.

Recommendation: Motion to approve the Michigan Retirement Investment Consortium 403(b) written plan document as recommended by the Finance Committee and Superintendent.

Administrative Reports

19. Superintendent

A. Foundation Grant Process

B. EGR Schools Foundation Distinguished Alumni Dinner

20. Assistant Supt. for Business

21. Assistant Supt. for Instruction

A. Professional Learning Opportunities in February

B. Science Inquiry Training Update

22. Board Representative Report

23. Adjournment

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