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NOTICE/AGENDA

A *SPECIAL MEETING* of the Board of Education will be held on **Friday, September 12, 2008 at 7:30 a.m.** in the Community Board Room in the James E. Morse Administration Center at Woodcliff, 2915 Hall Street, SE, Grand Rapids, Michigan 49506. The telephone number for information is 235-3535.

MINUTES

The Special MEETING of the East Grand Rapids Public Schools Board of Education, Kent County, Michigan, was held on Friday, September 12, 2008 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, Mr. Steve Edison, Mrs. Stacy Trierweiler, Mrs. Julie Ridenour, Mr. Peter Ruppert and Mrs. A. Michelle Rabideau

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

Meeting Called to Order

Mr. Ellis called the meeting to order at 7:30 a.m.

Acknowledgement of Guests - None

Public Comment - None

Approval of a 2-Year Contract with the East Grand Rapids Education Association (EGREA) (Enclosure #4)

The East Grand Rapids Education Association (EGREA) and the administration have negotiated a 2-year agreement which provides a modest salary increase and defines the school calendar for each of the next two school years.

Mrs. Rideonour moved to approve a 2-year contract with the East Grand Rapids Education Association (EGREA) upon the recommendation of the Superintendent. Mrs. Trierweiler seconded the motion. Mr. Philipps gave a brief overview of the contract for the next two years. There were questions and discussion by the Board. Motion passed 6-0.

Approval of a 2-Year Contract with the East Grand Rapids Association of Support Employees (EGRASE) (Enclosure #5)

The East Grand Rapids Association of Support Employees (EGRASE) and the administration have negotiated a 2-year agreement which provides a modest salary increase for each of the next two years.

Mrs. Trierweiler moved to approve a 2-year contract with the East Grand Rapids Association of Support Employees (EGRASE) upon the recommendation of the Superintendent. Mrs. Rabideau seconded the motion. Mr. Philipps gave an overview of the contract for the next two years. There were questions and discussion by the Board. Motion passed 6-0.

Dr. Shubel acknowledged and thanked the Administrative negotiating team for their time and effort in obtaining these agreements.

Facility Issue Considerations

Mr. Philipps gave an overview of the proposed press box and bleacher work at Memorial Field. He stated that the original scope was to replace the press box and add a section of bleachers on the home side. In the course of the design work building code issues came up which would necessitate replacing all home bleachers. A study was done to determine the lifespan of the structure and bleachers. It was found the lifespan was 5-7 years. When bids were sent out they included building an integrated press box bleacher structure, build new home side bleacher grandstand with capacity to replace lost end-zone seating and integrate new bleachers into south end of field. Bids came in high. Options: press box only and retain current bleachers or construct integrated press box/bleacher system with seating for just over 2,200 spectators. Mr. Ralph Moxley presented the drawings and gave additional information on the two options. Mr. Philipps went over the building costs and how to fund the costs. He also reviewed the effect to the sinking fund if used to proceed with the press box and bleachers. He stated that the administrative recommendation to the Board is to proceed with the option of building the press box and bleachers and outlined reasons behind this recommendation. The Board then entered into discussion on the facility issue and had questions for Mr. Philipps and Mr. Moxley. Mrs. Ridenour stated she feels the funding discussion for this project should have come through the Finance Committee first and not brought directly to the Board as a whole.

Mr. Edison moved to accept the recommendation of the Administration to move forward with Option C and put in the press box and the integrated bleacher system in the amount of \$1,610,624. Mrs. Trierweiler seconded the motion. There were additional questions and discussion by the Board. Motion passed 6-0.

Any other matters that come before the Board

Mr. Ruppert asked Mr. Moxley about the grading on the south end of the end zone and making it more of a slope in order to allow more spectators see the games. Mr. Moxley stated the wall is already built and that would not be an option at this point, however, he will look into the idea to see what, if anything can be done.

Dr. Shubel reminded everyone to take the Strategic Planning survey which is on the website and reminded the Board of Education that the first date for the Strategic Planning Committee to meet

would be September 27th. She also let the Board know that information about the Strategic Plan and the survey has been shared at all PTA meetings and also has been included in all school newsletters.

Dr. Shubel also let the Board know that now that the teacher and support staff contracts have been approved, that calendars for 2008-09 and 2009-10 will be live on the front page of the website today and postcards with this information will also be sent to all parents.

Mr. Ellis stated that the next Board meeting is scheduled for Monday, Monday September 22, 2008.

Adjournment

Mr. Ellis adjourned the meeting at 8:20 a.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 St. SE, East Grand Rapids, MI 49506. The phone number is 235-3535.

** If you plan to attend and have a special need and require accommodation to attend this meeting, please contact Dr. Sara M. Shubel at 235-3535. aht 09/15/0