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Kent County, Michigan

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REGULAR Meeting of the East Grand Rapids Board of Education

Woodcliff Community Board Room, Woodcliff Center,
2915 Hall SE, East Grand Rapids, MI 49506
Phone 616-235-3535

Monday, September 22, 2008

7:00 p.m.

MINUTES

The REGULAR MEETING of the East Grand Rapids Public Schools Board of Education, Kent County, Michigan, was held on Monday, September 22, 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, Mrs. Stacy Trierweiler, Mrs. Julie Ridenour, and Mr. Peter Ruppert

Absent: Mr. Steve Edison and Mrs. A. Michelle Rabideau

Administration: Dr. Sara Shubel, Mr. Kevin Philipps, Mrs. Jeanne Glowicki, Mrs. Jenny Fee, Mrs. Linda Kehm, Mr. Peter Stuursma, Mrs. Wendy VanZegeren, Mrs. Heidi Sunderhaft Christiansen, Mr. Glenn Mitcham, Mr. Larry Fisher, Mrs. Jann VanAirdale, and Mr. Doug Jenkins

Meeting Called to Order

Mr. Ellis called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

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

Mrs. Trierweiler reported that the Board received a thank you note from Monica and Steve Edison for the book placed in the High School library in memory of Monica's father.

Acknowledgment of Guests - None

Public Comments - None

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Recognition of:

Student Semifinalists in the 2008 Merit Scholarship Competition -
Mr. Fisher

Background: East Grand Rapids High School had 9 semi-finalists in the National Merit Scholarship competition and 1 achievement winner. Mr. Fisher introduced each of the students and Dr. Shubel and Mrs. Trierweiler presented them with certificates of recognition from the Board.

Resigning Board Member - Mrs. Diane Bok

Mr. Ellis and Dr. Shubel thanked Mrs. Bok for her three years of service to the Board of Education and presented her with a book and certificate from the Board of Education.

High School Student Council President's Report - Mr. Sam Wohns

Mr. Wohns presented a report on the Youth in Government of which he is a member. He gave a brief outline of the White Paper report the Youth in Government presented to the House Education Committee last week regarding the new graduation requirements.

Homecoming is October 17 and plans are in the works. Also, the student council would like to take part in the Habitat for Humanity project. The Student Council is attempting to set up an ambassador program with an inner city school through the OK conference. There will be a mock election for students to participate in during the presidential election timeline.

EGREA President's Report - Mrs. Nancy McSkimming

Mrs. McSkimming introduced Mrs. Shelly Schram who is President-Elect and will take over as President in May of 2009. On behalf of Association Mrs. McSkimming thanked the Administration and Board for the successful contract negotiations. She noted that Healthy High will be held this weekend and also stated that the teachers have already had meetings with parents in the elementary grades.

Presentation/Discussion:

Facilities Update - Mr. Edison

Mr. Philipps filled in for Mr. Edison, who is absent. He stated that Bid package #4 (bleacher/press box) will go ahead as outlined during the last meeting. At the High School the walls are up and the addition is taking shape. The field events center is also beginning to take shape and we hope to have building done by end of winter to be used for storage. The Middle School is still on track for a mid October opening of the front entrance. Mehney Field is now complete and has been signed off on today.

Habitat for Humanity (Enclosure #9) - Mr. Mark Webb

Mr. Webb introduced some of the other committee members who are also in attendance this evening. He gave a brief background of how the program came into being here in EGR. This is a staff driven initiative and all fundraising and work will be done by staff, students and the

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community. The contract with Habitat states that the staff must pledge \$70,000 and 2400 man hours. Sign ups for the workforce are going great and fundraising is beginning to take shape. The first major fundraiser will be a silent auction at the choir concert on October 27th.

Mr. Webb also mentioned that Saturday is the "Race for the Cure". He stated that high school students take part in this race as a team he also urged anyone wanting to make a donation to send it to him at the High School.

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 items in the Consent Agenda Numbers 10 through 14.

Approval of Minutes of REGULAR MEETING of 8/25/08 (Enclosure #10)

Approval of Minutes of SPECIAL MEETING of 8/25/08 (Enclosure #11)

Approval of Minutes of SPECIAL MEETING of 9/12/08 (Enclosure #12)

Approval of Payment of Bills for August 2008 (Enclosure #13)

Approval of Overnight Student Activities (Enclosure #14)

Background: In accordance with Board of Education Policy #7490, the district has various trips and overnight athletic and student activities as outlined in Enclosure #14 for approval by the Board.

Recommendation: Motion to approve various trips and overnight athletic and student activities as outlined in Enclosure #14.

Mrs. Ridenour moved to approve consent agenda items 10-14. Mrs. Trierweiler seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

Other Action Items:

Appoint Delegate Representatives to MASB Fall Conference Delegate Assembly (Enclosure #15)

The Michigan Association of School Boards' 2008 Delegate Assembly is meeting for the annual 2008 Fall Conference at the Grand Traverse Resort in Traverse City on Thursday, October 30, 2008. Three delegates may be appointed to represent the East Grand Rapids Board of Education.

Mr Ruppert moved to appoint Mr. Edison as delegate to the MASB 2008 Delegate Assembly. There was not a second on this motion. Mr. Ellis stated we did not have to appoint a delegate for the meeting.

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Administrative Reports:

Superintendent

ASCD- LEAP Conference Report - Washington, D.C. (September 14-16, 2008)

Dr. Shubel gave a brief report of the LEAP Conference she attended in Washington, D.C. last week. She met with Senator Debbie Stabenow while other colleagues met with other politicians. She thanked the Board for their support of her participation in this learning opportunity.

Assistant Superintendent for Instruction

Criterion 4-12 Update

Mrs. Glowicki stated that we are now a Lighthouse District for Criterion. Training has started for staff and administrators and she said that everyone is very excited with this product. Every core area has so far been trained and elective and special education will also be trained.

Instruction & Technology, "Do You See the Whole Picture"

Mrs. Glowicki presented a brochure showing where Instruction and Technology are so far this year and where they plan to go throughout the year. She then presented the DVD from opening day "Do You See the Whole Picture".

Assistant Superintendent for Business

No report this month.

Board Representative Report

PASE - Mrs. Trierweiler reported that she missed the meeting due to the High School open house. She stated that there has been a change to teaching in the District - staff are now co-teaching for special education and she reported that thus far, parents are happy with this concept.

Board Vacancy (Enclosure #20)

Mr. Ellis announced that three people have applied for the open board position: David Bair, Bob Minnema, and Patrick Reid. Interviews will be held on Tuesday, September 23 at 6:00 and 7:00 p.m. and the final interview will take place at 7:30 a.m. on Wednesday, September 24. Deliberations will take place following the interviews and the Board anticipates appointing one of the three applicants following interviews and deliberations. He thanked all three individuals for applying and stated they are all solid candidates for the position.

Mr. Ellis reminded Board members that Saturday, September 27th at 8:00 a.m. is the date for the first meeting for the 2008-12 Strategic Planning session.

Adjournment

Mr. Ellis adjourned the meeting at 7:48 p.m.

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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.

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