



EAST GRAND RAPIDS PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
Kent County, Michigan

**REGULAR Meeting of the East Grand Rapids Board of Education**

The High School Media Center  
2211 Lake Drive, SE.,  
East Grand Rapids, MI 49506.  
For Information, call 616-235-3535.  
**7:00 p.m.**

**Monday, January 26, 2009**

**MINUTES**

The REGULAR MEETING of the East Grand Rapids Public Schools Board of Education, Kent County, Michigan, was held on Monday, January 26, 2009 in the High School Media Center, 2211 Lake Drive 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, Mrs. A. Michelle Rabideau and Mr. Robert Minnema

**Administration:** Dr. Sara Shubel, Mr. Kevin Philipps, Mrs. Jeanne Glowicki, Mrs. Jenny Fee, Mrs. Linda Kehm, Mr. Peter Stuursma, Mrs. Wendy VanZegeren, Mrs. Heidi Christiansen, Mr. Larry Fisher, Mr. Scott Robertson, Mr. Doug Jenkins, and Mrs. Jann VanAirsdale

**Meeting Called to Order**

Mr. Ellis called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

**Acknowledgement of Guests - None**

**Public Comments** - Mr. Minnema announced his intention to run for one of the two open the Board of Education seats during the May election. Mrs. Ridenour also announced her intention to run for the other open seat.

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

Mrs. Trierweiler reported that the Board received a thank you note from Kyle (and Elena) Noakes (Manager Information Services) for the book placed in the High School library in memory of his father-in-law and a thank you note from Matthew (and Kelly) Putnam (Breton

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Downs/Lakeside Physical Ed.) for the gift certificate to Schuler's following the birth of their son, Gibson, and the Board received a thank you card from the staff at Breton Downs elementary school for all they do.

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

Mr. Wohns reported that the high school will hold their annual blood drive this week. He also noted that the week of February 23<sup>rd</sup> has been designated as Kabookie week. The high school will have a speaker from California during that week to discuss random acts of kindness. He stated that the student council will be sponsoring a student at leadership conference this summer.

### EGREA President's Report - Mrs. Shelly Schram

Mrs. Schram reported that the first semester has ended and from the teachers perspective, things have gone very well. She read a poem written by a 3<sup>rd</sup> grader in the United States. The assignment was to paraphrase the words inscribed on the bottom of the Statute of Liberty.

### Recognition of:

#### East Grand Rapids Board of Education Members for School Board Recognition Month January 2009 - Dr. Sara M. Shubel (Enclosure #7A)

Dr. Shubel thanked the Board of Education members for their time and work on behalf of our students. Each member was presented with a small token of appreciation.

#### Principal's Week - February 8-14, 2009 - Dr. Sara M. Shubel (Enclosure #7B)

Dr. Shubel acknowledged and thanked the administrators in district for their work on behalf of children in East Grand Rapids Public Schools.

#### Michael Sukenik - Detroit Free Press 2008 Michigan Mr. Tennis -Mr. Scott Robertson, Mr. Ellis, Dr. Shubel and Coach Wollerman

Michael was presented with a certificate of recognition from the Board of Education.

#### Dave Wollerman - Coach of the Year - Boys Tennis 2008 - Mr. Scott Robertson, Mr. Ellis and Dr. Shubel

Mr. Robertson thanked Mr. Wollerman for his 30 plus years of service to the students in East Grand Rapids. He was presented with a certificate of recognition.

#### Anne Williamson - Coach of the Year - Diving 2008 - Mr. Scott Robertson, Mr. Ellis and Dr. Shubel

Mr. Robertson noted that Ms. Williamson has had three state championship divers in the last three years and also, this is the second time she has been named as coach of the year for diving by her peers. She was presented with a certificate of recognition.

#### "We the People" State Championship Team 2008-09 - Dr. Sara M. Shubel, Mrs. Ridenour and Mrs. Fee

Dr. Shubel noted that this team is headed to the nationals in Washington DC in late April. On Wednesday of this week at 7:00 pm there will be a demonstration night for everyone in the community. Each member of the We the People team was presented with a certificate of recognition for their State Championship.

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### Dr. Sara Shubel – ASCD Presidency – Mr. Brian Ellis

Mr. Ellis announced that Dr. Shubel has been elected President by the membership of ASCD. He then gave a brief overview of the ASCD and congratulated Dr. Shubel. Dr. Shubel showed a brief DVD giving an overview of ASCD.

### **Presentation:**

#### Middle School Martin Luther King Day Presentation – Mr. Anthony Morey

Mr. Morey gave a brief presentation what Middle School students learn in conjunction with Martin Luther King day.

#### Facilities Update – Mr. Steve Edison

Mr. Edison stated that the Board tour of the facilities earlier this evening went well. He noted that all projects are on time and on budget. Everything is moving forward and much interior work is now being done during the winter months.

#### Intervention Specialist (Enclosure #10) – Mrs. Jeanne Glowicki and Mrs. Caroline Cannon

Mrs. Glowicki introduced Mrs. Cannon who gave an overview of the intervention work to date. Mrs. Cannon stated she is the district Intervention Specialist, funded through Title I and the other part of her position is the Cadet Supervisor. Her focus is mainly at the Middle School and she presented an overview of the child study team and the forms used to document student information. The Board had a few questions and many positive comments.

### **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 11 through 12.

#### Approval of Minutes of REGULAR MEETING of 12/15/08 (Enclosure #11)

#### Approval of Payment of Bills for December 2008 (Enclosure #12)

Mr. Edison moved to approve consent agenda items 11-12. Mrs. Trierweiler seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

### **Other Action Items:**

#### Approval of Early Retirement Incentive (Enclosure #13)

The Teachers' Association has requested a retirement incentive this year. The Finance Committee and Administration are recommending a retirement incentive for the 2008-09 school year.

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Mrs. Ridenour moved to approve the Retirement Program as presented in Enclosure #13 upon the recommendation of the Superintendent. Mrs. Rabideau seconded the motion. There was discussion and a few questions by the Board. Motion passed 7-0.

### Approval of Bulletin #2 for the 2007 Athletic Facility Construction Program (Enclosure #14)

The State of Michigan Bureau of Construction Code division has informed us that each entrance/exit for the press box elevator must have protection from weather elements. To satisfy code requirements, vestibules need to be added to the three entrances/exits. The cost of adding the vestibules and other necessary adjustments is \$86,281.00. The Facilities Committee has reviewed the bulletin and recommends approval.

Mr. Edison moved to approve Bulletin #2 in the amount of \$86,281.00 as recommended by the Facilities Committee and Superintendent. Mr. Minnema seconded the motion. Mr. John Bowers answered questions and gave more information to the Board. There was discussion and questions from the Board. Motion passed 7-0.

### Administrative Reports

#### Superintendent

Board of Education Election - Dr. Shubel thanked Mrs. Ridenour and Mr. Minnema for announcing their intention to run for the two open Board of Education seats during the May election. She gave an overview of the timeline for the election. Anyone interested in running for one of the two seats on the Board must file with the County Clerk no later than Tuesday, February 10<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m.

ASCD - Dr. Shubel already presented a DVD earlier in the meeting but she brought a few books published by ASCD and also provided the Board information in their supplemental information folders.

#### Assistant Superintendent for Business

January Revenue Conference Update - Mr. Philipps gave an overview of the January revenue conference. He noted that revenues for 2009-2010 are projected to be lower than 2008-2009. He is recommending that for the 2009-2010 budget that we plan for a \$75.00 decrease/student. He noted that more information would be discussed at the Budget Workshop scheduled for February 16, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.

#### Assistant Superintendent for Instruction

Professional Development Update - Mrs. Glowicki updated the Board on Professional Development Days in February. She noted that her staff is busy preparing for this. She invited the Board to be a part of this day by attending the keynote address as well as attending sessions throughout the two days.

General Curriculum Update - Mrs. Glowicki informed the Board know that fourth year math will be brought to the Board for approval in the next month or so. She also noted that K-8 social studies, science and world languages would also be brought forward for approval. Finally, she reported that the MMC committee is going to bring personal curriculum and proficiency rates to the Board for approval.

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Board Representative Report - Mr. Ruppert congratulated the High School for being awarded a Silver Medal by US News and World Report. He asked about the difference between a gold and a silver award. Dr. Shubel answered his questions and concerns regarding the gold and silver awards.

Mr. Ellis noted that the March 23<sup>rd</sup> Board meeting has been changed to March 19<sup>th</sup> (due to scheduling conflicts) at 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Edison stated he attended the most recent Grassroots meeting at KISD. He said the discussion centered on two major items; first that 60% of our state legislatures are lame ducks and second there was much big discussion about the State wanting schools to make Y5's and K programs full-day. There is hope that this will die with the change of leadership in legislature. He noted that there will be detrimental impacts in all schools if this legislation goes through.

### Adjournment

Mr. Ellis adjourned the meeting at 8:52 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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