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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 , 2915 Hall Street, SE

Grand Rapids, MI 49506. Phone 616-235-3535.

Monday, February 23, 2009

MINUTES

The REGULAR MEETING of the East Grand Rapids Public Schools Board of Education, Kent County, Michigan, was held on Monday, February 23, 2009 in the Community Board Room at 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

Absent: Mr. Robert Minnema

Administration: Dr. Sara Shubel, Mr. Kevin Philipps, Mrs. Jeanne Glowicki, Mrs. Linda Kehm, Mr. Peter Stuursma, Mrs. Wendy VanZegeren, Mrs. Heidi Christiansen, Mr. Glenn Mitcham, and Mr. Doug Jenkins

Meeting Called to Order

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

Acknowledgment 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 note from Amy Stuursma (Foundation Director) for the gift certificate to Schuler's following her recent surgery and a thank you card from Kathy Stratton (former High School Secretary) for the book placed in the High School library in memory of her father.

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

Mr. Wohns reported that today was the first day of Kabookie week. There was an assembly today at the High School with a guest speaker touching on the topic of random acts of kindness. Mr. Wohns stated that the assembly went very well. He noted that there are many fun activities planned for the rest of the week for all staff and students. He stated that the Student Council will be sponsoring 2 juniors and 1 sophomore for summer youth conferences this summer.

EGREA President's Report - Mrs. Nancy McSkimming

Dr. Shubel filled in for Mrs. McSkimming, who is ill. She stated that staff was very appreciative of the Professional Development days last week and that kudos go to Jeanne Glowicki and the committee who planned and brought this together.

Information Items:

Report on February Professional Development Days – Mrs. Jeanne Glowicki and Mr. Doug Jenkins

Mrs. Glowicki and Mr. Jenkins gave a brief overview of the Professional Development days. The Committee has already begun planning for next year. The theme this year, which was carried over from opening day, was “Do You See the Whole Picture”. The two days were very successful and entertaining for all who attended.

Facilities Update – Mr. Steve Edison

Mr. Edison reported that 2007 projects are on time and in budget. Later in the meeting the Board will be asked to give approval for Memorial Field turf. He noted that the Contingency fund is in good shape and there is no more ground breaking to be done. The 2006 proposal is coming in right on budget and that contingency money has already been earmarked.

First Reading of Revised Policy #7110 and Rules #7110-R (Basic Program) (Enclosure #9) – Mrs. Jeanne Glowicki

Mrs. Glowicki reviewed the changes proposed for both the policy and rules. The proposed changes line us up to be in compliance with MMC. There was discussion by the Board of the proposed changes.

First Reading of Revised Policy #7630 and Rules #7630-R (Graduation Requirements) – (Enclosure #10) Mrs. Jeanne Glowicki

Mrs. Glowicki reviewed the changes proposed for both the policy and rules. There was discussion by the Board of the proposed changes.

First Reading of Revised Rules #4510-R (Computer Network) – (Enclosure #11) Mr. Doug Jenkins

Mr. Jenkins gave a brief review of the proposed changes to the rules. Mrs. Trierweiler noted that rules do not have to be voted on, only policies.

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New High School Course Proposal – Guided Study – (Enclosure #12) Mrs. Jeanne Glowicki and Mrs. Kara Green

Mrs. Glowicki and Mrs. Kara Green presented an overview of the Guided Study proposal. The format of Guided Study: Re-teach lessons, communication and organization. Mrs. Green noted that with MMC being required, this is a great tool to support all types of learners. The presentation finished with a voice over from a real student taking this course and how it has worked for her and her school work and life process. There was discussion and questions from the Board.

New High School Course Proposal – Computer Animation and Game Design – (Enclosure #13) Mrs. Jeanne Glowicki and Mr. Patrick Reed

Mrs. Glowicki and Mr. Reed presented an overview of the Computer Animation and Game Design proposal. Mr. Reed introduced Sharon Pollice and Terry Szpieg who are here for support this evening. This course would qualify toward MMC credit. There was discussion and questions from the Board.

March is “Collaborative Reading Incentive Month” – (Enclosure #14) Mrs. Jeanne Glowicki, Mrs. Susan McCaffrey, Ms. Dawn Lewis and Ms. Michelle Minerd

Mrs. Glowicki gave a brief background of the collaborative effort between the schools and the EGR library to promote Collaborative Reading Incentive Month during March. Mrs. McCaffrey and Ms. Minerd further explained the collaboration and gave examples of what the library and the schools will be doing.

Michigan Merit Curriculum Continued – (Enclosure #15) Mrs. Jeanne Glowicki

Mrs. Glowicki and Mrs. Cannon gave an update of the revised materials for the MMC. They discussed the topic of personal curriculum for both special education and general education. There was discussion and 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 items in the Consent Agenda Numbers 16 through 18.

Approval of Minutes of SPECIAL MEETING of 1/26/09 (Enclosure #16)

Approval of Minutes of REGULAR MEETING of 1/26/09 (Enclosure #17)

Approval of Payment of Bills for January 2009 (Enclosure #18)

Mr. Edison moved to approve consent agenda items 16-18. Mrs. Ridenour seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

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Other Action Items:

Approval of the Schools of Choice Resolutions for 2009-2010

East Grand Rapids Public Schools has participated in the Kent Intermediate School District Collaborative Schools of Choice Program since its inception in the 1996-97 school year.

Approval of a Resolution to Opt Out of Section 105 (Enclosure #19A)

East Grand Rapids Public Schools has opted out of the State Choice Plan since the inception of the KISD Collaborative Schools of Choice Plan in the 1996-97 school year.

Mr. Edison moved to pass a resolution to exercise the option permitted by Section 105 of the State School Aid Act of 1979, as amended by Public Act 300 of 1996, to not accept Section 105 applications of non-resident students from outside our district, for purposes of operating an intermediate school district-wide schools of choice program in accordance with Section 105 for the 2009-10 school year. Mrs. Rabideau seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

Approval of a Resolution to Opt Out of Section 105c (Enclosure #19B)

In accordance with Section 105c as permitted in the State School Aid Act, Public Act 119 of 1999, as amended by Public Act 297 of 2000, it is recommended that East Grand Rapids Public Schools not accept applications for enrollment from residents of contiguous intermediate school districts for the 2009-10 school year.

Mrs. Ridenour moved to pass a resolution to exercise the option permitted by Section 105c of the State School Aid Act, Public Act 119 of 1999, as amended by Public Act 297 of 2000, to not accept applications for enrollment from residents of contiguous intermediate school districts for the 2009-10 school year. Mrs. Trierweiler seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

Approval of a Resolution to Participate in the 2009-10 Kent Intermediate School District Collaborative Schools of Choice Program (Enclosure #19C)

This is the seventh year of the KISD Schools of Choice Program.

Mrs. Trierweiler moved to pass a resolution to participate in the Kent ISD Collaborative Schools of Choice Program for the 2009-10 school year. Mrs. Rabideau seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

Approval of 2007 Bond Bid Package #5 (Memorial Field Replacement) (Enclosure #20)

Bids were received for the replacement of Memorial Field and supporting equipment as part of the 2007 Athletic Facility construction program. The Facilities Committee has reviewed the bids and recommends approval.

Mr. Edison moved to approve contracts to complete the replacement of Memorial Field and provide supporting equipment as part of the 2007 Athletic Facility construction program as presented in Enclosure #20. Mrs. Rabideau seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

Administrative Reports:

Superintendent - No reports this month

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Assistant Superintendent of Business - No reports this month

Assistant Superintendent of Instruction - No reports this month

Board Representative Report - No reports this month

Adjournment

Mr. Ellis adjourned the meeting at 9:04 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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