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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, May 18, 2009**

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, May 18, 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, Mrs. A. Michelle Rabideau and Mr. Robert Minnema

**Absent:** Mr. Peter Ruppert

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

**Meeting Called to Order**

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

**Acknowledgment of Guests** - Mark Hessler, 2223 Estelle Drive SE, a resident in the District.

**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 card from Larry Fisher (HS Guidance) for the gift certificate to Schuler's following the birth of his grandson and a thank you card from Katy Levan (3<sup>rd</sup> grade at Lakeside) for the gift certificate to Schuler's following the birth of her son.

**High School Student Council President's Report** - Mr. Sam Wohns and Ms. Sonia Nicola

Mr. Wohns introduced Sonia Nicola who will succeed him as Student Council President. He noted that prom was a success and was well attended. The Student Council provided high school staff with a breakfast cart in recognition of staff appreciation week. A new fundraiser kicked off this year - due to various fundraisers over the past few years, quite an inventory of tee shirts has built up. The Student Council has a tee shirt sale, every shirt was marked at \$3.00. Same noted that they made some additional money by selling off this inventory. The outcome of the Student Council

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elections are as follows: Sonia Nicola, President; Julia Hickey, Vice President; Ben Wojczynski, Treasurer; and Ellen Busch, Secretary. He thanked the Board and stated he has enjoyed his time as President and attending the meetings.

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

Mrs. Schram thanked the Board, administration, PTA's, parents and students for teacher appreciation week activities and treats. She also thanked Mrs. Fee, the administrators and the Board for hosting Dan Graham's memorial at the PAC in the High School. It was very well attended and meaningful to everyone.

### Information Items

#### Social Studies Update Grades K-8 - (Enclosure #7) Mrs. Jeanne Glowicki

Mrs. Glowicki reported that this committee has been in existence for 3.5 years and is the longest standing committee. She introduced the committee members and thanked them for all of their work and dedication over the past 3 years. The committee presented a powerpoint outlining the work they have done and giving an overview of the new curriculum. There was a review of the budget recommendations for the elementary and middle school levels. District total cost is slated to come in at \$52,840.00. The committee reviewed the Professional development plan for the curriculum. Ms. Glowicki noted that the cross cultural competencies (CCC) have been integrated into the curriculum. There were questions from and discussion by the Board.

Mr. Ruppert arrived at the meeting at 7:14 p.m.

#### World Language Update Grades 1-12 - (Enclosure #8) Mrs. Jeanne Glowicki

Mrs. Glowicki introduced each of the committee members and thanked them for their work on this curriculum. The committee presented a powerpoint outlining the work they have done and giving an overview of the curriculum. There was a review of the budget recommendations and the District total cost is slated to be \$53,070.52. the committee reviewed the Professional development plan which has been developed for the curriculum. There were questions from and discussion by the Board.

#### Facilities Update - Mr. Steve Edison

Mr. Edison stated that things are moving along well on all projects. He noted that projects continue to be on budget and on time.

#### First Reading of Revised Policy #8331 (Bullying) - Dr. Sara Shubel (Enclosure #10)

Dr. Shubel and Mrs. Trierweiler stated the Policy Committee met with the high school administration and discussed this particular policy and the reason for the change. Other policies were also reviewed. In the end only this policy was brought forward with one change - removing the word "repeated." Mr. Ellis stated that this is a first reading and this policy will be brought before the Board for approval at the next regular Board of Education meeting on June 8, 2009.

### 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 considered routine or have been previously discussed

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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 11 through 16.

Approval of Minutes of REGULAR MEETING of 4/27/09 (Enclosure #11)

Approval of Payment of Bills for April 2009 (Enclosure #12)

Approval of K-12 Science Curriculum

The K-12 Science Curriculum was presented to the Curriculum Advisory Team on April 21, 2009 and to the Board of Education on April 27, 2009.

Motion to approve the K-12 Science Curriculum as presented at the April 27, 2009 Board meeting and recommended by the Assistant Superintendent of Instruction and the Superintendent.

Second Reading and Approval of New Policy #4455 (Wellness) (Enclosure #14)

The Board had a first reading of new Policy #4455 (Wellness) at the Board of Education meeting on April 27, 2009.

Motion to approve new Policy #4455 (Wellness), as recommended by the Policy Committee and Superintendent.

Approval of Overnight Student Activities (Enclosure #15)

In accordance with Board of Education Policy #7490, the district has an overnight student activity as outlined in Enclosure #16 for approval by the Board.

Approval of a Foreign Exchange Student from Poland (Enclosure #16)

The High School Administration recommends that foreign exchange student, Monika Ewa Mozgala, from Poland, be approved for enrollment at East Grand Rapids High School during the 2009-10 school year.

Mr. Edison moved to approve consent agenda items #11-16. Mrs. Ridenour seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

### Other Action Items:

Approval of a PAC and PASE Committee Member (Enclosure #17)

Mrs. Carol Lippert is being recommended by Mrs. Jann VanAirsdale, Special Education Director, to represent the East Grand Rapids parents on the Region II Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) and the Kent Intermediate School District parent Advisors (PASE). Mrs. Lippert's term will be 2009-2012.

Mrs. Ridenour moved to approve Mrs. Carol Lippert for the term 2009-2012 as the PAC/PASE Representative from East Grand Rapids Public Schools. Mrs. Trierweiler seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

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### Approval of Verizon Wireless Ground Space Lease (Enclosure #18)

Verizon Wireless is requesting to lease district space on the ground near the cell tower at the High School.

Mrs. Trierweiler moved to approve the Verizon Wireless ground space lease as recommended by the Finance Committee and Superintendent. Mrs. Rabideau seconded the motion. There were questions and comments from the Board. Motion passed 7-0.

### 2008-2009 Budget Amendments (Enclosure #19)

The Finance Committee has reviewed the attached amendment to the 2008-2009 General Fund Budget.

Mrs. Ridenour moved to approve the 2008-2009 General Fund Budget Amendment as recommended by the Finance Committee. Mr. Minnema seconded the motion. There were questions and comments from the Board. Motion passed 7-0.

### Approval of KISD Budget for 2009-10 (Enclosure #20)

The State of Michigan now requires that local school boards review their ISD's proposed budget and act in support or non-support of the budget. The Finance Committee has discussed the KISD 2009-10 budget and recommends support.

Mrs. Ridenour moved to support the KISD 2009-10 budget as presented. Mrs. Trierweiler seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

### Designation of an Electoral Representative and Alternate to the Kent Intermediate School District Board Election on June 1, 2009 (Enclosure #21)

Section 614(2) of the Revised School Code [MCL380.614(2)] requires the Board to approve a resolution to appoint an electoral representative and alternate to the ISD board election on Monday, June 1, 2009 and direct the representative to vote on behalf of the Board for a specific candidate.

Mr. Edison moved to appoint Mrs. Ridenour as an electoral representative and Mr. Ellis as an alternate to the ISD board election on Monday, June 1, 2009 and direct the representative/alternate to vote on behalf of the Board for Fred Thorne, Trustee. Mrs. Trierweiler seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

### *Administrative Reports*

#### Superintendent

Tenure Acknowledgement (Enclosure #22A) - Dr. Shubel stated there are 13 staff being recommended for tenure this year. She reviewed the list for the Board.

Organizational Meeting - Wednesday, July 1, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. - Dr. Shubel reminded Board members of this meeting. Mr. Ellis asked the Board to let him know if they have problems with this time and date.

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Request for Reinstatement (Enclosure #22C) – Dr. Shubel explained the choices available for the Board on this issue. There are two options: 1) to uphold the expulsion as is or, 2) schedule a hearing to rehear the issue. There was discussion by and questions from the Board. Mr. Ellis stated that these decisions are not made lightly and much thought goes into this process. In the end the Board stated that there would be no need for another hearing, they decided to uphold the expulsion.

### Assistant Superintendent of Business

May Revenue Conference Information – Mr. Philipps presented a review of the May revenue conference. This year looks very dire, but looking into next year and beyond may be the hardest time that all schools will have to endure. There were questions from and discussion by the Board.

### Assistant Superintendent of Instruction

Summer Staffing Learning Opportunities – Mrs. Glowicki stated that summer learning 2009 will be updated to the Board in the next couple of weeks. Classes for staff will begin in June. The Instruction Office will launch the class list to teachers and St. Stephen teachers by the end of the week. The funding for this is through federal dollars, Title II. She reviewed a few of the titles being offered this summer.

### Board Representative Report

Mr. Ellis stated that the Budget Hearing is scheduled for June 1<sup>st</sup> at 5:30 p.m. He asked if the Board prefer to hold the hearing in the Little Auditorium at the High School or the Board Room at Woodcliff. There was discussion by the Board and it was decided that the hearing will take place in the Board room.

### Adjournment

Mr. Ellis adjourned the meeting at 8:53 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.

\*\* 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. Superintendent's Office - 05/19/09