

EAST GRAND RAPIDS PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Kent County, Michigan

REGULAR Meeting of the East Grand Rapids Board of Education

Community Board Room, the James E. Morse Administration Center at Woodcliff,
2915 Hall St. SE For information, phone 616-235-3535

Monday, June 1, 2009

5:30 p.m.

MINUTES

The REGULAR MEETING of the East Grand Rapids Public Schools Board of Education, Kent County, Michigan, was held on Monday, June 1, 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. A. Michelle Rabideau and Mr. Peter Ruppert

Absent: Mr. Robert Minnema and Mrs. Julie Ridenour

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

Call to Order

Mr. Ellis called the meeting to order at 5:38 p.m.

Acknowledgment of Guests - Mark Hessler, resident in East.

Communications to and from the Board - Mrs. Stacy Trierweiler

Mrs. Trierweiler reported that the Board received a thank you card from Patty Sienstra (Special Education) for the retirement luncheon and gifts; a thank you card from Nancy Holodnick (Breton Downs Secretary) for the retirement luncheon and gifts; a thank you card from Sharon Pollice (HS Art) for the retirement luncheon and gifts; a letter from Molly Buxton and Lakeside staff concerning proposed budget cuts for next year; a letter from Pam Marshall (Wealthy Media Center) concerning proposed budget cuts for next year; a letter from Mrs. Roya Stern (parent in the District) concerning proposed budget cuts for next year; and, a thank you card from Bill Schram (3rd grade Breton Downs) for the retirement luncheon and gifts.

Information Items

Budget Hearing: 2009-10 General Fund Budget - Mr. Kevin Philipps (Enclosure #4)

Mr. Ellis introduced Mr. Philipps. Mr. Philipps reviewed the process of how the budget is put together throughout the year. He started with a historical perspective of funding and expenses He then gave a review of revenue vs. expenses since 2002-03; areas of collaborative implementation; reduced services and programs from previous years; revenue assumptions for next year; the proposed budget for 2009-2010; fund balance differences; a breakdown of budgeted expenses and a

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breakdown of wages; a review of athletic, food service, sinking fund, and debt retirement budgets; and a long range financial forecast. The Board held discussion and had questions for Mr. Philipps.

Public Comments - Mr. Ellis explained the format for public comments - format not to be a debate. People can make comments but the Board will make a decision on the budget next week, not tonight.

Wendy Kettler, 1609 Franklin - commented on concerns regarding Special Education cuts.

Mrs. Ridenour joined the meeting at 6:09 p.m.

Roya Stern 1655 Wealthy Street - commented on concerns regarding technology restructuring.

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 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 6 through 6.

Approval of Minutes of REGULAR MEETING of 5/18/ 2009 (Enclosure #6)

Mr. Edison moved to approve consent agenda items #6-6. Mrs. Trierweiler seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

Other Action Items

Approval of 2009 Millage Rates for the General Fund Budget, Debt Retirement, Sinking Fund, and Recreation Millage (Enclosure #7)

The Board of Education is required to annually set millage rates for the General Fund, Debt Retirement Fund, Sinking Fund and Recreation Millage.

Mr. Edison moved to certify the 2009 millage rates per Enclosure #7. Mrs. Ridenour seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

Administrative Reports:

Superintendent - No report this evening. Dr. Shubel thanked all staff for their work with students.

Assistant Superintendent of Business - No report this evening.

Assistant Superintendent of Instruction - No report this evening.

Board Representative Report

Mr. Edison recognized the girl's tennis team for bringing home a state title (#109 in 2009) and personally, Julia Ellis the team captain, daughter of Brian Ellis.

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Mr. Edison thanked everyone involved with the planning and execution of graduation. It was a great success.

Adjournment

Mr. Ellis adjourned the meeting at 6:25 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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