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EAST GRAND RAPIDS PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Kent County, Michigan

REGULAR Meeting of the East Grand Rapids Board of Education

James E. Morse Administration Center at Woodcliff,

2915 Hall SE, East Grand Rapids, MI 49506 Phone 616-235-3535.

Monday, June 8, 2009

Community Board Room

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, June 8, 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. Peter Ruppert

Absent: Mr. Robert Minnema

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

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 Barb Reid (Wealthy Special Education Para-educator) for the retirement luncheon and gifts.

EGREA President's Report - Mrs. Shelly Schram

Mrs. Schram is out of town so Dr. Shubel shared that the end of school went smoothly and the teachers would like to thank the parents and community for the support they receive each school year.

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Recognition of:

2009 Division III State Champion Girls Tennis Team – Mr. Scott Robertson

The girls tennis team received state championship #109. Mr. Robertson said that they dominated the competition Coach Wollerman gave a brief overview of the year and stated that this is the best team that East girls have ever had. Each of the girls received certificates and shook hands with all Board of Education members.

2009 Division II State Champion Lacrosse Team – Mr. Scott Robertson

Coach, Adam Vincent gave a brief rundown on the final game. During the second period he stated they were down 7-1 and finished in overtime at 13-12. This is state championship #110. Each of the boys received certificates and shook hands with all Board of Education members. Also recognized was Joe Glendenning for being appointed to the all star team and also being named the state player of the year. Coach Vincent was also recognized for being named by the US Lacrosse National Association as Michigan Coach of the Year.

Information Items

Facilities Update – Mr. Edison

Mr. Edison stated that he attended the Parks and Recreation meeting this evening. Upcoming projects include: the Canepa Tennis Center courts will be refurbished beginning this week. In the spring/summer of 2010, the street and utilities building will be renovated, which means that there will be construction by Remington field. The Athletic booster proposed renovation to the current concession stand and presented a plan to the Facilities Committee. The plan presented comes at a cost of just over \$10,000, and will be funded by the team boosters. Mr. Edison noted that all construction on the concession stand is to be coordinated by John Bowers and Patty Temple. Mr. Gene MacAlway, of the Athletic Boosters, was available to answer questions. There were discussion and questions from the Board on the concession renovation. Mr. Ellis thanked team boosters and also other booster gifts for their time and efforts for the children of EGRPS.

Mr. Edison also noted that there are not lockers in field event center. There are hooks, which were in the original plans but not full lockers in there now. The Facilities Committee and the Finance Committee are looking at alternatives and the cost to put in full lockers. Both Committees have asked that this item be put this on hold until later in the fall to see where we are financially.

A tree was damaged in the entrance to the teachers drive, it was taken down today. Additional new trees will be planted in its place. Also, turf work will be started this week at memorial field. All projects are on budget and on schedule. Mr. Edison gave the dates of August 25th and August 26th as the grand opening dates of the facilities. More information on the festivities will be announced later.

Introduction of Bill Schram as Energy Manager – Mr. Kevin Philipps

Mr. Philipps introduced Mr. Bill Schram as the new energy manager. Mr. Schram will be going out of state for some training during the summer and will start officially on August 1st.

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

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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 9 through 11.

Approval of Minutes of REGULAR MEETING of 6/01/09 (Enclosure #9)

Approval of Payment of Bills for May 2009 (Enclosure #10)

Second Reading and Approval of Revised Policy #8331 (Bullying) (Enclosure #11)

The Board had a first reading of revised Policy #8331 (Bullying) at the Board of Education meeting on May 18, 2009.

Motion to approve revised Policy #8331 (Bullying), as recommended by the Policy Committee and Superintendent.

Mrs. Rabideau moved to approve consent agenda items #9-11. Mrs. Trierweiler seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

Other Action Items:

Approval of 2009-2010 General Fund Budget (Enclosure #12)

The Board of Education is required to adopt a budget for the General Fund for 2009-2010 prior to June 30, 2009. Our process has been ongoing since last September. The Finance Committee has reviewed the final document.

Mrs. Ridenour moved to approve the 2009-2010 General Fund Budget as presented. Mrs. Trierweiler seconded the motion. There was discussion and comments by the Board. Motion passed 6-0.

Approval of the 2009-2010 Budgets for Food Service and Athletics (Enclosure #13)

The State of Michigan requires separate budgets for Food Service and Athletics.

Mr. Edison moved to approve the 2009-2010 Budgets for Food Service and Athletics per Enclosure #13. Mrs. Ridenour seconded the motion. There was discussion and comments from the Board. Motion passed 6-0.

Approval of the 2009-2010 Budget for Debt Retirement (Enclosure #14)

The State of Michigan requires an individual budget for Debt Retirement.

Mrs. Trierweiler moved to approve the 2009-2010 Budget for Debt Retirement per Enclosure #14. Mrs. Ridenour seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

Approval of the 2009-2010 Budget for the Sinking Fund (Enclosure #15)

The State of Michigan requires an individual budget for the Sinking Fund.

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Mrs. Trierweiler moved to approve the 2009-2010 Budget for the Sinking Fund per Enclosure #15. Mrs. Rabideau seconded the motion. There was discussion and comments from the Board. Motion passed 6-0.

Approval of a State Aid Loan Resolution (Enclosure #16)

The district borrows annually from the State to ensure positive cash flow in the General Fund. This loan is required due to the fact that district State Aid payments do not begin until October.

Mrs. Ridenour moved to approve the attached resolution authorizing the district to borrow funds in anticipation of State Aid. Mrs. Trierweiler seconded the motion. There was discussion by the Board. Motion passed 6-0.

Approval of Food Service Management Contract (Enclosure #17)

The district's contract for Food Service management services expires at the end of this fiscal year. The district in conjunction with the Michigan Department of Education requested bids for our Food Service management services. Chartwells, Inc. was the lone bidder. The proposed contract has been approved by the Michigan Department of Education and reviewed by the Finance Committee, which recommends accepting the bid and proposed contract.

Mrs. Trierweiler moved to accept the bid and related contract from Chartwells, Inc. to provide Food Service management services as presented in Enclosure #17. Mrs. Ridenour seconded the motion. There was discussion and questions from the Board. Motion passed 6-0.

Approval of Social Studies Curriculum

The Social Studies Curriculum was presented to the Curriculum Advisory Team on May 11, 2009 and to the Board of Education on May 18, 2009.

Mrs. Rabideau moved to approve the Social Studies Curriculum as presented at the May 18, 2009 Board meeting and recommended by the Assistant Superintendent of Instruction and the Superintendent. Mrs. Trierweiler seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

Approval of World Language Curriculum

The World Language Curriculum was presented to the Curriculum Advisory Team on May 11, 2009 and to the Board of Education on May 18, 2009.

Mr. Edison moved to approve the World Language Curriculum as presented at the May 18, 2009 Board meeting and recommended by the Assistant Superintendent of Instruction and the Superintendent. Mrs. Ridenour seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

Administrator Reports Superintendent

Reflections on the School Year - Dr. Shubel reviewed some district highlights for each of the buildings and the athletic department through the year.

Lead Team - Lead Team Retreat - Begins tomorrow and ends on Wednesday afternoon. The theme for the retreat this year is "Focus, Fit and Flexibility." The Leadership team will have time to celebrate and reflect on this year and look forward to next year.

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Superintendent Goals 2009-2010 – Dr. Shubel is working on them now and will bring them to the Board for a first review on July 1st.

Assistant Superintendent of Business – No further reports this evening

Assistant Superintendent of Instruction

Countywide Diversity Kick-Off – August 27, 2009 – Forest Hills PAC – Mrs. Glowicki passed around the information on the diversity kick-off. Please email either Jeanne or Nancy Walton to sign up.

Summer Learning Opportunities – Mrs. Glowicki handed out information and reviewed each of the the summer learning opportunities for June and stated that staff is very excited to attend and learn from these workshops. She invited any of the Board members to take part in the workshops.

Board Representative Report

Steve Edison stated that the Wealthy playground and football practice field will be renovated during the summer. Tape should be going up soon.

Mr. Ellis stated that a few staff members and he have been working on having Board meetings become green – no more paper. There was discussion about this concept. It was agreed that the full Board would like to try at the August 24th meeting to become “green.”

Mr. Ellis stated he ran into Brian Morrow on Saturday morning and Mr. Morrow said that both his wife and daughter are doing quite well following transplant surgery. He noted that his wife’s recovery is lagging somewhat behind his daughters. He expressed his thanks to the school district and also the community at large for all the support. He noted what a unique and great community we have.

Adjournment

Mr. Ellis adjourned the meeting at 8:54 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 -06/09/09