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EAST GRAND RAPIDS PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Kent County, Michigan

REGULAR Meeting of the East Grand Rapids Board of Education

Pioneer Auditorium at Wealthy Elementary
1961 Lake Drive SE, East Grand Rapids, MI 49506
For Information, call 616-235-3535

May 24, 2010

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 24, 2010 in the Pioneer Auditorium at Wealthy Elementary, 1961 Lake Drive, SE, East Grand Rapids, MI 49506.

Board of Education:

Present: Mr. Brian Ellis, Mr. Steve Edison, Mrs. Stacy Trierweiler, Mr. Peter Ruppert, Mrs. A. Michelle Rabideau, Mr. Robert Minnema, Mrs. Julie Ridenour

Absent: None.

Administration: Dr. Sara M. Shubel, Ms. Jeanne Glowicki, Mr. Kevin Philipps, Mrs. Jann VanAirsdale, Mr. Doug Jenkins, Mrs. Jenny Fee, Mr. Glenn Mitcham, Mr. Larry Fisher, Mr. Peter Stuursma, Mrs. Heidi Sunderhaft, Mrs. Linda Kehm, Mrs. Wendy VanZegeren

Meeting Called to Order

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

Public Comments - Mr. Ellis explained the ground rules and then opened the floor for public comments.

The following persons commented on proposed budget reductions:

Mark Webb-2851 Oakwood	Luke Headley – 1615 Amberley Ct
Tom Carroll -530 Edgemere	Nikita Netjes – 1758 Breton Rd
Dave Kampfschulte-604 Manhattan	Sonia Nicola – HS Senior
Deb Bonner – 1 st Gr Paraed	Zach Wiener - 3040 Woodcliff Circle
Tom Baranoski- EGR Varsity Wrestling Coach	Lars Headley - 1615 Amberley Ct
Jason Hubbard - 1658 Rosewood	Katie Tucker - 2622 Hall
Sarah Sukenik - 2946 Pioneer Club Road	Mimi Martin - 2200 Wilshire
Sarah Ronda - 2225 Wilshire	Tyler Gotch - 2053 Wilshire
Sarah Pellegrini – 2544 Richards	Kevin Gotch – 2053 Wilshire
Tony Rossi – 2006 Lake Drive SE	

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

Mrs. Trierweiler reported the following communications to and from the Board:

Thank you from the American Red Cross for the funds raised in the amount of \$94.30 to provide assistance to survivors in Haiti.

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The Board received notice from the Michigan Art Education Association of recognition of Art Teacher, Beth Forrest; and elementary student, Georgia Dillane for having artwork selected for the state display of superior artwork.

The Board received communications on proposed budget reductions from the following people:

Miriam Auckerman	Randy Allaben	Dawn Wise
Lars Headley	Bridget Campbell	Diana Schad
Mark Robinson	Janet Coryell	Matt Baker
Mike Gohn	Reid Trierweiler	Sandy Carroll
Mike/Trish Reid	Dawn Reed	Lakeside K-1 Staff
Sandy Kuhatschek	Keith Paluska	Betsy Bloom
Amy Donohue	Ken Kelly	Louise Timkovich
Breton 1 st Gr Team	Tim Feagan	Kate Randall
Carolynne Allaben	Tom Baranoski	Dr. Julie Davis Turner
Dan Anderson	Julie Bevins	Lucy Lafleur
Steven Fox	Suzy Gill	Major Joseph Galvin
Mark Pullen	Tony Zimmerman	Chris Kenward
Mark/Mary Kay Baker	Youth Devel Board	Donald Wojczynski
Jan Palm	Josh Cunningham	Stacey Levitt
Jonathan Sweet	Beverly Verdier	Rodney Martin

High School Student Council President's Report – Ms. Sonia Nicola

Ms. Sonia Nicola reported that planning is taking place for graduation. Each class is involved in service projects; summer clothing drive, sophomores volunteering at a retirement community, and juniors volunteering. Sonia introduced next year's Student Council President, Kyle Seasley.

Presentation:

Energy Report– Mr. Bill Schram (Enclosure #6)

Mr. Philipps introduced Mr. Bill Schram, District Energy Manager. Mr. Schram explained the functions and responsibilities relating to his position as the District Energy Manager including weekly audits, cost avoidance programs, and speaking with staff regularly on energy saving opportunities. Mr. Schram reported on the cost savings throughout the district since the inception of the program through the current year. Cost avoidance this fiscal year with three months remaining is \$218,185.

A discussion was held with questions and comments 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 the Consent Agenda Numbers 7 through 11.

Approval of Minutes of REGULAR MEETING of 04/26/2010 (Enclosure #7)

Approval of Minutes of SPECIAL MEETING of 04/26/2010 (Enclosure #7a)

Approval of Minutes of SPECIAL MEETING of 04/27/2010 (Enclosure #7b)

Approval of Payment of Bills for March 2010 (Enclosure #8)

Approval of OK Conference Ballot (Enclosure #9)

Second Reading and Approval of Revised Policy #8315 (Honesty) (Enclosure #10)

Second Reading and Approval of Revised Policy #8040-R (School Admissions) (Enclosure #11)

Mr. Edison moved to approve items in the Consent Agenda Numbers 7 through 11. Mrs. Trierweiler seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Other Action Items:

Approval of the Superintendent's Evaluation and Contract Extension (Enclosure #12)

The Board conducted the annual evaluation of Dr. Shubel on April 27, 2010. They reviewed the Superintendent's goals and her performance. Mr. Ellis, Board President, presented a summary evaluation for Board approval. Mr. Ellis stated that the Board and Dr. Shubel had in depth conversation and a review of the goals and progress made this year toward those goals.

Mr. Ellis moved to approve the Superintendent's Evaluation and extend her contract by a year to June 30, 2013. Mrs. Rabideau seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Approval of Contract and Salary Provisions for the Superintendent for 2010-2011 (Enclosure #13)

Mr. Ellis reported that the board Personnel Committee met on May 17, 2010 to review the superintendent's contract and salary. Based upon the board's prior review, the Personnel Committee recommends extending Dr. Shubel's contract by one year through June 30, 2013. While the Personnel Committee feels strongly that Dr. Shubel should receive a raise given her contributions and efforts over the past year, the current economic environment does not allow for this. Therefore, the Personnel Committee recommended adjusting downward Dr. Shubel's annual base salary from \$150,080 to \$147,078 for the 2010-2011 school year, which represents a 2% decrease in her base salary. All other contract provisions are consistent with the prior year.

Mr. Ellis moved to approve the Contract and Salary Provisions for the Superintendent. Mrs. Ridenour seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Approval of Layoff Recommendation (Enclosure #14)

Dr. Shubel reported on the layoff recommendations impacting five staff members, indicating the District's compliance with contractual language regarding layoffs. The hope is to recall some staff members throughout the summer based on the budget.

Mrs. Ridenour moved to approve the layoff recommendations. Mr. Edison seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Approval of Band Uniform Bid (Enclosure #15)

Mr. Philipps presented information on the band uniform bid and the combined efforts of the administration, band director, music boosters, team boosters, and Foundation to share in the financial support of this purchase. Two bids were presented to the District. Mr. Philipps recommended the lower bid through Stanbury in the amount of \$67,251.94. The following funds totaling \$50,500 will be provided to the District to help offset the purchase:

Music Boosters	\$30,000 (over five years)
EGRPS Foundation	\$13,000 (next year)
Team Boosters	\$ 7,500 (next year)

A discussion was held with questions and comments from the Board.

Mrs. Ridenour moved to approve the band uniform bid. Mr. Minnema seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Approval of GRPS-Food Service Contract (Enclosure #16)

Mr. Philipps provided the proposal to enter into an agreement with Grand Rapids Public Schools to provide all aspects of food service operations with the exception of EGR employees who serve lunches and will remain EGR employees. This agreement is a one-year agreement, to be reviewed by the Finance Committee and Superintendent. Projected cost savings is \$135,000, placing the District in improved financial footing for the future.

A discussion was held with questions and comments from the Board.

Mr. Philipps introduced Paul Baumgardner, Nutrition Services Program Director for Grand Rapids Public Schools.

Mrs. Trierweiler moved to approve the GRPS-Food Service Contract. Mr. Steve Edison seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Approval of 2009-2010 Budget Amendments (Enclosure #17)

The Finance Committee has reviewed the final amendment to the 2009-2010 General Fund, Athletic Fund, Food Service, Sinking Fund, and Debt Retirement Budgets.

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Mrs. Trierweiler moved to approve the 2009-2010 Budget Amendments as recommended by the Finance Committee. A discussion was held with questions and comments from the Board. Mrs. Ridenour seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Approval of KISD Budget for 2010-2011 (Enclosure #18)

The State of Michigan 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 2010-2011 budget and recommends support.

Mr. Minnema moved to support the KISD Budget for 2010-2011 as presented. Julie Ridenour seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Administrative Reports

Superintendent

Dr. Shubel – Tenure Acknowledgment (Enclosure #19a)

Dr. Shubel acknowledged teachers who are recommended for tenure for the 2010-2011 school year.

Dr. Shubel announced the Organizational Meeting scheduled for July 1, 2010, 7:30 a.m. at Woodcliff.

Assistant Superintendent of Instruction

None.

Assistant Superintendent of Business

Mr. Philipps presented on the May 2010 Revenue Conference reporting that although projections are better, we are still at a significantly depressed number. The impact on the EGR budget is projected to improve for the June 7 budget hearing. Mr. Philipps provided details of the retirement incentive (multiplier increasing from 1.5% to 1.6%) with the deadline of June 11, 2010, for retirement notifications. Incentives are being charged to districts over the next six years. The fact remains that we still need to make significant budget cuts, as we have a structural funding problem in the State of Michigan. Painful reductions will still need to be made as we are operating on a structural funding deficit.

A discussion was held with questions and answers from the Board.

Board Representative Report

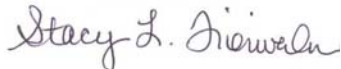
Mr. Edison recognized Mr. Peter Stuursma on winning the *Dancing with the Make-A-Wish Stars* competition.

Mr. Ellis announced the June 7, 5:30 p.m. Budget Hearing at Pioneer Auditorium. Dr. Shubel and Mr. Philipps will provide a revised update on the budget. Plan is for the Board to start deliberating this evening to work towards budget adoption, to reconvene on June 14, 7:00 p.m. to finalize the debate and adopt a budget.

Adjournment

Mr. Ellis adjourned the meeting at 9:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Stacy Trierweiler, Secretary
East Grand Rapids Public Schools Board of Education

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