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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

June 7, 2010

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 7, 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

Absent: Mrs. Julie Ridenour

Administration: Dr. Sara M. Shubel, Ms. Jeanne Glowicki, Mr. Kevin Philipps, Mrs. Jann VanAirsdale, Mr. Doug Jenkins, Mrs. Jenny Fee, Mr. Glenn Mitcham, Mr. Peter Stuursma, Mrs. Heidi Sunderhaft, Mrs. Linda Kehm, Mrs. Caroline Breault-Cannon

Meeting Called to Order

Mr. Ellis called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Mr. Ellis reported that Dr. Shubel has a special announcement.

Dr. Shubel welcomed Caroline Breault-Cannon as the new Breton Downs Elementary Principal following Mrs. Wendy Van Zegeren's retirement.

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

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

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

Rodney Martin	Joe Camp	Mimi Martin
Susan/Doug Heynig	Glade Lathrop	Kathy Kinsman
Lt. Colonel Joe Rossi	Lynn Shackelford	HS Petition
Pam Steers	Kindergarten Team	Bridget Campbell
Susan McCaffrey	Trent Wadsworth	David Bevins
Lars Headley	Trish Reid	Tamara Christians

Presentation:

Budget Hearing: 2010-2011 General Fund Budget – Mr. Kevin Philipps (Enclosure #4)

Mr. Ellis explained the process of the Budget Hearing, involving a discussion to be held amongst the Board with no action to be taken this evening.

Mr. Philipps provided an overview of the budget hearing process, focusing on the main aspects and how the District

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attempts to allocate funds to fulfill Strategic Plan goals. A review of projections from the April 26, 2010, meeting was discussed, as well as changes to budget assumptions since April. Revised budget projections and revised budget reduction recommendations were presented.

Mr. Ellis proceeded to public comments.

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

The following persons commented on the proposed budget recommendations:

Karin Lannon – 1145 San Jose
Lars Headley – 650 Amberley Ct
Rodney Martin – 2200 Wilshire

Susan Armstrong – 2552 Hampshire
Gerald Gross – 1031 Kenesaw
Jill Zimmermann – 1122 Conlon

Mr. Ellis clarified that the budget process is not finalized in that the Board will continue to deliberate and work toward budget adoption on June 14, 2010. The Board entered into a budget discussion and acknowledged the efforts of the community, administration, and board efforts while working through the budget process. It was discussed that there are still uncertainties surrounding the budget in that the District is in contract negotiations with staff, and the state school aid has not been approved. Although revisions in budget recommendations have been made, we are still facing future budget challenges. Mr. Ellis reiterated that the focus still needs to be on Lansing, as districts are not receiving the funding necessary to meet the needs of our students.

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 Number 6.

Approval of Minutes of REGULAR MEETING of 05/24/2010 (Enclosure #6)

Mr. Edison moved to approve items in the Consent Agenda Number 6. Mrs. Trierweiler seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

Administrative Reports

Superintendent

None.

Assistant Superintendent of Instruction

None.

Assistant Superintendent of Business

None.

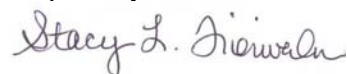
Board Representative Report

None.

Adjournment

Mr. Ellis adjourned the meeting at 6:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Stacy Trierweiler, Secretary

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* 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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